



June 25th

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 All Saints Church Trip

The Religious Education department at Great Marlow are delighted to offer Year 8 students a trip to All Saints Church in the Autumn term. The visit is open to all Year 8 students and will take place on Monday 20th October 2025. However, for practical reasons, we can only accommodate the first 50 students whose parents/ carers complete the MS Consent Form (details below). We are aiming for the trip to be accessible to all students, regardless of need.

The aims of the trip are to deepen students' understanding of worship, give them an opportunity to meet with Christians, and enhance their appreciation of the local community. In addition to this, the church provides an alternative learning environment, giving the students an opportunity to develop real life links to their curriculum.

Upon returning to school, students will be well informed and empowered to understand how Christians worship in Church.

Date: Monday 20th October 2025

Time: 9am – 11am

Location: All Saints Church, The Causeway, Marlow, SL7 2AA

Clothing: Full school uniform

Equipment: full water bottle, pencil case, coat, any essential medication, packed lunch - if this is your child's usual arrangement.

Cost: None. An option to make a voluntary contribution to the church is available on WisePay.

Outline of the day:

- Students will walk to the church accompanied by GMS staff - this will take around 30 minutes.
- Students will remain in groups accompanied by a member of GMS staff whilst walking round the church.
- Students will participate in a variety of activities so that they can see different features of the church, understand how they are used and why they are important to Christians. They will observe recreations of Christian sacraments, such as baptism and Holy Communion.
- At 11am, students will return to school on foot and should be back at school for 11.30am. Then they will be taken to the canteen to eat their packed lunch or purchase food from the canteen. They will attend period 3 at 12pm, missing 30 minutes of that lesson. Students are expected to catch up on any work they have missed by attending the trip.

The students will be representing the school throughout the school trip and are therefore expected to always display respect, readiness and responsibility. In the unlikely event that a student does not meet our expectations, sanctions will follow.

To secure your child's place on the trip, please log on to WisePay to complete the MS Consent Form and to pay any voluntary contribution to the church. The final deadline for signing up is Friday 4th July, but the trip may shut before this if we already have 50 students signed up.

If you have any further questions, please contact gpightling@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mr Graham Pightling