

Friday 21 March 2025
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Dear Parents

Yr.12 Product Design trip to New Designers Exhibition – Islington – Friday 11th July 2025

I am organising an exciting trip to the New Designers (week 2) exhibition being held at the Business Design Centre, Islington on Friday 11th July 2025. New Designers is an annual London showcase of the UK's most innovative emerging design talent, with week 2 focussing on furniture, product, industrial and graphic or games design. Seeing the work of the best UK graduate designers will inspire A-Level Product Design students for their own NEA designs and give them valuable insight into a wide scope of design degrees and a chance to hear a student perspective on the courses.

Travel will be by train from Bedwyn Station to London Paddington. Included in the trip cost is an off-peak day return and London underground travelcard. The trip will be departing from Bedwyn Station at 10.55hrs, with students meeting at Bedwyn Station for 10.40hrs. The trip will be returning to Bedwyn Station at approx. 21.08hrs. **Parents should make their own travel arrangements for students to and from Bedwyn Station.**

It is anticipated that the trip cost will be **£53.00** which includes transport, entrance fees and travel insurance. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, as we may not have time to buy lunch before our exhibition entry. They will also need money to buy an evening meal from a street-food market.

Please note that as we will be traveling on a group saver train ticket, we must travel as a group to and from Bedwyn Station. Therefore, individual students will not be permitted to remain in London after the exhibition.

To secure your son/daughters place on the trip **an initial deposit of £20.00** will be required on or before **Friday 4 April 2025**, followed by **two further payments of £16.50** required on or before **Friday 2 May** and **Friday 6 June 2025**.

Please ensure that payment instalments are paid in full by the above due dates. Persistent late payment will result in your son/daughter being removed from the trip at your cost.

In case of financial hardship, student Bursary Fund grants should be used towards the cost of this trip. To qualify for Bursary funding, attendance needs to be 95% or above and awards are dependent upon household income levels. If your son/daughter has not already applied, an application form can be obtained from the school. Proof of household income will need to be supplied to support the application.

Please be advised that by signing-up your child up to a school trip you are entering into a financial agreement with St John's to pay the full cost of the trip by the due date advised. Once places have been confirmed trip payments will be non-returnable unless the school cancels the trip.

Please note that should parental request withdraw a student unless for a substantiated medical reason, parents will be liable for the full cost of the trip. All such withdrawals should be discussed, in the first instance, with Mrs Pauline Marshall-Thomas via trips@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk or DD 01672 518896

Please be aware that in the case of an insurance claim being necessary, you will be asked to reimburse St John's for any insurance excess paid on your behalf at the time of treatment in resort. Claims for lost/stolen/damaged personal effects will be paid less any relevant excess.

Payment should be made online through ParentPay; you will not need to return the paper permission slip if you pay online. If you have mislaid your log in details, please contact Mrs Shirley Woodburn on 01672 519567 or by emailing swoodburn@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk

It is imperative that the students who we take on the trip are responsible and can follow instructions. We cannot take students who have had any exclusions this academic year or a substantial amount of negative behaviour points.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. The Principal and Trip Organiser may choose to exclude from the trip any students whose behaviour or schoolwork is not satisfactory. **Any student withdrawn by St John's for these reasons will be at the expense of the parents. It is not possible to guarantee any refund of monies already committed by St John's and indeed expenses not already covered may be claimed from you.**

Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for St John's records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. They are also supplied to the member of the Senior Leadership Team that is point of contact for the trip. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. By applying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

If your child is either asthmatic or has anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip.

Please be aware that in the case of an insurance claim being necessary, you will be asked to reimburse St John's for any insurance excess paid on your behalf.

Deposit payment and permission must be received by 15.00hrs on Friday 4 April 2025 at the latest.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs A Brindle
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