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**Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC**

**"Together we grow, learn and achieve"**

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Advanced Higher English/Art and Design – visit to The Scottish National Portrait Gallery**

As part of their study of Advanced Higher English and/or Advanced Higher Art and Design, your son/daughter has the opportunity to experience a visit to The Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**.

Advanced Higher English students are currently focusing on sources of inspiration for the Writing Portfolio element of the course: this visit will enable them to develop their awareness of art as a stimulus for effective characterisation as they "come face to face with the people who shaped Scotland's past, present and future".

Displays at the Gallery explore different aspects of the story of Scotland and her people, told through a wealth of imagery including portraits of famous historical figures such as Mary Queen of Scots, Prince Charles Edward Stuart and Robert Burns, through to more recent pioneers in science, sport and the arts. This will be an insightful trip for our Advanced Higher Art students that will undoubtedly inspire their own projects and artwork.

We will travel to Edinburgh by school minibus, leaving at 9.30 am and returning to Wallace Hall Academy at around 3.30 pm. There is a café within the Gallery but students are obviously welcome to bring their own food and a 'lunch room' will have been booked to accommodate this option. School uniform will be worn throughout the day.

There is a £4 charge for this trip to cover fuel for the minibus. **Please complete and return the attached form by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, enclosing the payment of £4.** This payment can be made by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Wallace Hall Academy'. Please write your child's name and 'Scottish National Portrait Gallery' on the back of the cheque.

Yours sincerely

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