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PRS Trip to the ISKCON Manor: Wednesday 6 October 2010

Is reincarnation making a comeback? Find out by joining the PRS department on an exciting and unique **trip** to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the UK headquarters for the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). This trip is an excellent opportunity to see how a small world religion operates.

During the day we will:

- Receive a guided tour of the Manor
- Take a bullock cart ride around some of the 77 acres of park and farmland (weather permitting)
- Have a traditional Indian vegetarian lunch prepared at the temple
- Witness the darshan of the deities (a chance to see the beautiful altar and statues of the Hindu Gods).
- Dress up in traditional Hindu dress (saris, turbans, bindis)
- Receive an interactive talk on Hinduism
- Take part in a mock Hindu wedding (time permitting).

The trip will run on the Wednesday 6 October 2010 and will be open to all Year 10 pupils. Numbers are limited so please return your reply slips and completed consent forms to Miss Kirby (PRS office, A block basement) as soon as possible. The cost of the trip is £25 per pupil. The cost includes all travel costs, entry to the manor, entertainment and a vegetarian lunch. The cost of the trip will be added to next term's school invoice. The coach will leave the school at 8.05 so please be in the quad by 8.00 at the latest! We will return to school by 4.p.m. As a vegetarian lunch will be provided there is no need to bring food with you. Pupils are respectfully asked to dress modestly and to ensure that they have outdoor shoes and coats.

ISKCON: The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) is part of the Vaishnava tradition, one of the three principal strands within Hinduism. It began in Sixteenth Century Bengal with the saint Shri Chaitanya who promoted a revival of bhakti (loving devotional service to God) and ardently opposed the hereditary caste system.

Gaudiya (Bengali) Vaishnavism emphasises the importance of developing a personal relationship with God, particularly through chanting the Hare Krishna mantra. These teachings brought to the West by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who officially incorporated ISKCON in New York (1967). The movement arrived in Britain in 1969, when early devotees opened a temple in London. In 1973, ex-Beatle George Harrison donated Bhaktivedanta Manor, which now serves as the Movement's UK headquarters.

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Pupil Name _____ Tutor _____

I am happy for my son/daughter to attend the above visit and for the amount of £25 to be added to my school account.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)

The venue can be contacted directly on the day on 01923 851000 or Miss Kirby can be contacted through the school should you need to reach your child. If you have any questions or queries regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss E Kirby
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