

November 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 12 Fine Art, Photography & Graphics Trip to London, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Students studying Fine Art, Photography & Graphics in Year 12 are invited on a trip to London in July 2025. We will focus on the opportunities the Capital has to offer, giving students an excellent opportunity to enhance further their learning, understanding and appreciation of the arts.

Students will have the opportunity to undergo primary research at a number of galleries and creative venues as part of their visit. This will provide the impetus and spark ideas for their personal investigation.

The visit will include:

- return train travel from Harrogate to London Kings Cross
- one night's accommodation in Central London (hotel TBC) on a bed and breakfast basis
- two evening meals in local restaurants
- theatre ticket for one evening
- Tour and workshop (TBC) of UCL, one of the top UK Arts Universities
- All additional excursions

**Cost of Trip**

The cost of the trip is dependent on the number of students that attend; however, we anticipate the cost will be in the region of £300 - £350 per person.

Students will also require a contactless payment card for the London Underground.

**St Aidan's ParentPay / How to Reserve a Place**

To give parents time to discuss the trip with their child in conjunction with the other trip opportunities available in the Associated Sixth Form, the St Aidan's ParentPay will open on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November and close at 9.00am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

Please note the trip is **not** available on the St John Fisher's ParentPay. If you require an activation code for the St Aidan's ParentPay, please email [parentpay@staidans.co.uk](mailto:parentpay@staidans.co.uk) It is important to include your child's name in the email.

Following your discussions, if your child would like to apply for a place on the trip, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of **£100.00 by 9am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**.

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay whilst making your deposit payment. Please note that by ticking the box online, you are agreeing for your child to take part on the trip, the cost, and confirming that their medical details which we hold at school are up to date.

Please note places on this trip are not allocated on a first come-first served basis; if the deposit payment is received by 9.00am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024, all students will have an equal chance of being successful.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by members of the Senior Leadership Team using a random generator and parents will be advised on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024** if a place has been reserved or if the student has been added to a waiting list.

**Instalment Payments**

The final price of the trip will be confirmed in March 2025 when we have the final numbers of students attending and the associated costs of the trip. The payments are as follows:

Deposit payment	£100.00 by Friday 22nd November 2024
2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	£62.50 by Friday 20 December 2024
3 <sup>rd</sup> payment	£62.50 by Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
3 <sup>rd</sup> payment	£62.50 by Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Final payment	£62.50 by Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Reminder emails will be sent to parents before each deadline date together with any additional information that may be required for the trip.

### Important Financial Information

Please note that payments made for this trip are non-refundable as we are bound by the booking conditions of our suppliers.

Whilst we offer instalment payments for the trip, please note that if your child withdraws after Friday 22nd November 2024, you will be required to pay any cancellation charges imposed on us if your child withdraws, unless together we can find a replacement student. We therefore ask that you take the time to discuss this trip in detail with your child to make sure they are fully committed before you make any payment.

### Behaviour

School residential trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's and when accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. Trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments and students must be able to demonstrate an increased level of responsibility and maturity. To participate in any trip, the school staff must be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

Please note this trip operates a zero-tolerance approach to alcohol. We reserve the right to send home any student who we regard as having breached this rule which may require contacting parents to collect their child. The Headteacher would like to make clear that failure to observe this rule will potentially jeopardise a student's place in the Sixth Form.

Should you have any queries about the trip prior to paying the deposit or have concerns about making the deposit payment at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact either Victoria Goold, the trips administrator, [trips@staidans.co.uk](mailto:trips@staidans.co.uk) or myself.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Metcalfe  
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