



# Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Candle Conference with Peter Vardy at Bristol Cathedral, Wednesday 13 March 2019**

Philosopher and writer Peter Vardy is bringing his renowned conferences to Bristol next month and this presents a very exciting opportunity for our A' Level philosophers. Students from schools in Bristol and the surrounding areas will be gathering at the Cathedral to discuss some big philosophical questions, all linked to the A Level Religious Studies course. The event includes the following four topics:

1. The Problem of Evil & Suffering (with group-discussion)
2. The Teleological Argument (with model essay on this topic)
3. Utilitarianism (with an essay-planning activity on this topic)
4. Euthanasia (with a lively debate on this topic)

The trip to Bristol will take place on **Wednesday 13 March 2019 from 10.00 am - 3.30 pm**. Students will meet myself at **8.30 am** in the school's reception and walk to the bus stop. From there we will travel to Bristol city centre and walk over to the Cathedral as a group (about 5 minutes' walk)

There is a cost of **£22** for the conference and students should bring any food they may need and money for the bus (around £5). They will also need a pen and notepad. Students can book their places online via <https://candleconferences.com/book-your-conference/> (making sure to select Bristol) and you can find more information about the interactive conference there.

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If you wish your child to participate in this event and are happy to collect them from the Cathedral or have them make their own way home at **3:30pm on Wednesday 13 March**, please complete the permission slip below and return to myself in the Philosophy and Religion Office in Mendip House. **To avoid disappointment, you will need to do your online booking as soon as possible.**

The Candle Conference staff may be taking photographs at the event for promotional purposes. Please indicate on the reply slip if you are happy for your child to be photographed.

Yours sincerely

Alice Spiers  
Subject Leader, Philosophy and Religion

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**Please return to Mrs Spiers in the Philosophy and Religion Office as soon as possible.**

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ TUTOR GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

- I give permission for my child to take part in the Candle Conference at Bristol Cathedral on Wednesday 13 March 2019.
- I give permission for my child to make his/her own way there.
- I agree to collect my child from the Cathedral at 3:30 pm
- My child can make his/her own way home.
- I give permission for photographs, taken at the event, to be used for promotional purposes by the Candle Conferences.
- I have booked online and received confirmation of my child's ticket.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Carer