

5 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Residential trip to London

We are organising an overnight residential to London for students studying RE and Philosophy Ethics and Religion. The trip is for any students who are keen to explore different places of worship in the capital and all that the city has to offer in terms of religious diversity, including Christianity, Judaism and Buddhism. The visit will take place during the October half term **25 – 26 October 2021**. The trip is open to all students currently in Years 8 and 9. Five members of staff will accompany the students.

We will be staying for one night in a hostel near Russell Square. The hostel offers excellent accommodation and food and is a great base from which to explore. We will travel to London by coach and use the same coach for our various excursions while we're there. Excursions include the following:

- 1.5 Hour Guided Visit to West London Synagogue
- Visit to St Paul's Cathedral including Crypt Dome & Galleries
- Thames River Cruise (one way)
- Self Guided Visit to Westminster Cathedral
- Buddhapadipa Temple
- Bevis Marks Synagogue & West London Synagogue
- The Central Gurdwara

The total cost of the visit will be **£150**. This includes transport and half board accommodation, excursions and travel insurance. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the Monday and money for their lunch on Tuesday. Students may also bring additional money for souvenirs.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this visit we are asking for a non-refundable cash/cheque deposit of **£75.00** (cheques made payable to Castle School) when the trip opens on **Monday 12 July**. If you would like your child to participate in this trip but are unable to pay a deposit of **£75.00** before the above date, please contact me at school. The balance of £75.00 will be due by 10 September and can be paid preferably via Scopay or cash/cheque or by credit/debit card (in person or over the phone).

Spaces are limited to 40 so please return your deposits as soon as possible if you are interested in going. The deadline for deposits is **Monday 19 July**. Please also complete and return the attached EV5 consent form to Student Reception.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information at this stage.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Walker
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