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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 GCSE Art & Design Visit: The Fitzwilliam Museum and Cambridge University Botanic Garden – Friday 5 June 2026

On Friday 5 June 2026, a visit has been organised for Year 10 GCSE Art & Design students to the Fitzwilliam Museum and the Cambridge University Botanic Garden. The purpose of this visit is to support students' wider understanding of the application of art and design and to introduce skills and concepts essential to their GCSE course.

The trip focuses on the world-class artwork and collections at the Fitzwilliam, alongside primary source observational work at the Botanic Garden. These environments highlight the role various artistic disciplines have in different settings. As our GCSE Art & Design course covers a number of these disciplines, including fine art and photography, this trip will have particular relevance to students' portfolios and their development of AO1 (Develop ideas) and AO3 (Record ideas) assessment objectives.

The trip will depart from school by coach at **8:45am**. The coach is due to return by the **end of the school day**, though traffic conditions could delay us. Students are required to wear full school uniform.

The total cost of the trip is **£21.00**, which covers the cost of travel and staff cover. Students are asked to bring a packed lunch and any food they require for the day (please do not include glass bottles or items containing nuts). Students **must** bring their sketchbook and relevant drawing equipment/media.

To secure a place for your child on this trip, please make the full payment of **£21.00** via the online ParentPay facility at www.parentpay.co.uk by **27th March 2026**.

We would not want any child to miss out on this opportunity and, therefore, if you are experiencing financial hardship at this time please do contact finance@hgs.herts.sch.uk for further information on how we can support your family with this trip.

Yours faithfully,

Nicola Collins

Art Teacher

