September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

TRIP310 HINDU MANDIR, LEICESTER – NOVEMBER 2019 (Yr9)

Your child is currently studying a unit of work based on Hinduism in Religious Studies. This is a major part of the Year 9 Religious Studies syllabus and will be reflected in their first formal assessment in Religious Studies later in the term. As a complement to the work being undertaken in the classroom we have arranged visits for all Year 9 classes to the Hindu Mandir and Community Centre in Leicester. The purpose of the visit is to allow students to see at first hand the inside of a Hindu Mandir, to study the decoration and symbolism and to interview representatives of the faith. Students will NOT be expected to participate in any act of worship.

We expect students to dress in school uniform.

All visits occur between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Students will be given a lunch which is kindly donated by the Hindu community (though if they have any allergies you are concerned about they should bring their own packed lunch. If they do bring a packed lunch it needs to have a strict vegetarian code to comply with the ethical policies at the Hindu temple we are visiting, i.e. no meat, fish or eggs as well please). They will return to normal lessons in the afternoon. The visits have been arranged for the following dates:

- 9E and 9N: Wednesday 13th November
- 9C and 9R: Thursday 14th November
- 9S and 9U: Wednesday 20th November
- 9B and 9L: Thursday 21st November

We cannot legally impose a charge for this trip, but we can ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £10 towards its cost, provided we do not treat differently those who choose not to contribute. In this instance, unless the majority feel able to contribute, we shall not be able to run the trip out of school funds. However, the school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties and if you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please discuss this with me in the first instance and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence with the appropriate Head of School.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small financial surplus. When this occurs refunds are given for sums of over £5.00 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will hence revert to the School fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.
In the interests of legality and the school’s reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances will face a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action. When paying for the trip via ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

Payment for this trip should be made online via the ParentPay system by **Friday 18th October 2019**. When payment is made using ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip/event and agree to any conditions stated in the trip letter.

If you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will need to complete a reply slip to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay by cash at any local store participating in the PayPoint method. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to any conditions stated in the trip letter. [Please note: PayPoint cards are for cashless catering only. A barcode letter is required for all other payments, i.e. trips/events; technology costs etc.]

*If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you wish them to be considered for financial support for this trip/resource, then please tick the box on the reply slip and return to Mr James in A7. We will inform you of any support we are able to offer at the earliest opportunity.*

We very much hope that you will feel able to support this academic visit.

Yours sincerely

K James
Head of Humanities and Head of Religious Studies

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Payment and permission for this trip should be made via Parent Pay on the school website.

**Only complete this reply slip if you wish to pay via PayPoint/Pupil Premium**

Please return to Mr James in A7

**TRIP310 Year 9 Hindu Temple 2019**

Student Name:                                      Form:

Please email/post a barcoded letter to enable me to pay the amount of **£10** via PayPoint by **18th October 2019**

Email Address........................................................................................................................................................................

I have read the statement regarding Consumption of Alcohol/Drugs and agree to comply with the conditions therein.

*Pupil Premium funding request □*

Signature: ____________________________________________ Parent/Carer