



The Sixth Form

Friday, 23 May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Art Residential St Ives. Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 September 2025

For the last few years we have run a successful and enjoyable trip for A level art students to St Ives. We are hoping to run this two-night residential trip again in September. We plan to stay at the Cohort hostel in the centre of St Ives, leaving Beaminster, Wednesday morning (7.50 am) and departing St Ives to arrive home Friday evening, travelling by minibus with Mrs Burgess and Mr Haigh.

The trip includes a tour of Falmouth Art College with participation in some print workshops, visits to Tate St Ives gallery, the Barbara Hepworth Museum and the Kurt Jackson Foundation. There will be some exciting opportunities to sketch, make art and photograph in situ around the stunning coastal landscape. The work will be a useful boost to students' coursework, aiming to inspire and feed into the independent work undertaken in Year 13 as part of their personal project.

The cost of the trip is £260 per student. This includes transport, accommodation, food for three days and nights and insurance. We have included £20 per head for the evening meals out in St Ives and an in-house chef will prepare the first night's meal on arrival at the hostel. To secure a place we require a deposit of £60 by Friday 6 June 2025 followed by two further payments of £100 to be made by Friday 27 June and Tuesday 22 July. You can of course also pay the trip in full at any time.

Payment should be made on Parentmail, by making payment you are confirming that you have read and understood the information provided here and give your consent to the trip.

The trip is only viable if all students attend as the group size is small. We would not wish anyone to miss out on this opportunity so if you have any concerns about payment please see the Sixth Form Bursary page of the school website, or contact your Head of Sixth Form for information about other financial assistance available for post-16 students at Beaminster and The Sir John Colfox Academy.

We are really looking forward to running this exciting trip which we think will be an enjoyable and valuable experience for students, as well as enhancing their coursework. The students who came on the trip last year thoroughly enjoyed it, and we had lots of positive feedback.

If you have any initial questions, please contact Mr Haigh (phaigh@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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