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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Creative Arts trip to Holland 2023

I would like to invite your child on a proposed visit to Holland aimed at Year 9 students. The visit will take place during Enrichment Week on **Monday 26th – Friday 30th June 2023**. We are again using the reputable tour operator, Tailored Travel, as we have found them to be competitively priced, well organised and with experienced high quality tour guides and coach drivers.

This trip gives students the opportunity to experience some of the culture and history of Holland. During the stay we will be visiting many attractions such as the Gassan Diamond Factory, Anne Franks House, the Ailda Hoeve Cheese farm and Clog attraction, the Amsterdam Arena – home to Ajax football club, The Hague and many more. On the way home we call into the city of Bruges.

The total cost is **£570** per student, subject to a minimum number of students participating. The only extra costs are that students will need to pay for their lunches daily and an evening meal on the return day. This price is extremely competitive as Holland, in June, is very popular with school parties. Breakfast and evening meals at the hotel are included.

Each student will need their **own full passport, which has been issued within the last 5 years and has at least 3 months left, after the return date, before it expires**. So please check the expiry date.

They will also need a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). You can apply for this card through the NHS website. It is free of charge.

If your child would like to take part in the visit then we need payment of the **non-refundable** deposit of **£75** by **9am on Monday 18th July**. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium you may be given financial assistance for the trip. Please contact Liz Tinsley via info@tpstrust.co.uk to enquire about financial support.

You can make payment via Parent Pay where consent is given as part of the process. If you need to pay by cash or cheque please request a barcode from sma@tpstrust.co.uk. This can be taken to any PayPoint outlet. Payment can take up to 48 hours to show on Parent Pay.

The maximum number of places available is **85**. If the trip is oversubscribed, then the names of those who have paid the deposit will be drawn 'out of the hat'. If not in the initial 85, your child will be placed on a reserve list in the order the names were drawn and your deposit will be refunded.

If your child's name is selected for the trip you will be sent a schedule of payment dates and other documents as necessary.

In light of Covid and any possible travel restrictions, the school will adhere to any Government advice at the time.

Please note Tailored Travels cancellation policy should you cancel your place and we are unable to find a replacement:

Notice Period	Cancellation Charge
56 days or more before departure	Loss of all deposit
55-29 days before departure	50% of booking cost or deposit, whichever is greater
28-8 days before departure	75% of booking cost or deposit, whichever is greater
7 days or less	100% loss

Due to the great importance of trust and co-operation involved in such a visit, it must be recognised that excellent behaviour and co-operation will be expected at all times, so that all students enjoy a safe and rewarding visit, and do not jeopardise their opportunity to partake in future school visits. Students may be withdrawn from a trip in extreme circumstances where a risk assessment indicates that they may put themselves or others at risk. Any decision to withdraw a student from a trip due to poor behaviour will be made at the discretion of the School Leadership Team following consultation with members of staff and taking into account a student's behaviour record as well as the completed risk assessment.

As we were not able to run the French trip in Enrichment Week of Year 8 (2022) we are looking to arrange another trip in the Easter of Year 9 (2023) that will be for those students who are planning on choosing French or PE as one of their GCSE Options for Year 10 and 11. This will be a short trip (3 nights) to Paris over the last weekend of the Easter Holidays. Further details of this trip will follow in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Joao
Holland Trip Organiser