



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
Avenue of Remembrance
Sittingbourne
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13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 8 RELIGIOUS STUDIES: Hindu Temple Trip

We are planning to take Year 8 to the Hindu Temple in Neasden, London, as part of their Religious Studies course.

8FB & 8PS will visit on Wednesday, 16th October 2019
8LLB & 8MC will visit on Thursday, 17th October 2019

The cost of coach travel and entrance to the Mandir Exhibition will be £15.00.

I would be grateful if you could complete the slip below and return it to school with payment by **Tuesday, 1st October 2019**. It is essential that this deadline is met, in order to definitely secure a place on the trip.

We prefer that payments for trips are either made by cheque, which can be deposited in a named envelope through the letter box in the Finance Office, or via the BGS online payment system. Details of how to make online payments have been issued in personalised letters for each student's parents. If you require a new copy, please contact the Finance Manager, Mrs Drury, at td@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk and she will send one out. If cash payments are made for trips, students must deliver them in person to the Finance Office or Bursar and a receipt will be issued. Cash payments can only be accepted at morning registration or morning break and **MUST NOT** be posted through the Finance Office letter box.

Your son will need to meet at 7.45am in the 'cage' in order for the coach to leave at 8.00am promptly. We anticipate our return being approximately 3:30pm. Boys will need to take a packed lunch (which will be eaten on the coach) and ensure that their socks are presentable, as shoes have to be removed inside the temple. **Full school uniform must be worn.** Students will need to bring a pen, and if they wish, a little money to purchase items from the shop.

This is a visit for which we are, by law, unable to make a charge. However, school finances are such that the trip cannot take place unless we raise, by voluntary contributions, the necessary funding. We appreciate that some parents, especially those who receive Income Support or Family Credit may feel very limited in the contributions that they are able to make, and anyone in these categories who wishes their son to have a place on the visit should make contact with the Headteacher in confidence so that their son is in no way whatever disadvantaged. Pupils who are eligible to go on the trip but who, whatever their parental circumstances, do not make a contribution must, under the law, be allowed to go, and for this reason, I must make it clear that whether the trip actually takes place will depend very largely on the willingness of the parents to contribute as indicated. I very much hope that, as usual, this support will be forthcoming.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Sherwood-Farnfield
Religious Studies Department

Year 8 Religious Studies visit to Hindu Temple: 16th and 17th October 2019

Name of Pupil _____ Form: _____

- I have read the information about the proposed trip to the Hindu Temple on the 16th and 17th October 2019 and would like my son to take part in the visit and the activities as advised.
- I enclose £15.00 towards the visit. Cash/Cheque payable to Borden Grammar School.
OR
- I have made an online payment of £15.00

- I attach, for the organiser, details of any ailments, allergy, condition or diet of which you may need to be aware in relation to the visit.
- My son has a medical care plan at the school with additional information that needs to be acted on as necessary
- My son is eligible for a Free School Meal and I would like a packed lunch to be provided by the school
- I authorise the leaders of the trip to act on my behalf in an emergency and to sign on my behalf any consent forms required by medical authorities if they know it would not be advisable to wait for my signature.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____ **Contact Number:** _____