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Dear Families

## Educational Visit to the Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum, London

We are writing to confirm the mandatory educational visit for all Year 10 GCSE Design Technology and Year 12 Product Design students to the Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum in London.

This trip is a valuable and compulsory extension of the curriculum, specifically designed to provide students with crucial research opportunities for their coursework and to inspire their design thinking. The primary focus of the visit will be:

- "Design in Disability" Exhibition: Students will explore the design principles and innovations within this area, directly linking to the real-world application of inclusive and human-centred design principles relevant to their GCSE coursework and A-level.
- Designer Research (Coursework Focus): Students will utilize the Victoria and Albert's extensive collections to conduct further research into their chosen historical or contemporary designer, a mandatory component of their course.

### Detail and Cost Information

**Date:** Thursday 29 January 2026 **Meeting Time:** 9.10am (Punctual attendance is essential)

**Meeting Point:** East Grinstead Train Station (Main Ticket Hall)

**Departure:** We will aim to catch the 9.36am train to London Victoria.

**Travel Plan:** Train from East Grinstead to London Victoria, followed by a Tube (Underground) journey to South Kensington Station (for the Victoria and Albert museum).

**Return Time:** We will be departing London around 2.15pm, aiming to be back at East Grinstead Train Station in the mid-to-late afternoon (exact arrival time will be confirmed on the day and communicated to students). Students will be dismissed at the train station to make their own way home.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of **£12.00** which will cover the cost of the trip, 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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