

March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9-Visit to St Paul's Cathedral, London

We are pleased to offer your child the opportunity to visit **St Paul's Cathedral** in London on **Monday 8 June** as part of their preparation for the **GCSE Religious Studies** course.

This visit will support students in developing their understanding of **Christian beliefs, worship and the role of the Church**, all of which form key components of the Eduqas GCSE specification. Experiencing a working cathedral first-hand will help consolidate their knowledge and strengthen the contextual awareness required for strong examination responses.

During the day, students will take part in a range of educational activities, including:

- A guided tour of the Cathedral
- A workshop focused on Christian worship, symbolism and the significance of sacred spaces
- Time to explore key architectural and historical features relevant to their RS studies

Timings and Travel

Students must arrive at school by **07:40** so that we can leave promptly.
We expect to return to school by **16:30**, depending on traffic.

Cost

The total cost of the visit is **£ 35.00**, which covers coach travel and all activities.

Dress Code and Requirements

Students are expected to attend in **full school uniform**. As St Paul's Cathedral is an active place of Christian worship, students are asked to dress respectfully and follow any instructions given by Cathedral staff during our visit.

Please ensure your child brings:

- **A packed lunch, snacks and a bottle of water**
- Two pens and a pencil for completing the activity booklet provided
- A small bag only – large bags may not be permitted inside the Cathedral

Phones and Personal Items

Mobile phones may be brought but must remain switched off and stored away during all Cathedral activities. Photography inside certain areas of the Cathedral is restricted, and students will be expected to follow these rules.

How to Book a Place

If you would like your child to attend, please express your interest via **ParentPay** no later than **Sunday 12 April**. If the visit is oversubscribed, places will be allocated using a random ballot.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, and would like a packed lunch provided, please indicate this on ParentPay. In addition, students who receive Free School Meals are allocated a £20.00 trip subsidy that can be used once per year to help towards the cost of a trip. To use your subsidy please email parentpay@seafordhead.org stating your child's name, and the trip you wish this to be applied to.

Please note that once a student's place on a trip or activity is confirmed you are entering a commitment to pay all deposits and instalments by the stipulated due dates.

If a student withdraws from a trip, no refunds will be issued until the trip has completed and only then if there is a surplus of funds available on that trip to enable a refund to be made.

We hope your child will be able to join us for what promises to be a highly engaging and valuable experience, enriching their understanding of Christianity and supporting their GCSE RS progress.

Kind regards,

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