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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Year 8 Trip to the National Gallery/Printmaking workshop – Wednesday, 22 March 2017

We have been invited to be part of a pilot project at The National Gallery. Please read the description of the session below.

“Painters have often used, or been influenced by, printmaking techniques. This session allows pupils the opportunity to develop practical skills and a deeper understanding of print making processes through both direct observation and practical investigations.

Guided by practising artists, pupils will explore paintings from the National Gallery collection through discussion, drawing and printmaking to look at the relationship between printing and painting.

Throughout the session pupils will be introduced to a range of printing techniques. Within the gallery, they will directly translate a painting into a print using a simple and exciting monotype technique. In our studio spaces pupils will have a chance to create a print using an etching press, the design of which dates back 400 years.

This process of translation from painting to print enhances skills of observation and simplification and it is full of surprises.”

As the project is a pilot, the gallery will take photographs of the events. Please can you ensure the ‘model release form’ is signed by the student and parent or carer so it can be handed in to the gallery on the day – this form should be given to the art teacher along with the signed slip below.

We will be traveling by train from Kidbrooke to Charing Cross at 9:30 am. We will walk to the gallery from there. Our return trip will bring us back to Kidbrooke by 3:15 pm

All travel is free. Students are asked to bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided. Though the visit is not compulsory the opportunity will enable the students to make some work in the printmaking work shop and have the chance to see work around the gallery.

Please can I ask you to complete the slip below and return it to your son/daughter’s art teacher by Monday, 20 March 2017?

If you have any further questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me on kgibson@thomastallis.org.uk

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Gibson', written in a cursive style.

K Gibson
Teacher of art

Please return to your child's Art Teacher in the Art Department

I give permission for my child: _____

Tutor Group: _____

to attend the National Gallery/Printmaking workshop – Wednesday, 22 March 2017

My Child is entitled to Free School Meals Yes_____ No_____

Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency Contact number: _____

If there are any medical considerations, please specify:

Parent or Carer signature: _____

Date: _____