

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

## **A level Art and Architecture trip to Venice**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The Art department is proposing to run a trip to Venice, Italy in the academic year 2018-19 for Years 12 and 13 students studying Art or students interested in architecture and culture of Venice.

It will focus on the nature of the built form of the city and include gallery visits and trips to Venice's iconic buildings. Students will be able to link this trip to their exam set task project in Year 13 and students in Year 12 will use the trip to enrich their work on their Unit entitled Invisible Cities.

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£685-00**. The price will include all transport costs, entrance fees, accommodation as well as all meals except lunches and those eaten when travelling. The tour is being run by NST, an established company which has provided excellent tours for several departments in school over a number of years.

The trip is designed to enrich students' cultural awareness and act as a springboard for ideas and drawings to inspire their A level portfolio and exam work. Visits will include trips to the Accademia, The Peggy Guggenheim Collection, The Doges Palace, the Murano glass factories and a guided walking tour by an expert on the art and culture of Venice. The trip is also timed to be able to see the costumes and parades as part of the Venice carnival season.

If you would like your son or daughter to take part a non-refundable deposit of £100-00 needs to be paid by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 via Parent Pay or for Ermysted's students by bringing cash in a sealed envelope to Mrs Simmonite in Student Services. The remaining cost will be spread across 2 instalments, half of which will be due in early November and the remainder due in January 2019. A further letter will follow with precise details for those registered on the trip.

To simplify the preparation process, students must at the same time as returning the permission slip also return the following in the same sealed envelope (labelled with their name and tutor group)

- A black and white photocopy of the photograph page of their passport (which must be valid for a date beyond August 2019.)
- A completed version of the North Yorkshire educational visits medical form ( which you should have alongside this letter )



All 3 elements must be returned in order for a place to be considered 'secure'.

We would also strongly encourage students intending to come on the trip to apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) if they do not already possess one. Application is free and is a simple process online at

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>

Liability for Trip Costs on Booking:

Please note that on confirming your child's attendance on a trip or activity you may be liable for costs up to the full cost of the activity if the school has incurred the costs in booking on your child's behalf. The school cannot be liable for the cost of any late cancellations, on the basis set out below.

\*On paying a deposit this will be non-returnable if at a subsequent date your child cannot attend and there is a related cost of cancellation to the school or to other students attending the event.

\*Beyond initial confirmation and/or payment of a deposit you undertake to remain liable for any cancellation payments that the school in turn faces (i.e. payable to any organizations involved in delivering the activity) due to your child's withdrawal from the activity.

Yours faithfully

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