



25 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We are organising an opportunity for all A-Level Art, Photography and Textiles students to visit three major art galleries in London: the Victoria and Albert Museum, Photographers' Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery. This will enable students to see, and appreciate, high-end art and support them in completing their coursework to a higher level with a critical understanding (particularly important for Assessment Object 1) that looks to see connections made between artists' and student's work.

We will be visiting the free exhibitions in the Victoria and Albert Museum alongside the opportunity to walk around and take photographs of the exhibits and building.

We will then take the tube (South Kensington station) to the Photographers Gallery (at Piccadilly) where there are range of free exhibitions. **Students will need to use their debit card for the cost of the short tube ride (approximately £3).**

We will take a short walk down to the National Portrait Gallery, to see the free Permanent Collection and a very exciting opportunity to see the Francis Bacon Exhibition. (This exhibition does have an additional entry fee of £5 per student ticket which we have included.)

Students will be set specific tasks, based on their subject area, for all three galleries to ensure we make the very most of our time in London with the aim of them then being able to show a sophisticated level of primary research in their coursework projects (worth 60% of their overall grade). They will be able to take photographs and record their findings throughout the day.

Students should bring a packed lunch, due to the very busy nature of our schedule, but could bring a small amount of money, or use their debit card, should they wish to purchase a drink in the gallery.

We will leave school at 6.45am on Friday 6 December 2024 and arrive back at approximately 7.30pm.

The suggested per student contribution is £42 to cover the cost of transport and the entrance fee to the Francis Bacon exhibition.

Please consent and pay via Parentpay (www.parentpay.com) by **15 November**. In order for the trip to go ahead, it is essential that sufficient contributions are received to cover the full cost. Should you require financial support please do contact the school for further details (jgotheridge-davies@northleamington.co.uk.) It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour, either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Gotheridge-Davies (Head of Art Textiles)