

17 December 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

**Subject A Level Exam Preparation and Research Trip to Oxford
Friday 7 – Saturday 8 February 2020**

We are planning an A Level Art and Photography research and preparation trip to Oxford. The objective is exam preparation and exploration of ideas and influences and we have found in the past that this has been very successful for students, as they have benefited from the extended help and support they can get over the two days.

The 'City of Dreaming Spires' itself has long been associated with education and research and boasts a mix of ancient and modern architecture and culture. During the trip, the students will be visiting various museums and galleries including: the Ashmolean, the Pitt Rivers and Modern Art Oxford. We have also booked sketchbook and photography workshops.

We will be staying the YHA Oxford (<https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-oxford>) in the centre of the city. The hostel has a lounge area with free WiFi, restaurant and self-catering facilities. A hot or cold breakfast is included.

The price for the trip is £52.00 and includes:

- Accommodation – Bed and Breakfast
- Museum sketchbook workshop
- Photography workshop
- Entry to all museums and galleries/exhibitions.

Please note: Food and travel costs are **not** included.

We will be travelling by coach via the Oxford Tube and will be departing at 8:00am from Hillingdon Station. The students will need to pay for their ticket on the day of travel at a cost of £15.00.

Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. **Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted.** Please log onto the system (www.squidcard.com) and select the 'school trips/activities' purse. Select and click on 'Yr 13 Oxford Art and Photography Trip' and follow instructions on screen. This trip will be clearly marked as awaiting payment. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made. Please be advised that making payment will be taken as consent for your child's participation. The deadline for payment is **Monday 13 January 2020.**

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It is very important that payment is made before the stated deadline. The school does not have funds available to meet the cost of late contributions. Regretfully, a failure to pay promptly may result in your son or daughter being removed from the trip.

Vyners School has in place detailed procedures for ensuring that trips are well planned and that the health, welfare and safety of students is protected. A careful and written risk assessment has been prepared for this trip and adequate student supervision and insurance arrangements will be put in place.

It is expected that all students will observe the highest standard of politeness, courtesy and conduct at all times. Our students are representing Vyners School and it is expected that they will do everything in a way that reflects positively on themselves and the school. The School's Behaviour Policy continues to be in force throughout the trip. Should it prove necessary to send a student home for misbehaviour, parents/carers will be expected to meet all extra costs incurred. In the event of a student being refused participation on a trip before departure because of poor behaviour, any contributions already paid will also be forfeited.

If you have any questions about the trip please contact me at Vyners School
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Vine', written in a cursive style.

F Vine
Head of Art