

January 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Year 7 Religious Studies Trip to Christ Church, Harrogate & UHC Synagogue, Leeds

The Religious Studies department are organising an RS trip to Christ Church in Harrogate and UHC Synagogue, 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 further studies.

The trip will take place over two days -

Forms 7F, 7L, 7O, 7U and 7R will be travelling on Monday 24th March 2025 Forms 7I, 7S, 7H, 7E and 7D will be travelling on Tuesday 25th March 2025.

Departure Time: Students will walk with the appropriate ratio of staff to Christ Church in Harrogate, leaving in forms from registration shortly after 9am and then travel by coach to UHC Synagogue.

Return Time: The pupils will be back at St Aidan's in time for the end of the school day.

Uniform: All pupils should wear school uniform and bring a warm, waterproof coat.

\*Please note that UHC Synagogue require all boys to wear a head covering whilst in the synagogue, therefore please send your child with a hat or skull cap\*

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online you are agreeing to your son/daughter taking part in the trip, the cost of the trip and confirming that their medical details are up to date. We are asking you to make a voluntary contribution of £13.50 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, towards the cost of the trip and which will be available on your Parentpay account now.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch on the day. We request that lunches are packed in disposable bags/containers if possible and should contain no nuts. A packed lunch will be provided by school to any students who are in receipt of Free School Meals.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's High School. Outdoor learning provides wonderful opportunities to build on essential skills that help children grow into confident, independent, and successful adults.

When accompanying children 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 show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. Please help us by reinforcing to your child our expectations on behaviour in order that every child can gain the maximum out of the trip. If we have any concerns about a pupil's participation on this trip in the time between now and the date of departure, the Head of St Aidan's reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Kind Regards,

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