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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 Art-History Trip to Oxford, Tuesday 24th March 2026

The Art and History Departments are delighted to announce an exciting trip to Oxford for all Year 8 students on **Tuesday 24th March**. The aim of the trip is to explore the art contained within museum objects and to discover the rich history of the city and university.

Led by the Art Department, students will visit either the Pitt Rivers Museum or the adjacent Natural History Museum. Both are full of wonders. Pitt Rivers displays the archaeological and anthropological collections of the University of Oxford while the Natural History Museum contains an internationally significant collection of natural history specimens. Students will have time to study the objects and consider the role they play in art, while also carrying out observational drawing or photography.

The History Department will then take students on a historical walking tour around the city. As well as providing insights into the medieval colleges (and perhaps even sowing Oxbridge aspirations), students will discover the city's role in the upheavals of the Reformation and the Civil War. During the walking tour there will be opportunities for sketching, journaling and reflection. All the work carried out by the students on the day will feed into a project called 'Digging up the Past'.

The trip will take place in normal school hours. We will leave by coach directly after morning registration and return by 3.30pm. Pupils must wear normal school uniform and they also need to bring a packed lunch and a warm coat. Students in receipt of free school meals will be automatically provided with a packed lunch

Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, I am writing to ask for your agreement to your child making the visit and to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£23.00** for the trip so that we can cover the costs incurred. We would not like any student to be prevented from going on a trip for purely financial reasons. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium and you would like to request support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head (gds@rgshw.com). If you otherwise feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please be assured that the school operates a Financial Assistance Programme and dedicated funding may be available to assist you.

Please log onto Parent Pay, look up the 'Y8 Art-History Trip' and pay the full amount of **£23.00 by Friday 7th February**. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method. Please be aware that withdrawing a student from a confirmed school trip may incur costs that the school is obligated to cover. Upon notice of withdrawal, you will be informed of the specific amount required to cover these costs.

Please also see the [Terms & Conditions policy](#) for Co-Curricular trips, visits and events.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Yours sincerely

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