

Our Ref: RIF/DMB

2 December 2022

Dear Parents / Carer

GCSE & A-LEVEL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP, TATE MODERN
THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2023

A trip to Tate Modern in London has been arranged for GCSE and A-Level Art and Photography students on **Thursday 2 February 2023**. The trip is for students to gather vital primary research for their GCSE exams in the form of sketches and photographs. Students will be given their exam papers in advance and will have the opportunity to view pieces of work in the permanent collection around the gallery. They will also be able to visit and purchase postcards or books and magazines from the Tate shops, all of which will help with their idea generation for their Exam, which is worth 40% of their overall GCSE grade.

We will meet at 8.45am in the Design Department and travel by coach from Oaklands at **9am and return to school at 4:30pm**. Students will require a packed lunch which will be eaten at the Gallery and drinks and snacks for throughout the day. Students should bring their sketchbooks and their own digital cameras to record the works of Art first hand and take their own photographs. Students may wish to purchase items from the shop, particularly postcards of relevant exhibits and should therefore bring a small amount of cash if they wish to do so.

Students must be in full school uniform.

The cost of the trip is £20.70 and payment is due by Tuesday 13 December 2022. This is a curriculum based trip and therefore students should attend. Payments and accompanying paperwork must be handed in before or by the date specified. Please understand that payments are non-refundable unless the withdrawal is for an insurable reason. If there are significant changes to the cost of the trip, these may have to be passed on to the student. Be assured that we will try to keep such costs to a minimum.

Those GCSE families who qualify for pupil premium funding under the free school meal criteria or have been in receipt of free school meals in the last six years, may be eligible to receive a subsidy up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the trip.

Free school meals criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Any Sixth Form families who are experiencing financial hardship are asked to contact Mr D Godwin, Director of Sixth Form Learning, as other support may be available.

No student will be omitted from the activity if his/her parents are unable to contribute. However, I must make it equally clear that in accordance with the Governors' policy statement this activity may not take place if parents are reluctant to support it with their contributions in full or in part.

We would advise that students do not to take valuables out on school activities, however, should they be taken parents should ensure personal possessions are adequately insured. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to update the school should there be any changes to the medical information about their child. Please communicate these to Mrs Brettell, Business Support Manager.

Please complete and return the consent form to the Finance Office by Tuesday 13 December 2022. Our preferred method of payment is online. Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Oaklands Catholic School).

Yours sincerely

Mr Forster
Head of Art

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022

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I confirm that I have parental responsibility for

Student Name: Form :

He/she is in good health and I consent to him/her taking part in the programme detailed in your letter.

I enclose payment of £

I will pay online

I wish to apply for Pupil Premium

I wish to apply for 16-19 bursary fund

Parental Signature:Date.....