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16 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP – CHALKWELL, SOUTHEND AND THORNDON COUNTRY PARK**

I am writing to inform you that on Thursday 20 June 2024, your child will be participating in a trip to three different locations: Chalkwell beach, Southend-on-Sea, and Thorndon Country Park. This excursion will support all students in their GCSE qualifications. Art students will be capturing photos to aid their upcoming project titled 'Natural Forms vs Man-made,' beginning in September, while Photography students will contribute to their ongoing environment project.

Normal lessons will proceed as scheduled, with the day concluding on Thursday 20 June 2024 at 10:45 am. At this time, all students should convene in Room 2-207 for a punctual departure at 11:00 am. We anticipate returning to the Academy by approximately 3:00 pm (subject to traffic), at which point students will be dismissed. We kindly request that all parents/carers arrange alternate transportation for their child's journey home from the Academy on this day.

It is imperative that all students ensure their phones and cameras are fully charged (Art students may use their own phones for photography, while Photography students will have access to DSLR cameras) for this outing. Although school uniform is not mandatory, students should dress appropriately and comfortably, including suitable footwear, as they will represent the Academy throughout the afternoon. Students should also bring their own food or money to purchase food during the trip. Those eligible for free a school meal **must** collect this during break time.

The Academy has covered all expenses associated with this trip, so there will be **no** charge to you. I trust you will agree that this presents an exciting opportunity for your child. Kindly complete the enclosed reply slip and return this to **Student Services** by Monday 17 June 2024. Should you have any queries or require further information regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jenny.hill@theglc.org.uk](mailto:jenny.hill@theglc.org.uk).

Please note, students who fail to return a permission slip prior to the day will be unable to participate and will be required to attend lessons as usual.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hill  
**HEAD OF ART**

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**REPLY SLIP**

**RE: ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP – CHALKWELL, SOUTHEND AND THORNDON COUNTRY PARK**

I give permission for: \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) to attend The Art/ Photography Trip on Thursday 20 June 2024.

Any medical conditions/food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*I give permission for my child to make their own way home from The Gateway Academy

\*I will arrange to collect my child from school from The Gateway Academy

*\*Tick appropriate box*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Dated \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this reply slip to the Student Services by **Monday 17 June 2024**)

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