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Dear Parent

GCSE Religious Studies Conference, Newcastle: Friday 31 January 2020

A visit to a GCSE RS conference at St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle for pupils in Years 10 & 11 studying GCSE Religious Studies has been organised. The conference is specifically tailored to the requirements of the GCSE course. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore 4 key themes in the GCSE curriculum: the nature of God, sin and salvation, life after death and the sanctity of life: abortion and euthanasia. They will receive a study booklet to accompany the conference containing notes and activities. Throughout the day pupils will be engaged in a variety of activities including a debate on medical ethics and the opportunity to develop their skills at answering higher level AO2 questions.

Pupils will be transported to Newcastle via coach. We will depart school at 8:30 and will return by 4pm. Packed lunches will be provided by school. Pupils should wear school uniform and should bring a small bag or their school bag to carry their packed lunch and pencil case.

If your child suffers from asthma or severe allergic reactions please ensure their inhaler/medication/epipen is with them, if they do not have them, they will be unable to go on the trip.

The cost of the trip will be £25 which will be added to your Summer Term account; this covers coach hire and conference ticket costs. The trip will be subject to the conditions as set out in the Parent Contract and will be covered by the school's insurance policy. A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the group leader. A qualified first aider will be accompanying the trip. The children should not bring expensive personal items with them. The school cannot be held responsible for the care of these if any pupil brings them, and insurance will not cover them. We endeavour to take photographs on as many school trips as possible, please visit our website, Facebook and twitter pages to view a selection of photographs.

If you have any questions regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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