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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 7 Visit to Neasden Mandir – Wednesday 10th July 2019

Year 7 students, who are not attending the Normandy residential visit, are being offered an exciting opportunity to visit one of the most visually impressive and interesting places of worship in the country. Neasden Mandir is the largest Hindu temple in the UK and offers a varied and interesting educational programme for students to learn about Hindu religion, history and culture. Students will be given a tour guide who will give an introduction to the Hindu faith and explain the background to the building of the temple. Students will have time to explore the impressive Haveli prayer hall and to visit the beautifully designed Murti Darshan where they will be able to observe an Arti ceremony. Students will watch a video presentation and take time to learn from an exciting exhibition; 'Understanding Hinduism'.

Students will travel by coach to Neasden departing at 8:45am and be returned to school by 2:55pm. Students will require a packed lunch for this visit and should be dressed in school uniform. All students will be required to remove shoes for the duration of the visit to the temple so appropriate socks are recommended. We would ask that if female students are wearing skirts they wear tights so they are considered to be respectfully dressed and will not need to wear an additional serong over their uniform.

The temple does not allow certain food products inside the temple so all packed lunches will be left on the coach to be eaten after the visit. If your child requires food with them for medical reasons, please include a note on the consent form stating what food is to be taken in with them. The temple request that during the prayer ceremony and the ritual which takes place, students maintain silence in order to respect the proceedings. As this is an operational place of worship it is important that these requests are fully observed by all our students.

The cost of the trip is **£10.50** which includes transport, insurance, entrance fee to the exhibition, worksheets and a donation to the temple as a thank you for hosting us. Please note that although the cost is voluntary the trip is unlikely to proceed unless parents undertake to pay the £10.50 in full.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part on this trip, please complete the consent form and return it to the Finance Office along with your payment of **£10.50** by **Friday 8th March 2019**. The preferred method of payment is via www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk online using a debit or credit card by selecting '**Neasden Mandir 2019**' under the Shop/Payments section. Alternatively, cheques should be made payable to **John Colet School Fund** and returned to the Finance Office between 8.00 - 8.30 in the mornings. It would also be helpful if the student's name, tutor group and 'Neasden Mandir' could be written on the reverse of the cheque.

Please note the following:

It is essential that the consent form is returned.

Cheques will not be banked until sufficient numbers to make the trip viable have been confirmed.

Once places are confirmed, payment for the selected participants will be non-refundable.

Any student who is placed on report may be withdrawn from the trip at the schools discretion and will have any monies paid refunded providing another student is able to take their place.

In the event of your son/daughter withdrawing from the trip, payments will only be refunded if another student is able to take their place.

We would not want any student to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances, therefore, if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding please contact the Finance Office at finance@johncolet.co.uk

Yours sincerely
Mrs Froggatt
Trip Leader

Year 7 Neasden Mandir 2019

Please return to the Finance Office between 8.00-8.30am by Friday 8th March 2019.

Student name:

Form:

Neasden Mandir 2019 on Wednesday 10th July 2019. I agree to’s participation in the activities described. I acknowledge the need for my son/daughter to behave responsibly.

My emergency contact number for the duration of this visit is

Accompanying staff need to be aware that my son/daughter has the following medical condition(s) and will bring their own medication, and/or dietary requirements

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Paracetamol tablets BP 500mg may be given for a headache/sore throat/other aches and pains in accordance to the Dose on package (*please note that tablets will not be given before 12pm*)

YES/NO

- I have paid via parentmail. (PMX)
- Please find enclosed **£10.50** cheque payable to John Colet School Fund, with student’s name / Neasden Mandir on reverse of cheque.
- My son/daughter is eligible for Free School Meals

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____