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Dear parents/carers,

RE: Faith, Philosophy & Ethics

I am writing to inform you of the '**Faith, Philosophy & Ethics**' course which Year 10 take part in within school. This forms part of the statutory requirements for religious education within PSHE. During this year, PSHE curriculum time is reduced and replaced with a series of interactive workshops held in school and led by outside organisations. We have a very interesting schedule of events planned for this academic year:

- Amnesty International workshops on Wednesday 24th October focusing on issues such as human rights and the global migration crisis.
- A visit and talk led by a survivor of the Holocaust (date to be confirmed but hopefully during January).
- Workshops led by Muslim Learner Services on Monday 8th April focusing on issues such as Islamophobia and what it is like to be a Muslim living in Britain.
- Hinduism workshops on Thursday 13th June focusing on cultural awareness and beliefs.

(Please note that exact dates of events may change slightly and students will be informed if this is the case).

This is an exciting course and we really hope that students will find the events interesting, enriching and memorable. We aim for the events to be as interactive as possible and there will be plenty of opportunity for questioning and discussion around each theme. There are of course additional costs involved with running these interactive workshops instead of regular PSHE lessons. This is mostly due to the travel expenses of our visitors and resources used during the events.

The school is meeting the majority of these expenses but we are asking for voluntary contributions of **£8.50 per student** in order for all events to take place as planned. There is no obligation to contribute and students will not be treated any differently if payment isn't made but please be aware that if there are insufficient contributions to cover costs then events may not go ahead. Please make payments via ParentPay if you are able to contribute, your support is greatly appreciated. Please contact me via school if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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