

November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Thursday 18 January 2018 - Year 10 Fine Art and Photography Trip to the Eden Project

This is a day for **GCSE Art and Design students: Photography & Fine Art ONLY**. The aim is to provide an opportunity for students to work in a visually stimulating environment, looking at natural and man-made structures. Photographers will be using their photographs as part of the Layers coursework project. Fine Art students will focus their studies on journeys and locations to build a standalone piece to strengthen their Discovery project.

Students may wear non-uniform for the trip. As the day will involve some periods of working outside when weather permits, and in the Biomes which have variable temperatures, layers of warm clothing are recommended, as well as a waterproof coat and comfortable flat footwear. **Fine Art students should bring a selection of easily portable art materials and a clipboard, sketchbook or something to lean on. Photographers will need to bring a camera with them**, although there will also be a limited number of school cameras available to borrow if students do not have access to a camera.

As photographs would be useful to support all Art and Design students' studies, Fine Artists may also wish to bring their own cameras. Please make sure these are fully charged for the start of the day.

Please bring a packed lunch and a drink. Students need to meet at Bridgwater and Taunton College (SCAT) bus layby at 7:30am and we aim to return to school for 5:30pm.

The cost of the trip is £18.00 which covers the coach journey and entry into the Eden Project. In order to finance this trip, we ask that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution. We very much hope you are able to contribute; if we do not get enough contributions we will have to cancel the trip. As the school receives a grant for students currently receiving free school meals, we do not require a contribution from these students as this can be funded from the grant; however, a completed consent form is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Steed
Head of Art

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I would like my son/daughter (student's name and form) to participate in the Art and Photography trip to the Eden Project. As parent/carer, I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it.

As parent/carer I would be willing/unwilling* to make a voluntary contribution of £18.00 to cover the cost of the trip. I enclose cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) **I have paid online** or by credit/debit card* (*Please delete as applicable).

I am currently receiving Free School Meals.

a) except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as for students in educational establishments, ie, that the Academy can only insure against the proven negligence by the Academy and/or its employees; and

b) The Academy purchases travel insurance through Chubb Insurance which provides personal accident cover (see copy of the policy on the school website for details) but I may consider taking out my own travel insurance to supplement this if appropriate.

I will:

a) Arrange to have my child collected from front of Bridgwater and Taunton College (SCAT) after the trip.

or

b) Give permission for my child to make their own way home.

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Date