



Date: Wednesday 12th November 2025
Ref: SUS/jlg

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Trip to the Synagogue – As part of the Religious Studies course

As part of the GCSE Religious Studies course, students in Year 10 are exploring Judaism, focusing on its main beliefs, teachings and practices. We have arranged a visit to a local synagogue, which we enjoy annually. This educational experience provides students with the valuable opportunity to observe key features such as the Torah and the prayer hall firsthand, as well as to engage in meaningful discussions by asking questions about what they encounter.

The trips will take place during RE lessons at the following times:

X Band – **Wednesday 3rd December, during Period 2**

Y Band – **Monday 8th December, during Period 2**

Students will walk with their teachers to the synagogue on Finchley Road and spend their period 2 session there before returning to school for lunch at the normal time. They will have their other timetabled lessons as normal and so will need to bring equipment for the whole day.

If you do not wish for your daughter to take part in this visit, please confirm this via email to the office (office@stbernards.southend.sch.uk) by 4pm on Monday 1st December.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Simmonds
Acting Head of Religious Studies