

8 October 2025

Dear parents and carers

On **Thursday 16 October** we will be taking GCSE Art students to [Watts Gallery Artists' Village in Guildford](#). This trip is an essential part of your young person's coursework and will count towards **their final GCSE grade**.

**There is no cost associated with this trip.**

**Trip Details:**

- **Departure:** 8:40am. Your young person should go to registration as normal and then meet me in the Observatory ready to walk to Redhill station
- **Return:** 4:45pm. Students will be dismissed from Redhill station
- **Transport:** Travel will be by train to Guildford. The Watts Gallery minibus will then drive us to the Gallery which is a 5 minute drive

**What to Bring:**

- **Uniform:** your young person should wear their school uniform but may wear trainers for comfort. Please bring a coat.
- **Art Materials:** Basic art supplies for sketching (e.g. pencils, eraser, sharpener). There is no need to bring sketchbooks as paper and a clipboard will be provided
- **Camera or Phone:** To take photos for manipulating and developing their project ideas
- **Packed Lunch and Snacks:** Students on free school meals will have lunch provided.

Once at the Watts Gallery Artist Village we will be exploring three exhibitions and the main collection. Students will also be participating in a Gelli plate printmaking workshop, the work created will be presented in their sketchbooks and will count as part of their 60% coursework.

The aims of the trip are as follows

1. To explore a new Exhibition titled 'Scented Visions', including paintings linked to the Pre-Raphaelite art movement
2. To enhance students learning by observing original paintings and sculptures in a gallery setting
3. To benefit from a creative workshop learning Gelli plate printmaking
4. To experience a range of Art and craft in one setting, including a chapel and three exhibitions

This is a **compulsory trip** as it provides students with essential resources and inspiration to enhance their coursework. It will be a busy and enjoyable day, and I am really looking forward to showing our students around this beautiful artists village.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me ([nscott@carringtonschool.org](mailto:nscott@carringtonschool.org)).

Best wishes

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