**GCSE ART and DESIGN Year 11 Harris Museum and Avenham park visit.**

**23rd September 2021.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of GCSE and Art and Design the Art department has organised a visit to Avenham Park and the Harris Museum, which will support their current work on Identity. This trip is planned for **Thursday 23rd September 2021**. Pupils must make their own way in the morning to **Winckley Square** so that we can **meet at 9AM** outside for registration. We will then walk to Avenham to carry out some photography and drawing activities for the first part of the visit, moving back to the Harris Museum at 10am for a tour of the Bob and Roberta Smith exhibition, a workshop with the artist himself and a guided tour of the Egyptian balcony. We have organised for a coach to then collect pupils to bring them back to school in time for Period 4.

The trip will form part of your child’s second project as part of Component 1 based on the theme of ‘Identity’. Component 1 is 60% of the overall GCSE grade, so this visit is vital to the work they produce towards their grade. Our previous experience of such visits suggests that pupils will not only enjoy the trip, but benefit greatly from attending.

Entering the museum is free but the cost of entry and a tour to the Egyptian balcony as well as transport back to school with such a large number of people is high. Consequently, we have little choice other than to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£3.00** for each pupil taking part. No pupils will be excluded from this trip, but we will need a contribution from those involved if we are to go ahead with it. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the medical form via our school website: [www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-trips](http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-trips) and make the full **payment of £3.00 no later than Friday 17th September** via our online payment system: [www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs](http://www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs). If you feel that you will struggle to pay, please do get in touch with me at vbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk.

The potential impact on learning of such a visit can be very high indeed, as pupils see the world of art, craft and design in action. We would ask that pupils bring either a smartphone, tablet or digital camera to record the artefacts they see on the visit and the resulting images can be printed at school and put directly into their GCSE Identity sketchbook.

**Pupils must wear full school uniform** and must bring a weather/waterproof coat, as the group will be working and walking outside for some of the time.

Please note that this visit is covered by Lancashire County Council public liability insurance but there is no personal accident insurance cover provided for your child. If you feel that this is necessary, you will need to make separate arrangements. Please be aware therefore, that we accept no responsibility for any valuables/personal possessions which your child chooses to take on this visit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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