



March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 Design and Technology Museums Trip - Thursday 7 May

In order to support your child's studies in Design and Technology (D&T), we have arranged a trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) and the Science Museum, in London.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our GCSE Design and Technology students to visit two world renowned museums to study the work of others, in order to help them with the GCSE specification requirements.

To take into account your child's D&T specialisms, we plan to start our visit in different museums. Students from Mr Nicholson's class will spend the morning in the Science Museum and move onto the V&A. Students from Mrs Boyd's class will spend the duration of the trip in the V&A exploring the costumes and clothing which will support the Textiles element of their course.

In the afternoon, we have secured a supplementary opportunity for students to take part in a specialised 'Design for Change' workshop at the V&A. While this session offers excellent supporting context for the Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) being issued on 1 June, it is not a compulsory component of the curriculum. It serves as a fantastic way to spark early inspiration, though all students will receive the necessary guidance for their NEA regardless of workshop attendance

Please note the following details regarding the workshop:

- **Availability:** Due to the V&A's restricted workshop space, there are strictly **32 places available** for this session
- **Cost:** There is an additional fee of **£4** to participate in this specific workshop
- **Allocation:** As we are taking a cohort of 43 students, places for the workshop will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, via payment on ParentPay.
- Students not attending the workshop will be led by staff on a curated tour of the V&A galleries, ensuring they still gain relevant inspiration for their NEA work.

We will be travelling to London by coach on Thursday 7 May, departing from school at **9.00am**.

Students should arrive at school and meet in the Chapel at 8.45am. We will return to school at approximately 4.20pm. Students should wear their normal school uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and a drink. Phones will remain in phone pouches for the duration of the trip. Students will not be required to bring any spending money as there will be no opportunities to buy food or visit any shops.

The cost of this trip is **£24** per student with the option to pay an additional **£4** to attend the 'Design for Change' workshop. Payment should be made by ParentPay by **Friday 10 April 2026**; once logged into ParentPay you will notice two different payment items relating to the trip, one for the main visit (£24) and one for the workshop (£4). If you wish your child to take part in the workshop you should pay for both items. If you cannot see the workshop item it will be due to there being no remaining places and you should just pay for the trip.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. No student will be denied participation in the trip/activity because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Ms Stringer in the Finance Office ([jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)) in confidence by 27 March 2026.

Yours sincerely

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