



# Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

17th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 8 Summer Term Trips: Places of Worship and Blists Hill

Two exciting educational visits have been planned for our Year 8 students in the summer term. The RS department has organised for Year 8 students to visit a variety of places of worship and the History Department have organised a celebratory end of year trip to Blists Hill in Shropshire.

### Places of Worship Visits (June 2024)

We will visit a Sikh Gurdwara, an Islamic Mosque and a Christian Church all on the same day! The trip will provide a valuable opportunity to bring students' Religious Studies lessons to life. Your child will need to wear modest school uniform (trousers or a skirt that covers the knees – if your child has neither, they can wear their PE joggers) and will need to bring a scarf to cover their hair in some places of worship. Year 8 teaching groups will participate in the trip on the following dates:-

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June: 8B & 8C      Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: 8D & 8E      Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June: 8F & 8G**

Students will register as normal, then leave school at approximately 9.15am and return by 3.30pm. We are travelling by coach to the Gurdwara and Mosque, returning to school for lunch at 1.15-1.55pm. After lunch, we will walk to the local Church and walk back to school for 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

### Blists Hill (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024)

We are delighted to be offering a celebratory end of year trip, taking students to Ironbridge Gorge in Shropshire, one of the first locations to be designated as a World Heritage Site within the U.K. This designation recognised the area's unique and unrivalled contribution to the birth of the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century; the impact of which is still felt across the world today. All students will be able to visit Blists Hill Victorian Town, Enginuity, and the Darby Houses. We will travel by coach leaving school at approximately 9am and returning by 3.30pm.

The cost for the trips is **£9 (Places of Worship)** and **£27 (Blists Hill)**, covering coach travel and entrance fees (for Blists Hill). Payment and/or consent will be online via the Scopay app or website. Please make sure the consent boxes are ticked. If your child receives free school meals (FSM) or you are applying for financial assistance, please also go online, tick the consent box and either the FSM or Request for Financial Assistance box. For those applying for financial assistance, a form will then be emailed to you. The deadline for payments is **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Where students usually have spare medication kept in school, they should have their medication *with them* while on a school trip (eg inhaler, epipen etc).

If you have any queries about either trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Shah (Head of RS) or Mrs Heeks (Head of History).

Yours faithfully

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