

March 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

We are excited to offer our Year 12 English students from the Language, Literature and Dual courses as well as our Fashion & Textiles students the opportunity to attend an enrichment day at Manchester Metropolitan University on Monday 12th May 2025.

This day will be run by the Outreach Team at the university and is aimed at introducing Higher Education in general to the students and more specifically to offer taster sessions for a range of English, creative writing, journalism and textiles courses. The students will benefit from a university tour and introduction to the library, after which they will be able to participate in various workshops, including poetry writing, TV/Radio production and Textiles in Practice.

There are 30 spaces available on the trip and we plan to leave St Aidan's by coach at 7.45am and return at approximately 6.30pm. The cost of the trip will be £25 per person to cover coach travel. Students are able to bring their own lunch or they will be given time to purchase food from the on-site facilities (please note Manchester Metropolitan operates a cashless system and students will need a card or ApplePay).

We hope that students are excited at this valuable opportunity to enrich their studies and to support Higher Education applications.

Following your discussions, if your child would like to apply for a place on the trip, please make payment of £25.00 by Friday 21st March 2025. Payment is required via ParentPay and the item is available on your account now. If you do not have your ParentPay login details, please contact parentpay@staidans.co.uk

Please note places on this trip are not allocated on a first come-first served basis; if payment is received by Friday 21st March 2025, 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 Wednesday 26th March if a place has been reserved or if the student has been added to a waiting list. If your child is not selected, we will refund the deposit.

Consent for the trip is also required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online you are agreeing to your student taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that their medical details are up to date. Please note also that payments are non-refundable. We want our enrichment activities to be available to all students so please do contact us if cost is an issue.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered in the Sixth Form. Please help us by reinforcing to your student our expectations on behaviour in order that each student can gain the maximum out of the trip. If we have any concerns about a student's participation on this trip in the time between now and the date of departure, we reserve the right to withdraw the student's place.

Kind regards

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