

15 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Religious Studies Residential Trip to Northumberland – Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 October 2026

We are pleased to advise that there has been sufficient interest in the GCSE Religious Studies residential trip to Northumberland to allow us to run the trip.

Details are as follows:

- The trip will take place from **Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 October 2026**.
- We will stay with the **Youth Hostel Association** at [The Sill on Hadrian's Wall](#).

Excursions will include:

- Visiting York Minister and The Shambles on the way to Northumberland.
- Holy Island.
- Durham Cathedral.
- A talk from an Astronomer at Northumberland Dark Sky Park with the chance to witness the Northern Lights.
- Alnwick or Bamburgh castle.

The total cost of the trip is **£300** for full board accommodation (breakfast, lunch and dinner included, other than lunch on the outbound journey). To secure a place for your child, please make the deposit payment of **£70** via [WisePay](#) (under Trips & Events) and complete the [medical/consent form](#) by no later than **Sunday 1 February 2026**.

The payment schedule will be as follows (please strictly adhere to the payment dates):

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Deposit Payment	£70	Sunday 1 February 2026
1 st Instalment	£115	Friday 27 March 2026
Final Instalment	£115	Tuesday 30 June 2026

By paying, you are consenting to your child taking part in the above school trip. Should you decide at a future date to cancel your child's place (apart from the usual reasons covered by insurance, such as illness or injury) your deposit will not be refunded, as bookings will have been secured well in advance of the trip dates.

The safety and wellbeing of the students is our prime consideration and we hope that this will be a successful and enjoyable trip. Therefore, in the lead-up to the trip, all places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's Behaviour Policy during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. During the trip, if your child fails to meet the Behaviour Expectations then you will be asked to make arrangements to collect your child from Northumberland at your own expense.

Yours sincerely

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