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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank all of those who submitted an expression of interest for our proposed residential to Walsingham Shrine in Norfolk and the Cambridge Eco Mosque, from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. At this stage, we are still gauging interest in the trip and are therefore not taking deposit payments; however, for the trip to be viable it is essential that you register your child's interest with us.

As part of their GCSE in Religious Studies, students study the significance of pilgrimage for religious believers and the Walsingham Shrine is one of the pilgrimage sites covered in the specification. This residential visit will therefore allow our students the unique opportunity to visit a religious place of pilgrimage and learn more about why it is important to Christians, which will directly benefit them in their examinations. Furthermore, the GCSE course covers religious attitudes to the environment and the Eco Mosque in Cambridge offers the exceptional experience of combining attitudes to ethical living with the opportunity to learn more about Islamic worship in modern Britain.

The total cost of the trip will be up to £300 which includes coach travel and full board accommodation with all meals included. On the first day, we will stop in Cambridge to visit Cambridge Eco Mosque, including a guided tour and presentation. We will continue to Walsingham and will be staying at Elmham House at the Catholic National Shrine of our Lady in Walsingham and follow a bespoke itinerary, including a tour of the shrine and the local area, as well as a seminar on 'Spirituality and Leadership in the Contemporary World'. There will also be leisure activities available, such as bowling, a treetop zipwire course and a movie night.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend this trip, would you please return the reply slip below by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November or email me directly at [Christian.Hinz@edgbarrowschool.co.uk](mailto:Christian.Hinz@edgbarrowschool.co.uk). Once we have sufficient interest, I will contact you again to ask for an initial non-refundable deposit of £75 by 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

We are keen to support all student participation in school visits and do not wish for any child to be disadvantaged due to financial hardship. Should you have any concerns or queries regarding the voluntary payment for this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pyke, Business Manager, who will be happy to help you.

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. As you will understand without the appropriate financial contributions the visit may not take place.

Yours faithfully

The Philosophy, Ethics and Religion Team at Edgbarrow

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**REPLY SLIP: PER Trip to Walsingham, May 2024**

**Please return to Christian Hinz, R S Department by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Email: [Christian.Hinz@edgbarrowschool.co.uk](mailto:Christian.Hinz@edgbarrowschool.co.uk)

Name of student ..... Tutor Group .....

I do/do not wish my son/daughter to participate in the trip to Walsingham and agree to pay a non-refundable deposit of £75 by 17<sup>th</sup> November if successful.

Signed ..... Date .....  
(Parent/Carer)