



24th October, 2018

'By seeing London, I have seen as much of life as the world can show' - Samuel Johnson

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Study Trip to London 2019

We are delighted to offer a residential study trip to London in January 2019, specifically designed for all A Level students studying Fine Art. This trip will come at a crucial time for the students to capture fresh references and inspiration for the exam unit for A 'level and the Mock Exam for Y12.

This visit will enable students to '...carry out appropriate research from primary and contextual sources' and '...develop insight into selected works from contemporary, historical and cultural contexts' as requested by the exam board.

The group of approximately 20 students will be accompanied by 3 members of Art Teaching staff. The provisional itinerary for the trip is as follows:

Thursday 24th January, 2019

0800 - Meeting at The Blue School, Milton Turning Circle
1230 - Lunch
1415 - **Royal Academy – Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele Exhibition**
1600 - Tube to St Pauls Youth Hostel
1800 - Group dinner
2000 - Return to Hostel for Sketchbook prep and bed

Friday 25th January, 2019

0830 - Breakfast
1100 - **National Gallery**
1200 - **Portrait Gallery**
1300 - Lunch
1400 - **Saatchi 30 min tour and 1 hour workshop**
1600 - Return to Hostel, early dinner and Sketchbook prep
1800 - Evening walk to **Tate Modern**

Saturday 26th January, 2019

0830 - Breakfast
1000 - **Tate Britain – famous British Artists over the last 100 years**
1200 - Coach collection from Tate Britain
1500 - Arrive at The Blue School, Milton Turning Circle

The cost for this trip will be approximately **£165.00** per person. We cannot finalise this figure until we are certain of numbers. This covers the price of the following:

Return coach journey
2 nights B&B Accommodation at YHA St Pauls (we use this Hostel every year, highly recommended)
3 day Travel Cards for the London Underground
Insurance
A4 Ring-bound Pink Pig Sketchbook

We would recommend that each Student bring £30.00 spending money for snacks and sundries **and enough money to cover 3 lunches and 2 evening meals.** It is a good idea to check the weather forecast to ensure that appropriate clothing is packed. However, we recommend that they travel as light as possible as they will be carrying their bags for significant periods and many Galleries now have a size limit on bags left in cloakrooms. Our evenings will be spent in the Hostel developing sketchbooks, and so comfy clothes or pyjamas would be appropriate.

To secure a place on the trip please complete the EV5 Medical Form and return it with a deposit of £65.00.

Our preferred method of payment is via a credit/debit card over the Internet, using Tucasi Online Payments. (Please contact the Finance Office on 01749 836 204 if you have not managed to create your Tucasi account). Alternatively, please return payment (cheques made payable to The Blue School with your child's name, tutor group and trip/event on the reverse) to the Finance Office by **Wednesday 7th November** (open at break only, 11.10-11.30am) along with the **EV5 Medical Form.**

The **outstanding balance of £100.00** will be required by **Wednesday 5th December.**

As I am sure you will agree, we are offering an excellent opportunity to travel with the school to the heart of the Capital's art trail. All staff will be working hard to explore every last opportunity for the students to gain references and resources to enrich their exam unit. In turn, we expect them to enter into all events with enthusiasm and commitment and to complete all tasks to the best of their ability.

The safety and well-being of the students is uppermost in our minds at all times.

Yours sincerely



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