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Dear Parents,

As part of their study of Judaism the Religious Studies department has organised a visit to the West London Synagogue, Marble Arch, for year 11 GCSE students.

The visit will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, leaving school at 8.00 a.m. and returning at 3.40p.m.** Travel will be by coach. Students who do not participate in the trip will be expected to attend school for normal lessons and private study. As with all trips and visits, participation is dependent on acceptance of the school's Code of Conduct and receipt of the signed agreement.

Whilst in the synagogue, the students will be given a guided tour and the various functions of the building will be explained. This will be an excellent opportunity for them to ask questions that will deepen their understanding of Judaism, especially on worship which is their final coursework topic.

Due to the nature of the visit it is important that students pay respect to the beliefs and practices of the faith concerned and dress modestly; full school uniform, with knee length (Minimum) skirt, should be observed. It will also be necessary to bring a **vegetarian** packed lunch in order to respect the kosher food laws of the synagogue.

After our visit to the Synagogue, we shall be making a stop at Golders Green High Street. This area is renowned for its prominent Jewish community and boasts many Jewish related shops such as kosher cafés and dealers of books and artefacts. During this time students will be guided by staff and encouraged to absorb Jewish culture in contemporary Britain. They may also be given the opportunity to purchase some snack food or Jewish resources if they wish to do so.

Staff will supervise the students at all times, on the coach, in the synagogue and on the High Street.

The total cost of the visit, including transport, entry and guide costs, is £13. This is a voluntary contribution; however, if we are unable to cover the costs of the visit, it may not take place.

The school's preferred method of payment is via Parent Pay. If using this system you will still need to return the permission slip below. If you are unable to use Parent Pay, please complete and return the slip and your payment to the Finance Office. (Cheques should be made payable to CCHS)

**The deadline for receipt of payment, by either method, is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, when a decision on the financial viability of the trip will be made. All documents should be in a sealed envelope marked with your daughter's name, form and 'Year 11 Synagogue Trip'.

Should you wish your daughter to participate, but are concerned about meeting the cost, please return the slip and attach a letter addressed to Mrs Chapman, Headteacher, who will consider your request.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P.Giles  
Head of Religious Studies



**To: The Finance Office, Chelmsford County High School for Girls**

**Visit to the West London Synagogue - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

I have read and understand the details of the trip; I accept the arrangements for travel and supervision and give my permission for my daughter to attend.

- I enclose payment of £13.00
- I have paid by Parent Pay

*Please delete as appropriate*

Name of student: ..... Form: 11 .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Parent/Guardian

**Office Use**

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**RS - Synagogue Visit  
13 October 2009**

**Name:**

**Form: 11**

**Date:**

**Received: £13.00**

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**Cash**

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