



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CLC/TCC

27 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE and A Level Art Trip – Thursday 14 - Friday 15 December 2023

I am thrilled to be able to inform you that we are hoping to run an overnight trip to London on Thursday 14 – Friday 15 December 2023 for 45 of our A-Level and GCSE Art students.

It is our intention to visit internationally renowned artworks; exploring the National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery, Tate Modern, Tate Britain and potentially other national galleries and museums, plus a 'flight' on the London Eye. This experience will directly feed into their assessed portfolio of work by creating evidence of their interaction with and recording the work of artists that will inspire their own work. This will provide opportunities to access the higher-grade bands in 2 of the 4 assessment objectives, which accounts for 50% of the assessment model.

We will be staying for 1 night in the Earls Court Youth Hostel where students will be provided with a breakfast, a packed lunch for day two and an evening meal. Because of the short notice for the trip, we aim to keep the costs down by our staff team providing students with an evening meal from the hostel kitchen (such as pizza or similar).

We will be travelling by train from Wakefield Westgate train station at approx. 7:30, returning back from London at approximately 19:00 therefore expecting to return to Wakefield Westgate Station at approximately 21:00. We would need your child to be dropped off and collected at Wakefield Westgate Station. N.B. The times of travel are approximate and cannot be confirmed until payments have been made. If you foresee problems with the drop off at the station, we can discuss support once the student places have been confirmed.

Based on similar trips to London, we estimate that the trip will run at approximately £155 per student. Under the School Governors' [Charging and Remissions](#) policy, we request a contribution of that amount towards the cost of this activity. This includes the admission, travel and insurance. We must mention that without sufficient funding the trip will be unable to take place.

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As the date of travel for the trip is relatively close, we do need to proceed with bookings as soon as possible to secure our travel and accommodation. The deadline for payments is Wednesday 8 November 2023, the trip will initially be available to Y12, Y13 and Y10 students and if places are still available it will be opened to Y9 students, I will be in contact to confirm the itinerary and to arrange a parental meeting before our departure.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, a packed lunch or monies to purchase a lunch can be provided, please email finance@heckgrammar.co.uk for further details.

Unfortunately our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, hence in such circumstances no refunds would be available.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school ccheesbrough@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Cheesbrough

Subject Leader - Art