

16 June 2026

Dear all

### **Christianity in Practice: Immersive GCSE Religious Studies Study Day – Friday 25th September 2026**

Your child has the opportunity to attend a trip to Chichester Cathedral to take part in an immersive GCSE Religious Studies Study Day. This Study Day is designed to provide an engaging and enriching learning experience for GCSE Religious Studies pupils, giving them the opportunity to explore two very different Christian communities, hear directly from clergy and church leaders, and experience beliefs and practices in authentic, lived contexts. Many schools find that this experience significantly enhances both engagement and understanding, particularly around key GCSE topics such as baptism, prayer, and Holy Communion, where first-hand experience helps consolidate and extend pupils' learning about the impact of these practices on Christian life today.

We will leave school at 09:00 to walk to Chichester Cathedral and will return before the end of the school day.

#### **Cost & Payment**

If your child would like to take part in this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£10.50** to cover the cost of the visit.

Payment should be made via the school's ParentPay system, where you can also give consent for your child to participate. Late requests after ParentPay has closed will not be accepted. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for an activation letter.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but are experiencing difficulty in making the contribution. The finance team can be contacted at [finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk)

Should your child not wish to attend this trip, they must still attend school. If your child is going to be absent, normal procedures for informing the school should be followed.

#### **Items to Bring**

All pupils must come to school in full school uniform, including school shoes. Please ensure they also have outdoor clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day, such as a waterproof coat.

Please provide an adequate amount of food and drink for the day. If your child is in receipt of FSM provision, a packed lunch can be collected from the school canteen prior to departure.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch  
[gclark@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:gclark@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

**Mrs G Clark**  
**Lead Teacher of RS**