



8 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 10 Religious Studies trip to London - Monday 22 June 2026
St Paul's Cathedral and London Central Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre**

We have arranged a visit for our Year 10 Religious Studies students to St Paul's Cathedral and the London Central Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre on Monday 22 June 2026. This trip will enrich students understanding of places of worship, which is a topic in their GCSE course.

St Paul's Cathedral is steeped in history and is one of the most famous and recognisable sights of London, having dominated the skyline for over 300 years. Visiting will help students put into context many of the practices Christians follow, which again is another topic studied in the course.

The Mosque and Islamic Centre has many objectives and roles as it is involved in the religious, cultural and social life of London and the UK, and spreading the true meaning and understanding of Islam as a religion of peace, tolerance and coexistence. Visiting the Centre will help students understand how Muslims worship and to experience these things first hand, rather than in a classroom, is extremely valuable to their understanding of religion in general.

The cost of this trip is £38.50 per student and there are 30 places available (due to venue group sizes). Places are offered on a first come, first served basis by payment via your iPay account. iPay will be open for payment from 6pm on Sunday 31 May 2026 and will close at 10pm on Wednesday 3 June 2026. Please note that due to the nature of this trip, we are unable to refund the cost, if your child is unable to go.

Students are to arrive at school for 8.00am where we will then depart at 8.15pm by coach to London. Visiting St Paul's Cathedral first, we will have a guided workshop with dome climb and then onto the Mosque for an educational visit and guided tour, including visiting the prayer room.

We aim to return to school for 4.45pm (traffic dependant) and request you to please arrange collection of your child for this time.

Students are to wear full Cox Green School uniform on this trip. However, for all females attending this trip, please be advised the Mosque has a strict dress code. A head scarf will be required to be worn for some parts of the Mosque and, where possible, females are to wear trousers (leggings/flared leggings or tight-fitting trousers are not permitted), otherwise a school skirt of respectable length can be worn but must be with tights (no bare legs permitted).

Students are to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks to last the day. Please note that eating is not allowed on the coach and nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed.

If you would like any further information about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email to enquiries@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely

Ms Swan
Teacher of Humanities

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school expectations for the Behaviour Policy being met. Any student who receives a suspension may have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be resold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be resold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been, in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the cost of this trip:
Years 7-11: Pupil Premium funding for trips is to be used for educational purposes only. Support for non-compulsory trips will vary.
Sixth Form: You may be eligible for assistance with the cost of this trip with a 16-19 Bursary.
All requests for assistance should be made to the Finance Office (finance@coxgreen.com) at least 5 school days before the trip opens on iPay.*
- *If your child receives free school meals and you would like a packed lunch provided for your child for this trip, please email enquiries@coxgreen.com, for the attention of the Trip Administrator, at least 5 schools days before the date of the trip to request this (please detail any dietary requirements).*
- *Payments are to be made by the dates specified. Late or non-payment may result in your child's place being withdrawn from the trip. If you choose to withdraw your child for reasons not stated above, any costs attributed to date, must still be made.*
- *Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.*
- *There will be no insurance cover due to disinclination to travel.*