



24 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 8 Religious Studies: Faiths trip - Thursday 21 May 2026

We are delighted that your child is joining our Year 8 Faiths trip on Thursday 21 May 2026. We are very much aware of the benefits that an enriching curriculum provides for students and in particular developing religious literacy. As a result we have organised a trip to a local Mosque and Gurdwara to explore Islam and Sikhi and look at beliefs, practices and shared community values. This supports and aligns with the work they have undertaken in lessons this year.

Locations

We will be visiting the Maidenhead Mosque in Holmaneeze and the Maidenhead Gurdwara in Rutland Road.

Dress code

Students will be required to wear school uniform, but they need to be aware as we are visiting two places of worship, pupils will need to be **modestly and respectfully dressed at all times. All pupils need to have their legs covered, so skirts should be worn with tights or they can wear trousers.** In the Gurdwara pupils will be required to **cover their head** and we request that they bring a **light scarf** in order to do this, the same applies for boys and girls. All this will also be explained to your child in RS lessons and/or assemblies.

Timings

Pupils will be expected to **meet and register with their tutor in school at 8.40am as normal, pupils will then be getting on the coach at 9.00am at Spinfield lane** layby. If your child is ill on the day, just follow the normal procedure for informing the school of absence. Pupils are expected to be back in **Marlow by 2.30pm**, depending on the traffic and will be attending a period 5 lesson.

Costs

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£16.50** to support the costs of this trip (including coach transport and entrance to the places of worship); please note if we do not receive the required number of contributions we will be unable to run the trip. To make this payment, please log onto [ParentPay](#) using your username and password to pay **by Monday 4 May**. If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay, please email parentpay@swbgs.com.

In line with the school's charging policy, parents are reminded that school charity funds exist to assist families whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their child from participating. Application must be made in writing to the Deputy Head, Mrs Louise Walder, outlining the reasons why support is required, as soon as possible and latest by the deadline below.

Packed lunch, snacks and medication

Pupils do need to bring a packed lunch. There will be a short break during the day when they can eat their lunch. They will also be offered a snack at the Gurdwara.

Cameras/Phones

There will be no opportunity for students to take pictures within the building, so while students are allowed to bring phones on the trip, they will be asked to leave them on the bus or in their bags while we are in the place of worship.

This is a Category B trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy. As such, payment for the trip on ParentPay is taken as confirmation of consent for your child to attend and that the contact and medical details that the school has on record for you are up-to-date and correct. Students who require medication such as EpiPens or inhalers must carry their own emergency medication with them at all times on trips.

I am confident that this will be a very valuable trip for all Year 8 students and I am sure they will be respectful of both places of worship. I hope you will enjoy hearing all about the experience from your children when they get back.

Yours faithfully

Kim Nicholas

Subject leader in Religious Studies