

September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Religious Education Trip to Islamic Exhibition Centre, Birmingham Tuesday 11 October: 8E, 8G and 8N. Thursday 13 October: 8A and 8H. Tuesday 18 October: 8R and 8L

As part of the KS3 curriculum, we are visiting the Islamic Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Pupils will explore the five pillars of Islam, family life and Islam's contribution to the West. **It is important that your child attends this trip.**

Entry to the Islamic Centre is free of charge, but we require a payment of **£5.60** (non-refundable) for return coach travel. Please pay via ParentPay and the deadline to pay is **MONDAY 3 OCTOBER**. In exceptional circumstances, if you do not have access to the internet, you can request a barcode from school to enable you to pay in a shop that offers PayPoint. **The date your child goes on the trip is dependent on their teaching group.** You will see their date when paying via ParentPay. **On all dates, pupils are to attend school at the usual time, and must wear full school uniform.**

If your child is going on **Tuesday 11th or 18th October**, they will be leaving school at 11.30am to arrive at the centre by 12 noon. They will return from the centre at 2.15pm and will be dismissed from school at the usual time. They must bring a packed lunch that will be eaten in school during break-time. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you wish a packed lunch to be provided from school, please order this with Mr Rizwan by Monday 3 October.

If your child is going on **Thursday 13 October**, they will be leaving school at 9.15am to arrive at the centre by 9.45am. They will return from the centre at 12 noon. They will have lunch in school at their usual time.

It is **ESSENTIAL** that all payment deadlines are adhered to; **any student that has not paid by this date will not be permitted to participate in this trip**. Deadlines are set to ensure the school can make payments to the organising company in advance of the trip taking place. **Payment also signifies parental permission for the pupil to attend the trip.** If your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium we may be able to help meet part of the cost of this trip. If financial help is required, please contact Mrs Dickerson via the usual school number.

The trip is offered to all students, and during trips and visits members of the public often comment on the good behaviour of our pupils and how they are ambassadors for our school. However, if your child fails to meet the school's **Expectations for Learning, displays unacceptable behaviour in or out of school, or shows a poor attitude towards staff, the privilege of attending may be revoked at any time at the Head teacher's discretion.** Should this happen, your child's Head of House will contact you to discuss this further. No refund of any monies paid will be made and your child must attend school as usual, on the day.

IMPORTANT: We will use the emergency contact details and medical records for your child that we currently hold on file. If there have been any recent changes to either of these, please inform the school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely, Mr Rizwan - Head of RE

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