

21 April 2017

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Dear Parent/Carer

2017 Digital Time Capsule: Self Portraits Opportunity

Kesteven and Sleaford High School has invited Year 9 students to join them in a 2017 digital time capsule activity. This activity is part of a collaboration led by Newcastle University with the Church of St. Andrew's in Heckington, which culminates in a free public exhibition at the church on 29 April 2017. We shall be displaying the digital time capsule at the exhibition, and encouraging local people to continue adding contents. An historical inspiration for the creative collaboration is the Luttrell Psalter, a 14th Century illustrated manuscript commissioned by Geoffrey Luttrell, Lord of the Manor at Irnham near Heckington: <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/sacredtexts/luttrellpsalter.html>

A unique characteristic of the Luttrell Psalter is its depiction of everyday people and their activities, alongside the more typical biblical scenes. These illustrations have become a 'time capsule' of medieval Lincolnshire life, but what present-day people and activities might be shown? This activity is to enable young people to document their lives in 2017, to be part of a 'digital time capsule' on the Heckington St. Andrew's website and archive.org (a non-profit organisation intended to be the 'Internet Archive' for many years to come).

The activity consists of a 2-hour workshop in Heckington on **Friday 28 April** (10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm), followed by a self-guided photography task that young people will be able to do using a phone or tablet camera. Workshops will be led by award-winning photographer and National Teaching Fellow, Jonathan Worth, internationally recognised design researcher (and photographer) Simon Bowen, with the assistance of Dr Erik Grigg, medieval expert from The Collection.

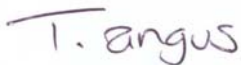
Online visual literacy and digital fluency learning resources will support this activity from Phonar Nation, the pioneering photography/storytelling website: <https://phonarnation.org/about/>

KSHS has asked that students join them in their foyer after morning registration on 28 April, ready to leave at 9.30am (returning at 12.30pm) or at the start of lunch, ready to depart at 12.45pm (returning at 3.30pm) depending on which group they join (the afternoon group will need to have a packed lunch or eat at break).

There is no cost for this trip and your son will be transported to and from the event by KSHS minibus. Please note that it is possible that images of your child may be used in publically available online material.

Please complete the permission slip attached and return to school as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday 25 April. Places are limited and if the visit is oversubscribed, names will be chosen at random after the closing date for returning slips.

Yours faithfully



T Angus
Head of Art

Please return: to Ms Angus, Head of Art, Carre's Grammar School by 25 April 2017

Year 9 Digital Time Capsule – Friday 28 April 2017

I give permission for my son Form to attend the Digital Time Capsule Activity in Heckington on 28 April.

Signed.....Date.....