Parmiter's School

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Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Religious Studies Residential Trip to Northumberland (current Year 10 students)
Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 or Sunday 22 October 2027

To enrich the GCSE Religious Studies curriculum, the PRE department would like to offer our Year 11 students (current Year 10) a residential trip to Northumberland from Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 or Sunday 24 October 2027 (either a two or three-night residential stay).

Accommodation will be on a full board basis at YHA The Sill on Hardrian's Wall, with all meals included other than lunch on the return leg of the journey.

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£300 - £400,** depending on availability of activities and the tide times for Lindisfarne, which will impact the length of our stay. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please indicate this on the Expression of Interest Form below.

The suggested itinerary is as follows:

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Day 1	Travel from Parmiter's School to Northumberland Visit York Minster en route Evening visit to the Northumberland Dark Skies National Park observatory, to contemplate the stars with an expert astronomer to guide us and a weather/conditions dependent chance to glimpse the Northern Lights *(relevant to the sections of the GCSE course that look at the origin of the Universe).*
Day 2	Visit Durham Cathedral (guided tour) A tour of the historic University City and Land of the Prince Bishops Early evening walk on Hadrian's Wall
Day 3	Visit the tidal island of Lindisfarne - Cradle of Christianity in the North East and England Visit either Bamburgh or Alnwick castle Visit Hexham Abbey and/or Hexham Old Gaol *(related to the GCSE unit on Crime and Punishment)* **Activities for the day are tidal dependent, as Lindisfarne is cut off by the tide twice per day** Return to Parmiter's if on a two-night itinerary.
Day 4	Return to Parmiter's if on a three-night itinerary. .
Guides will be provided at most historical/religious sites.	

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To gauge initial interest in this trip, please complete and submit the **Expression of Interest Form** by no later than **Monday 30 November 2026**. Please note that completing this form does not confirm your child's place on the trip. Further information will be provided and a non-refundable deposit payment of approximately **£70** will be requested early in the Spring term, in order to secure our accommodation booking.

We hope you agree that this is an exciting opportunity for our GCSE Religious Studies students. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to email R.Hackett@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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