

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: GCSE Art, GCSE Music and BTEC Performing Arts trip to London, 3rd-4th July 2025

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to participate in an Art, Music and Performing Arts trip to London in July of next year.

The itinerary is jam-packed with subject-specific offerings, as well as some joint visits to the theatre. The itinerary is outlined below. Please note that the itinerary is subject to confirmation and booking by our travel company, LTT, and so features are not yet guaranteed. However, LTT are excellent and if changes are necessarily made, similar alternatives will be put in place.

Thursday 3rd July Travel to London by coach (estimated departure from school 5am)
11am V&A Museum for ALL – students free to explore but will have subject-specific recommendations to help them.

Lunch is not included – a packed lunch will be required for all students.

1pm ALL transfer by coach to Royal National Hotel. Check in and leave bags.
1pm-3pm ART and MUSIC groups explore galleries and museums – specific details to be confirmed.
DRAMA to go to matinee performance of *The Mousetrap*.
5.30pm ALL meet LTT guide at theatre and walk to Piccadilly Circus.
5.45pm Pizza Hut meal deal buffet-style (included).
6.45pm ALL walk with LTT guide to Sondheim Theatre.
7.30pm Evening performance of *Les Misérables*.
10.20pm ALL walk with LTT guide to Royal National Hotel.

Friday 4th July 7-8am ALL full hot/cold buffet breakfast, split into two sittings.
8.30am ALL check out, leave luggage, walk to Pineapple Studios.
9am ART group – 60-minute Art workshop, bespoke to group (tbc).
DRAMA and MUSIC – 60-minute musical theatre workshop re-staging a scene (e.g. *Les Misérables*), with a cast member.
10am onwards DRAMA and MUSIC walk to Bow Street.
 10.30-11.45am DRAMA and MUSIC guided tour of Royal Opera House.
 11.45am DRAMA and MUSIC walk to Boots, collect meal deals (included) and walk to Phoenix Theatre.
10am onwards ART collect Boots meal deals (included) then travel by underground, with guide, to Aldgate East.
 11am-12pm ART 60-minute guided street art tour in East End.
 12pm ART underground and walk to Phoenix Theatre.
1pm ALL matinee performance of *Stranger Things*.
4pm ALL walk to Covent Garden for some free time.
5.30pm ALL walk to theatre to collect luggage.
6pm ALL depart for journey home. Estimated arrival 11pm.



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A guide from our tour company LTT will be on-hand to take us on foot from place to place; all bookings including the hotel have been carefully considered so that they are within walking distance unless specified, thus saving on the cost and traffic delays inherent with coach travel. Where the Art group does have to use public transport, they will be accompanied by a guide and in a small group of twenty students and two members of staff, each of whom will have specific responsibility for ten students.

The cost of this trip is initially estimated at £330 which includes travel, accommodation, breakfast, evening meal, day two lunch and the activities listed above. The only extras your child will need are a packed lunch for day one, money for food and drink during travel on both days, and optional spending money for theatre/gallery souvenirs and possible shopping in Covent Garden. Please note that this cost is based on our current best coach quote; it may go down, but it will not increase.

The performances we will see have been carefully chosen to offer our students valuable learning experience which includes Art students being able to analyse and evaluate set and costume design, and Music students benefitting from a musical and show with interesting sound effects.

Accommodation is likely to be rooms of two and three and will be arranged to student preference as far as possible, though I will make the final decision. The hotel comes recommended by LTT.

A deposit of £70 will be required in the first instance, by **Friday 15th November**. The rest of the cost you may pay in instalments but all payments should be made via ParentPay and the full amount paid ideally by the end of April.

Please complete the below Microsoft Form by **Friday 15th November**:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pzx4D6RH7u>

Students who study multiple subjects involved in this trip may state a preference but this cannot be guaranteed. Each group – Art, Drama and Music – must be of exactly twenty students.

Numbers on the trip are limited to 60 in total and if the trip is oversubscribed, then names will be chosen at random by the Senior Leadership Team whose decision is final, and who may take behaviour and attendance records into account. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be subsidised to the value of £150, **but the deposit to start with** and any remaining money must be paid.

A deposit paid is no guarantee of acceptance on the trip as a place is subject to approval by the Senior Leadership Team; students with poor behaviour or attendance record may not be allowed to go. In this instance your deposit will be returned. However, at any point up to the day of departure, if you decide to withdraw your child from the trip for any reason, or the school withdraws the place due to poor behaviour or attendance, then no monies will be returned.

If you have any questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail through the school office: admin@fairfield.hereford.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Parsons
Drama Teacher



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