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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 8 Art-History Trip to Oxford, Tuesday 5th March 2024

The Art and History Departments are delighted to announce an exciting trip to Oxford for all Year 8 students on **Tuesday 5th 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 with them and a warm coat.

Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, I am writing to ask for your agreement to your son making the visit and to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£20.00** for the trip so that we can cover the costs incurred. No pupil will be prevented from taking part in the visit on the grounds that parents cannot or will not make such a contribution, but if insufficient funding is available, the visit may be cancelled. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please contact Mr Clatworthy, Director of Co-Curricular Education (dec@rgshw.com) or Mrs Chick, Headmaster's PA (dmc@rgshw.com) **in strictest confidence** and they will see if there is any funding available to assist you.

Please log onto Parent Pay, look up the 'Y8 Art-History Trip' and pay the full amount of **£20.00 by Monday 5th February**. If your son fails to go on the trip, the fee may be retained by the School to cover the costs incurred. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

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

Yours sincerely

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