



12 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Religion, Philosophy and Ethics course I am excited to say that we have the opportunity to attend a Buddhism Study Day at University of Bristol on Monday 31 March 2025.

As the event starts at 10:00 we will have to leave the school at 8:30am to ensure we get there in plenty of time. The event finishes at 15:00 so we will be arriving back at The Castle School by 16:30. We will be traveling to Bristol in a school minibus.

There is no cost for the visit as it is subsidised by the university. We do ask however that students bring packed lunch and a bottle of water. The school will provide lunch for students receiving free school meals.

Students will choose a selection from the following sessions:

- The Sound of One Hand Clapping: Zen meditation and Koan practice (Dr Benedetta Lomi)
- How Engaged should Buddhist Monastics be? — Debate (Dr Rita Langer)
- Mahāyāna Philosophy (Madhyamaka) (Dr David Leech)
- Korean Sean Meditation Taster (Seo-Ho Kim)
- Calligraphy Taster (Blair Thomson)
- As well as...Meet a Buddhist Monk (Ven. Dhammananda)

Please complete the permission slip below and return to the student reception by Friday 7 March.

I am really looking forward to taking our lovely group to Bristol for this eye-opening experience!

Kind Regards,

Mrs M Norris
Head of Caernarfon House and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics teacher
The Castle School

Please return this slip to the student reception by Friday 7 March - **University of Bristol; Buddhism Study Day visit 31 March 2025**

Student's Name Form

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend this visit.

Signed (Parent/Carer)..... Date