

Friday, 29 April 2022

Dear Parents,

Re: Y10 & 12 Art/Textiles trip – Wednesday 4th May afternoon

To enhance your daughter's Textiles and Art studies I am taking a small group of students on an afternoon visit to the Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry. The current exhibition is by the internationally acclaimed artist Daniel Lismore, it is entitled '**Be Yourself; Everyone Else Is Already Taken**'.

The exhibition features a major installation, 'An Army of My Life', which takes inspiration from the Terracotta Army, and features 50 3D sculptures, each of which are manifestations of Lismore's life living as sculpture. The life-size (6'4") sculptures are fashioned in Lismore's elaborate and extravagant ensembles, expressions of body adornment and conceptual thinking. They combine haute couture with items from his personal collection of nearly 7,000 unique curiosities, including charity-shop finds, yards of vintage fabrics and found objects. Lismore has been a noted advocate of sustainable fashion, which sits at the heart of his artistic practice, a design philosophy that espouses creative re-use, upcycling of materials and reduction of impact on the environment.

On our return we hope to recreate a version of one of Daniel Lismore's textile sculptures on the theme of the Platinum Jubilee.

For the duration of this trip/activity emergency contact details and medical information for your daughter will be taken from the school data base. It is absolutely imperative that you inform the school if there have been any changes to these details or if you wish someone else to be the emergency contact for the visit. Please email the school nurse Mrs Ball at nurse@kingsleyschool.co.uk if there are changes to medical conditions/needs for your son/ daughter and schooloffice@kingsleyschool.co.uk if your emergency contact details have changed or are different on the day of the trip/activity.

There is no charge for this trip, which is planned for the afternoon of

Wednesday, 4 May leaving after lunch in the school minibus and returning at 3.30pm during enrichment.

Mr Lax and I will be accompanying.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Dempsey
Head of Design & Technology