



DG/ms/phs

29 January 2018

Dear Parent

Trip: GDST "Techathon" 2018

Date of trip: Friday 9 March 2018

Purpose of trip: We are fortunate to have been invited to take part in the GDST "Techathon" event at South Hampstead High School in London. The event is an innovation challenge focusing on technology in the music industry. Your daughter has been selected to form part of a specialist team of just 8 pupils from Year 5 and Year 9.

Travel: By train, leaving from Portsmouth & Southsea railway station

Venue: South Hampstead High School

Trip Leader: Mr D Gardner

Details of activities including timings:

07.30 Meet in the main concourse of Portsmouth & Southsea train station

10.00 Arrival at South Hampstead High School

10.30 Event begins

- The day will start with a keynote focusing on the use of digital technologies in the music industry
- Working in teams, pupils and staff will come up with a concept or idea that uses technology to improve an aspect within the music industry
- Pupils will showcase their ideas to peers and industry experts in an exhibition
- The day will end with a careers focussed event looking at jobs in music and digital technology

15.45 Event ends

18.00 Approximate time of return to Portsmouth & Southsea station. Please make arrangements to collect your daughter from the station concourse.



Other items to note:

- There is no requirement for pupils to wear school uniform and so they should wear comfortable clothes suitable for an active event, although please be mindful of the fact that they are representing Portsmouth High School.
- Lunch is included.
- Mrs Avril Swain will accompany the trip.
- Pupils are to meet in the main concourse of Portsmouth & Southsea train station at 07.30 for a 07.50 departure. I will be at the station from 07.20.
- We have booked the 16:30 return train from London Waterloo which is scheduled to arrive at Portsmouth & Southsea at 18.02.

Please note that the meeting point is at Portsmouth & Southsea train station.

This visit is covered by the Educational Visits Consent Form. Please notify the school immediately if there are any changes to your contact/emergency contact details or medical information, or if you do not wish your daughter to participate in any of the stated activities.

Please confirm your daughter can attend this trip directly to me on d.gardner@por.gdst.net

Any questions regarding this trip should be addressed to Mr D Gardner on the above email address.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gardner
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