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December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Educational visit to the Sainsbury Centre for visual Arts in Norfolk – Thursday 12th February 2026

We are delighted to inform you that the Art Department has arranged an educational visit to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts in Norfolk on Thursday, 12th February. This visit forms an important part of the preparation for the final externally set assignment, which accounts for 40% of the overall grade.

The trip is designed to help students meet the exam board's assessment objectives by providing the opportunity to experience a diverse collection of artworks and sculptures in their original context. Students will gather visual inspiration and create first-hand studies, which we hope will play a key role in shaping their final pieces.

Coaches will depart from The Gilbert School at **8.00am**, returning at approximately **3.00pm**. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks - students in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch. Students will also need to bring their sketchbooks and art equipment (they may only bring dry materials such as pencils, pens and colouring pencils - wet and dusty materials are not permitted in the Sainsbury Centre). They may also wish to bring a small amount of money to purchase items from the shop. Mobile phones can be brought at students own risk. **Students will need to be in full school uniform.**

During the visit, students will take part in a self-led tour and carry out sketching activities designed to deepen their understanding of art history and visual analysis. They will be supervised at all times by school staff.

The trip will incur a voluntary contribution of £28.00 per student. Please complete the MS Form [here](#) by Friday, 9th January.

Their place will then be confirmed by email, and the trip will be activated on ParentPay. If you do not have ParentPay account, arrangements can be made via PayPoint. Please contact the Finance Office on finance@gilberd.com for assistance with this.

To secure your child's place, payment must be made by Friday 23rd January 2026.

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Please note that should there be insufficient contributions towards the trip, it may need to be cancelled.

Should you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact Mrs Sayer-Schofield nsa@gilberd.com.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an inspiring and enriching day for our students.

Yours faithfully

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