



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Art and Design department is organising a visit to the Tate Modern gallery on Tuesday 31st January 2023 as part of the GCSE Art and Design curriculum. The Tate Modern building is a fabulous space and houses a superb selection of modern and contemporary art and design on London's Southbank. This visit coincides with the start of the exam unit which students will start in February and is an opportunity to carry out research and develop ideas. This final unit of work accounts for 40% of the final grade and this opportunity to gain research first hand will prove extremely valuable to the development of your child's project. Both Art, Craft and Design and Graphic Communication students are invited to attend.

To find out more about the Tate Modern please visit their website: <https://www.tate.org.uk/>

We shall travel by coach, leaving school at 8.30am and returning at approximately 4.30pm (dependent on traffic). We will disembark from the coach on the north side of the river Thames near St. Paul's Cathedral and walk across the pedestrian footbridge, Millennium Bridge which is directly in front of the gallery. This will enable us to avoid traffic on the south side of the river Thames and also provide the students with the opportunity to walk and take in the fantastic views of London en route.

Information about Millennium Bridge:

<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/442404-millennium-bridge>

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and wear full school uniform. Students eligible for free school meals will have packed lunches provided and these will be collected by students at the beginning of the day.

The cost of this trip is £22.50. This covers the cost of the coach travel and insurance. Payment of this amount is voluntary, but the reality is that unless sufficient voluntary contributions are made to cover costs, the trip will not take place. Please use Wisepay to confirm your child's attendance/non-attendance and to select your payment option by Tuesday 10th January 2023. If your daughter is in receipt of free school meals 50% of the costs will be met by the school. For pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium whose families are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Jackson at mjackson@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk as some assistance may be given on a case by case basis.

If we do not receive a reply to this letter by Tuesday 10th January 2023, we will assume that you do not wish your child to attend. All pupils not attending will attend lessons as normal on that day.

Normally, students should not use mobile phones on school trips, however due to the visual nature of this trip should parents/carers wish to provide their child with permission to take their phone with them in order to photograph artworks, this must be confirmed on Wisepay. Alternatively students are welcome to bring a camera. If a student brings a mobile phone/camera on this trip they are wholly responsible for its safety and use. Inappropriate use of mobile phones will result in them being confiscated until we return back to school and the usual school sanctions for mis-use will apply. Photographs from the day cannot be uploaded to social media due to safeguarding reasons.

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While it is not always possible to guarantee the time of return of trips, parents should arrange for their children to be collected at the time given. We are really looking forward to visiting the Tate with our Year 11 artists and designers, especially due to the challenges of the pandemic preventing us from doing so in recent years.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us. We very much hope your child will find the event rewarding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Chapman
Head of Expressive Arts Faculty