

17 September 2025

Dear parents and carers

As part of the Textiles GCSE course we are giving our Year 10 and 11 Textiles students the opportunity to attend a **Textiles Exhibition at The Alexandra Palace on Friday 10 October**.

The aim of this trip is to give students an opportunity to see a variety of work by both students and professionals as well as to see demonstrations by experts on processes and new fabrics. Students will also have time to explore the retail exhibits including fabrics, trims and accessories which will give them knowledge and understanding about what they could go on to use in their own projects in school. The exhibition of student work will also give them inspiration for their own work. Photos taken during the day may also be able to be used as Primary research and included in their portfolios.

**The cost of this trip is £21** which has been added to your ParentPay, and I very much urge you to encourage your young person to participate. **Payment must be made by Thursday 2 October.**

We will be **travelling by train from Redhill to Alexandra Palace at 9:15am** and returning by **approximately 5:30pm**. I will be **dismissing students directly from the station, however, if you would prefer me to supervise your young person back to the school site so you can collect them from there, please drop me an email on [vkendall@carringtonschool.org](mailto:vkendall@carringtonschool.org)**.

Your young person does not need to be in uniform but should wear suitable smart casual clothing – no bare tummies! They will need to bring a packed lunch and some spending money, a phone for taking pictures, and a pen (Free School Meals students will have a packed lunch provided for them by our caterers).

Your young person should register with their Tutors and go to the first half of Period 1 and then meet me in The Observatory at 9:00am.

Should you require any further information please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes

**Mrs V Kendall**

Head of Faculty - Design Technology and Art