



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

LPO/LHS

15 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 RE Visit to London – Thursday 26 November 2026

Religious Education students have been learning about Christian and Buddhist beliefs and practices. Students need to be aware of the different ways these religions practice their faith. To support this learning, the department is providing the opportunity for students to experience a guided tour of a Thai Buddhist temple in Wimbledon and a visit to St Paul's Cathedral. This tour has been tailored to our examination course and will be a valuable experience for students.

Our visit itinerary is as follows:

- 7.30am Depart Mountbatten School on coach
- 10.00am Visit the Buddhapadipa Thai temple in Wimbledon for a guided tour
- 11.30am Depart Wimbledon and travel to St Paul's Cathedral for a guided tour
- 3.00pm Depart St Paul's Cathedral and walk to Postman's Park
- 3.30pm Return walk to St Paul's

Students may purchase an evening snack before we leave London

- 4.15pm Depart London for return to school
- 7.00pm Arrival at Mountbatten School

Students are **not required to wear school uniform**, but appropriate clothing, in line with the dress code of the Buddhist temple. Students are required to have their shoulders covered and trousers and skirts must be longer than the knee. Students will be outside for most of the afternoon so they will require suitable coats and waterproof shoes, dependent upon the weather.

Students will need to **bring a packed lunch with plenty to drink** as facilities for buying food will **not** be available at lunchtime. If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them. Students may bring a small amount of money to buy their evening snack before we leave London. The highest standards of behaviour, co-operation and respect will be expected.

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As we are now a Smartphone Free School, students **must not bring smartphones on day trips**. Students may bring one of the permitted brick phones we allow in school, stored in a school bag, but should not be seen or heard during the trip. The trip staff will have access to a school/trip phone which students can use to contact home **in an emergency or if the return journey is significantly delayed**.

This trip takes place during school hours; therefore, we are inviting a voluntary contribution of £35.00 per student.

Please be aware that contributions are entirely voluntary, and no student will be excluded from the trip or treated differently based on whether a contribution is made. However, please note that if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions to cover the overall costs, the school may unfortunately be unable to proceed with the visit.

The school is committed to ensuring all students can participate in enrichment activities. The school uses its Pupil Premium funding to support students currently in receipt of Free School Meals with the costs of this trip. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium but is not currently on Free School Meals, or if your family is experiencing temporary financial hardship, please contact the Pupil Premium Team via pupilpremium@mountbatten.school to discuss support options, in confidence.

To request a place for your child, please complete the [Google Form](#) by the end of the day on Sunday 11 October. Voluntary contributions can be made via Scopay.

We have limited places for this trip, so if it is oversubscribed the school will apply the oversubscription criteria. If your child does not receive a place then a refund will be made into the account from which payment was made.

Should you wish for any further information please contact info@mountbatten.school and mark your email for the attention of Miss Pharo.

Yours faithfully

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