

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Visit to The Centre for Modern Buddhism at Thornby Hall**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

In Year 8 students study the beliefs and practices of Buddhism as part of their Religious Education course. To help students gain a better understanding of this subject a visit has been arranged to The Centre for Modern Buddhism at Thornby Hall, Northamptonshire. On the day students will find out about the Buddhist way of life and receive a guided tour of the meditation and shrine rooms (with Buddhist statues and art) with an opportunity to ask questions throughout the day. There will also be time to explore the beautiful grounds at Thornby Hall including woodland, parkland and a lake and visit the on-site shop.

This visit will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Students should arrive to school at the normal time of 8.35am. The coach will depart Wreake Valley Academy at 10am and return by 3pm in time for the school buses. The cost of the visit will be £13 per student, which will cover the coach transportation and the entry to the Buddhist Centre.

Students will be required to **wear school uniform and bring a vegetarian packed lunch as the venue is completely vegetarian**. As this activity takes place during school hours students will not need a mobile phone with them.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please in the first instance register your interest by clicking this link <https://forms.office.com/e/eMAefts1hE> to complete the form by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. This is to check that there is sufficient interest in the trip to make it viable. Please note registering your interest does not guarantee a place on the trip and we will contact you in due course to request payment.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and the cost of the trip is a barrier to participation, please contact Mr Robinson in the first instance. If you believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit the following website for details of eligibility and how to apply  
- <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any queries about the visit.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Robinson  
Teacher in charge of Religious Education

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