



14 January 2026

Dear Families

Year 11 Art and Photography Exam Trip to the Tate Modern - Monday 02 February 2026

This half term, we are delighted to be able to invite our year 11 GCSE art and photography students on a gallery visit to the Tate Modern in London. The visit is designed to coincide with their externally set exam project and provide inspiration for our students to produce the best work they can leading up to the final exam in April.

On the morning of Monday 02 February 2026, students should meet us at East Grinstead train station at 9.00am in order to be briefed on the day and get the 9.36am train to East Croydon, then from East Croydon to Blackfriars. This will be followed by a five minute walk to the Tate Modern. On the return trip students will be taken back to East Grinstead station where they can either be picked up or make their own way home from the station. Please specify on this [Google Form](#) here, which you would prefer. We will be aiming to be back at East Grinstead by 4.00pm at the very latest. Any disruptions to travel, we will ask students to contact you to update.

Students do not need to wear school uniform but must be in something weather appropriate and be prepared for the possibility of rain.

Students should make sure they have organised any drawing equipment, their new sketchbooks or paper before the day in order to document their visit successfully. All students will be given tasks to complete throughout the day. Students can borrow paper or pencils but should organise this in advance. Photography students will need a camera or a phone to take photographs with as well as a notebook.

Students are required to bring packed lunch with them as they will not be able to buy food whilst on the trip. Students eligible for free school meals will have one provided for them that morning. We have a lunch room booked for 12.30pm for half an hour.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £12, this can be purchased through your My Child at School app. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of this trip, it will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute. Students can also bring some cash or card with them if they would like to buy anything from the Tate shop such as postcards, books or stationery. Please complete the consent form and make payment by Monday 26 January 2026.

We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events. We will work closely with all families to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity, during their time at Sackville School. We will provide full funding for our eligible Pupil Premium students, from the available grant for this opportunity. If you have any questions please get in contact with your community team.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found [here](#). **No peanut or nut related products are allowed to be taken on any school visit.**





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Behaviour leading up to the visit that does not tie in with our Sackville School values may mean their place on the trip will be at risk.

We really look forward to a memorable and productive visit.

Yours sincerely

Miss Sarah Stirling
Curriculum Team Leader for Art

