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Dear Parents

Yr.12 New Designers Exhibition Trip – Islington – Thursday 2 July 2026

I am organising an exciting trip to the New Designers exhibition being held at the Business Design Centre, Islington on Thursday 2 July 2026. New Designers is an annual London showcase of the UK's most innovative emerging design talent, in a new one-week format with all design disciplines presented side by side, spanning fashion, textiles, furniture, product design, illustration and more, to better represent the interdisciplinary nature of design today.

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 09.54hrs, **with students meeting at Bedwyn Station for 09.30hrs**. The trip will be returning to Bedwyn Station at approx. 20.15hrs. **Parents should make their own travel arrangements for students to and from Bedwyn Station.**

It is anticipated that the trip cost will be **£54.00 based on 20 students attending**. Included in the trip cost is transport and entrance fees. 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 £27.00** will be required on or before **Monday 6 April 2026**, followed by a **further payment of £27.00** required on or before **Monday 4 May 2026**.

In case of financial hardship, 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.

Payment should be made online through ParentPay; by making a trip payment you are giving your permission for your son/daughter to attend. If you have mislaid your log in details, please contact Mr Nathan Fillingham at Nfillingham@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk

Please be advised that by signing 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.

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.

Deposit payment must be received by 15.00hrs on Monday 6 April 2026 at the latest.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs A Wakeham-Thomas
Design and Technology Teacher**