



St Martin's School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 10 Art Trip to Tate Modern

I would like to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in the Year 10 GCSE Art Trip to Tate Modern, to research and gather artist inspiration for their new coursework unit beginning in January. The date of this visit is **12 January 2024**.

This trip aims to provide an invaluable opportunity for all Year 10 Art students to gather contextual research (Assessment Objective 1) and develop his/her own ideas (Assessment Objective 3) for their new coursework module. This trip will not only provide the students the opportunity to collect information for their artist research, but will inspire them with their visual and practical experimentation as part of the course.

The students will be viewing the exhibits at the Tate Modern gallery in London. The trip will be run by myself, Mrs Livings and accompanied by Mrs Scott. We walk to Shenfield station from School, and take the Train and Tube. Students will also travel back to Shenfield station with staff from London to be dismissed upon arrival at the station.

The itinerary is as follows:

- Register as normal
- 9:00 – Line up in the area between the MUGA and the Refectory and walk to Shenfield Station.
- 9.30am – Staff and students arrive at Shenfield station and purchase train tickets.
- 9.40am – Depart Shenfield station for London
- 10.45 – 1:45pm – Visiting Tate Modern
- 2pm – Students and staff depart the Tate Modern and travel back to Shenfield
- 3.15pm – Students and staff arrive back at Shenfield station and are dismissed upon arrival.
- Staff will be walking back to School should any students need to return with us.

Students will be permitted to wander the gallery freely and will be given some free time when we stop for lunch. Students will need to stay in groups no smaller than three. Students will not be allowed to wander alone or outside the defined areas, or leave the group without the explicit permission of staff. We would like to make you aware that individual students will not be under the direct supervision of staff at all times during the visit, although staff will remain within the designated areas so they are available should difficulties arise. An emergency number will be issued to the group to be used if they get separated at any time or need support. Students will be expected to behave responsibly in line with the St Martin's behaviour policy at all times.

There is no upfront cost to this trip and entrance to the gallery is free. Students will need to pay for their own travel on the day. Students can travel for £2 when travelling



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with a teacher. Please ensure students have a ticket purchased prior to the day of travel or the correct amount of money to purchase a ticket/use their debit card on the day. Students should bring a camera and/or a sketchbook and art equipment, to record their observations. Alongside the money for travel, students may wish to bring additional funds to buy lunch (or bring a packed lunch) and items such as postcards or books from the gallery shops.

If your son/daughter would like to attend the trip, please fill in the attached consent form with travel arrangements, full medical information and dietary requirements by **Monday 18 December**. Please be aware that if your son or daughter has an out-of-date medical health care plan, they will be unable to attend this visit. Please contact our school nurse, Mrs Sayers-Lintott with the updated plan well in advance of the trip

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01277 238 370 or mlivings@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Livings (trip leader)
Art Teacher