

January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Fine Art GCSE and Year 10 First GCSE Art, Craft & Design students are invited to a trip to TATE Britain Art Galleries in London on Tuesday 22 March. This trip will be a valuable experience for them not only to visit art in a gallery setting but also to enhance their coursework with primary research.

Students will leave school at 6:30am, arriving in London at around 10.30am. We will visit TATE Britain Gallery which houses the national collection of British Art including classic paintings to more contemporary pieces. The work within this exhibition will be invaluable to students as we work on our coursework units.

At each gallery, students will be given some guidance to help interpret the exhibits; they will have some free time to explore, and will complete tasks that can be added to one of their coursework units next year. Students will be expected to bring a sketchpad/paper and tools to draw with to complete tasks as they explore the gallery. Students need to be in school uniform and bring a packed lunch. We will leave London at 2:30pm and hope to be back at school by 7:30pm (approx).

Studying artists and learning about the world of art is an important aspect of the GCSE course, therefore it is highly recommended that all Art students attend this trip, which will provide a real-life introduction to some of the ideas and images we study in the GCSE course, as well as being an enjoyable day out.

The cost of the trip is £27.00. 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, parental consent is still required through Scopay. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Payment for this trip can be made using the online Scopay system, <https://www.scopay.com/castleschool-somerset>. Please note, you will need to tick the consent box before you can pay. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone) but you still need to login to Scopay to give consent and confirm that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter. If you do not wish your child to participate you will need to login and give a reason why. We value your feedback and will take this into consideration in our future planning. The deadline for payment/consent is **Monday 7 March 2022.**

Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database.

This is one of our school Enrichment Days, details of the other two days will follow separately.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Summers, Head of Art