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# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Ref: NQU/cb

May 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## **Re: Year 10 Religious Studies Full Course trip to The Buddhapadipa Temple – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

The religious studies department have organised a trip to **The Buddhapadipa Temple** (a Buddhist Temple of the Theravada tradition) on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** for full course students in year 10. This is an important trip as it allows us to cover an integral part of the new GCSE curriculum in one day. The visit will cover the following areas.

*The nature, use and importance of Buddhist places of worship.*

Puja, the significance and role of puja/devotional ritual in the home and in the temple, including chanting, both as a devotional practice and as an aid to mental concentration, mantra recitation, use of malas.

Meditation, the different aims, significance and methods of meditation

We will start the day in school with an introductory session introducing some aspects of the Theravada tradition. Students will need to register in their form rooms and then make their way to their normal RE room. Our time at the temple will include an introduction to the temple, an explanation of Buddhism and monastic life, a short meditation session and finish with Q&A. There will also be time spent in the grounds of the temple completing a meditation and worksheet activity.

The cost for this trip is **£12.00**. This covers travel, insurance and a donation for the Temple. Please note that we only accept payments for school trips via Parent Pay.

Students may wear appropriate, smart non-uniform for the trip and be prepared for inclement weather. A packed lunch and water is vital.

We will travel, by coach to Wimbledon, leaving Imberhorne Lane at **10.15am**. We will leave Wimbledon at **3.00pm** (approx.) and so will not arrive back at Imberhorne Lane until **4.30pm** at the earliest. Therefore, please make arrangements for alternative transport home.

Under current legislation I am obliged to point out that the contribution is voluntary but I must inform you that unless all parents who are able are willing to contribute, the trip may not take place. Limited financial assistance is available in certain cases. Please contact Mrs Botting, Bursar on [jbotting@imberhorne.co.uk](mailto:jbotting@imberhorne.co.uk) in confidence if you are unable to contribute so that suitable arrangements can be made or if you have any queries or difficulties regarding the on-line payment system.



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Please also ensure your son/daughter has any medication that they may need, clearly labelled, and that this is given to a member of staff prior to the trip commencing.

We require parental consent in order to take students off-site on trips or to attend events. Parental consent is considered to have been given once the trip or event is paid for on Parent Pay. Please ensure you have completed the required acceptance on Parent Pay by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**. We will use the emergency contact details we have on our database for your child for this trip. If, however, the contact details or medical conditions have changed, please update this on SIMS Parent immediately.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Nicola Quick**

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