



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CLC/TCC

6 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Art Trip to Amsterdam – Thursday 11– Sunday 14 December 2025

I am thrilled to be able to confirm that we have had the trip to Amsterdam approved. This trip will be offered to our Year 11-13 art students. Based on the interest that was initially shown back in the summer, we have provisionally costed the trip for 25 students.

It is our intention to offer places to the sixth formers and year 11's first, then year 10 students if we have any spaces left. This is purely due to the opportunity impact as the younger students will then get priority for future trips as they move up the year groups. However, if the trip proves to be highly popular; I will explore taking as many people as possible within the constraints of availability.

It is our intention to visit internationally renowned artworks; exploring the Stedelijk Gallery, Rijksmuseum, Anne Frank House, BodyWorlds and possibly more. This experience will directly feed into their assessed portfolio of work by creating evidence of their interaction with and recording of 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 criteria.

Our itinerary is not yet fully refined however, this is being organised by Ottimi, a highly reputable tour company who we have used for our ski trips for the last few years. They will organise the entirety of the trip, the excursions, places to eat and evening entertainment. At the moment, the intention is to:

- Leave after school on Thursday 11 December 2025 (by coach) to the ferry port (either Hull or Newcastle – T.B.C.).
- Overnight on the ferry with an evening buffet meal – shared student rooms of 4.
- Breakfast buffet in Amsterdam on the Friday morning before getting a coach transfer into the city centre.
- Explore Amsterdam before our evening meal and night in a hostel (these are high quality accommodations that I have used many times before).

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- Rise on Saturday for breakfast and our second day in Amsterdam before getting a coach back to the ferry port late on Saturday.
- Overnight ferry back to the UK with evening buffet and evening entertainment.
- Arrive back in the UK early morning with breakfast and a coach transfer back to school for around mid-morning.

Depending on attendee numbers, we anticipate the cost of the trip will be approximately £560. This will include travel, accommodation, breakfast, and evening meals, travel cards for the tram and entrance tickets. Students will need to bring money to cover food for lunch Friday and Saturday and any 'spends'.

It is parents' responsibility to ensure that your child will be able to attend this trip with their current passport and visa status. School will not be responsible for any costs incurred due to cancellation costs incurred if a student cannot travel due to passport/visa restrictions. It is therefore vital that you check this as any payments made will not be refundable in such circumstances, and indeed further payments to the full total may still be due.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that the students are expected to display the very highest standards of behaviour and courtesy.

To ensure your child is added to the list for possible selection to attend the trip, and due to the short length of time before the departure date, we require payment in full of £560.00 through ParentPay by 4pm Wednesday 22 October 2025.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in line with our Educational Visits selection protocol based on the applications we receive. On Thursday 23 October 2025 I will contact parents and students to confirm whether your child has been allocated a place. If your child is not selected your payment will be refunded and they will be added to the reserve list.

After Thursday 23 October 2025 should you decide that your child can no longer attend the trip, we will refund any monies paid only if a replacement student can be found. We will subtract the fees required for name changes from these monies refunded. At the time of writing, the fee for amending a passenger name is approximately £100.

Under the School Governors' [Charging and Remissions Policy](#), the cost of the trip includes all the details outlined above. Insurance is included in the price (a copy of the policy can be provided), but you may have or wish to take out your own insurance.

The payment for the trip must be paid via ParentPay by the dates shown above. When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay. Please can I ask you to complete the deposit payment on ParentPay as per the schedule above.

Please be aware that should your child be unable to attend the trip due to medical emergency then we would require official confirmation of this at the time.



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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 do you have any further questions, please do feel free to contact me via the following email ccheesbrough@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Cheesbrough

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