



Ripon Grammar School

21 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 RS GCSE visit to Ripon Cathedral on 14 November

The Religious Studies department would like to invite your daughter or son to visit Ripon Cathedral on Tuesday 14 November. The visit is for Year 11 GCSE Religious Studies students only. The trip has been organised in collaboration with Mrs Yvonne Jefferies, Ripon Cathedral's Education Officer. The intention of the visit will be to support their continued learning and GCSE studies with a particular focus on Religion, Peace and Conflict - a topic in line with the AQA GCSE Specification and one they have been studying this term. They will have questions on this theme in their mocks in the new year and this will also feature in their end of year examinations.

The visit to the Cathedral will involve an opening session on 'Religion, Peace and Conflict' with Canon Matthew in the Chapel of Justice and Peace, followed by a series of group activities, ranging from 'Looking at War and Peace through the Poetry of Wilfrid Owen' to 'The People behind the War Memorials' led by Rev Cliff Bowman'. The workshop will conclude with a session led by Lt Col Rev Mercer titled 'Christianity and War: Looking at the ethics of warfare. Is war moral?' followed by the opportunity for discussion and debate.

The hope is the visit will enrich each student's experience of the subject, enable them to become familiar with the history and context of the Cathedral at the heart of Ripon and support with their continued GCSE studies.

We will be leaving the school site by 09:30 after morning registration to make the short walk down to the Cathedral. The visit will conclude at 14:30 and students will walk back up to the school with myself, Mr Cornish and supporting members of staff, returning in time for Period 8 classes.

Parents are requested to provide consent for their son/daughter to attend the trip by paying a voluntary contribution of £7.50 using ParentPay no later than **Friday 27 October** please. The trip will be cancelled if insufficient funds are collected.

Students will be required to bring their own packed lunch on the day. Please note that no nuts, or anything containing nuts, should be included.

If you would like further information regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is jacksonc@ripongrammar.com

Yours sincerely

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