

Dear Parents

2 November 2011

## **Year 9 & 10 GCSE Educational Visit To Neasden Mandir (Hindu Temple) – 22 February 2012**

During GCSE Religious Studies courses, students will be studying key beliefs and practices within Hinduism. For those studying Philosophy, knowledge of Hinduism is key to our study of approaches to philosophical questions about the Afterlife, Worship, Ideas about God and Creation. For other GCSE students, Hinduism is one of two religions studied to apply beliefs and practices to ethical and modern world issues.

To enhance our studies we have an opportunity to visit the Neasden Mandir and exhibition in Neasden, London. We shall find out about the origins, beliefs and practices within Hinduism before spending time in the worship room during the rituals of daily Arti worship. We will then hear a presentation from a Guide and have the opportunity to ask questions. There is also a gift shop on site where students will have an opportunity to purchase a souvenir of their visit, if they choose to.

Neasden Mandir is breath-taking architecturally, both inside and outside, and provides a unique and colourful experience of sights, smells and sounds, particularly when observing Hindu worship rituals. Therefore this is an exciting opportunity for your son/daughter to enhance their knowledge and studies beyond the classroom. The visit will provide an important experience which students will be able to draw upon throughout their GCSE studies and beyond.

I do have to insist on a strict code of dress for our visit. Girls must have their shoulders and legs to below the knee covered. As we sit on the floor for the worship rituals, trousers would be most practical. For all students, please use common sense to ensure t-shirt logos and wording are appropriate for our venue. Also, please, absolutely no shorts to be worn nor midriffs or under garments showing! All visitors will be required to remove their shoes on entering the building, therefore socks/tights should be worn.

The visit will take place on 22 February 2012. We will be leaving TPS at 9.00am and will be returning to school at approximately 4.00pm. The cost of the trip is £12.00 (cheques made payable to The Petersfield School). There is a limited number of places for this visit so please respond to this letter as soon as possible to secure a place for your child by returning the slip below together with the payment in a named sealed envelope marked 'Neasden Temple Trip' to the Finance Office.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Ms Freeborn  
Teacher - Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

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To: Ms Freeborn – Religion, Philosophy, Ethics

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the visit to Neasden Mandir (Temple) on 22 February 2012. I enclose £12.00 (exact money or cheques payable to The Petersfield School) contribution.

I confirm that details provided on his/her existing SV3 form remain unchanged (please advise on any changes).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Person with parental responsibility)

Date \_\_\_\_\_