



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CLC/JOA

12 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 8 Combined Art and Geography Trip – Thursday 10 October 2024**

I am thrilled to be able to inform you that we are running a whole Year 8 trip to The Deep (in Hull) on Thursday the 10 October.

The trip will provide 2 subject specific 'enhanced' learning opportunities as well as the additional 'out of the classroom' experiences. Whilst at the Deep, they will take part in a workshop about the impact of climate change on the waters of the planet which will inform their subject specific experiences back on the trip and when back in school.

#### **Art:**

During their Year 8 art studies, students will be exploring the theme of 'sea life'. We will be teaching the students how to use a range of new and exciting art media as well as some 3D building techniques as well as developing their 2D recording skills. We are also going to explore how art can be used to communicate and can help people to have a 'visual voice' in order to share their thoughts. Our voice during the length of the project will be to communicate the impact that humans are having on the planet, with a particular focus on the oceans and seas.

Whilst at the Deep, we will take photos and draw from the exhibits. The students will consider the beauty of nature first hand in order to inspire them in 'finding their visual voice'. They will use the imagery that they capture to create some large-scale installation pieces to draw attention to the issues that the planet faces.

#### **Geography:**

This forms the second set of fieldwork as part of the KS3 Geography curriculum, after completing a microclimate study in Year 7. Very few schools around the country have experience of fieldwork in KS3, so to be able to offer this in Year 7 and Year 8 is a unique opportunity for students at Heckmondwike Grammar School.

Students will be exploring and then assessing the success of regeneration of Hull. They will visit a range of areas, including the Deep and shopping centre, and complete data collection techniques to collect results. These results will then be analysed in class after the visit.

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The climate change session as part of this visit is also of great geographical importance, with a key strand of our curriculum learning about sustainability.

**Logistics:**

We will be travelling from school, to The Deep, by coach, at approx. 08:45-09:00. We would politely ask that wherever possible, your child is in school at the slightly earlier time of 08:30 in order to assist us in leaving on time.

We will be returning back to school from The Deep at 15:00, with an estimated arrival at school of between 16:30-17:00. As this is travel dependent, we will ask your child to keep you updated on our progress on the journey.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them and are welcome to bring a small amount to spend in the gift shop if you wish. We would politely ask that any spending money is no more than £5 and remind you that your child is responsible for that money whilst on the trip, therefore any losses cannot be refunded buy school.

**Cost:**

The trip cost is £27.00 per student. This covers their entrance into The Deep, the Climate Change workshop at the Deep and the coach travel to and from The Deep. Once paid, this amount is not refundable.

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.

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](mailto: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.

Yours faithfully,

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