

26 September 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: A-Level trip to York Art Gallery – Thursday 5 October 2023

I am delighted to invite Year 12 and Year 13 Fine Art students to visit York Art Gallery for an exhibition entitled "Bloom", details of which are below:

"Flowers, plant life and gardens have fascinated and inspired generations of artists. York Art Gallery's exhibition 'Bloom' brings together more than 100 botanical artworks from its collection, alongside key loans, to explore the importance of nature and green spaces for enjoyment, creativity and wellbeing.

'Bloom' showcases flora through paintings, works on paper, ceramics and contemporary installations. The exhibition highlights the story of the Museum Gardens in York through art"

This is a great opportunity for students to view work in a gallery setting, invaluable for their studies. There is an expectation within the assessment criteria that students study the work of others for inspiration, but also to show their understanding of the work of others, making connections with their own work.

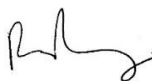
We will travel by minibus leaving Driffield School's Manorfield Road car park at 9.15 am, arriving in York around 10.15 am. We will go straight to the gallery and spend two hours there, looking at this exhibition and also their permanent collection. Students will be expected to take photographs, write notes and observations and complete some studies of artwork in situ at the gallery, so will need to take their sketch books and equipment with them.

After a one-hour lunch break we will then spend some time in the afternoon sketching in the Museum Gardens, a beautiful area of gardens amongst the ruins of St Mary's Abbey. We will depart York at 2.30 pm, to arrive back in Driffield School by 3.30 pm in time for buses home.

Students should bring either packed lunch with them, or will have the opportunity to buy food in the city centre and should bring a small amount of money with them if choosing to do so. Whilst in the city centre during the lunch break, students will be able to explore independently but should always remain in groups of no less than 3. If your child is entitled to free school meals and requires a packed lunch providing, please indicate this on the consent form.

There is a voluntary contribution of £12 to cover entrance to the exhibition and also fuel costs for the minibus. In order to confirm your child's place on the visit, please complete the consent form by clicking the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/0Bq1XS36G3>. Please complete the consent form and make payment of the £12 via ParentPay by no later than Friday 29 September. Please note, the visit may not go ahead if costs are not covered.

Yours faithfully,



Miss R Bramley
Art Teacher