



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 7 Religious Studies Trip to Christ Church, Harrogate and UHC Synagogue in Leeds

The RS department are organizing a Religious Studies trip to Christ Church in Harrogate followed by a visit to the UHC Synagogue in Leeds. The trip is for all Year 7 students and complements both the current work the students are undertaking in their RS classes and their future GCSE studies. It will also supplement their citizenship education within school.

The trip will take place over two days, with **Forms 7P, 7S, 7W and 7Y** travelling on **Tuesday 21 March 2023** and **Forms 7C, 7D, 7E, 7G and 7H** travelling on **Thursday 23 March 2023**. Please note that this is a change from the date advertised in the calendar for some groups.

Departure Time: Students will walk with the appropriate ratio of staff to Christ Church in Harrogate, leaving in forms from registration shortly after 09:00. At 12:00, the students will be taken by York Pullman coaches from Christ Church to UHC Synagogue in North Leeds.

Return Time: The pupils will be back at St Aidan's in time for the school buses at 15:30

Uniform: All pupils should wear school uniform and bring a warm, waterproof coat. All boys should bring a plain, suitable head covering, such as a baseball cap, to wear in the synagogue.

Lunch: Please bring a packed lunch (**no nuts or nut traces please**) and plenty to drink.

The cost of the trip will be £12.50. Please make payment via ParentPay **by Tuesday 14 February 2023**. Please note that by ticking the box on ParentPay and paying you are giving your consent for your child to take part in the visit and confirming that the medical details that we hold at school are up to date.

School trips and visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. Outdoor learning provides wonderful opportunities to build on essential skills that help children grow into confident, independent, and successful adults. When accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting in '*loco parentis*' just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils can show an increased level of responsibility and maturity.

Please help us by reinforcing to your child our expectations on behaviour in order that every student can gain the maximum out of the visit. If we have any concerns about a pupil's participation on this visit in the time between now and the date of departure, the Headteacher reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Regards

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