

MANOR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

Established 1812 • Principal: Mr Simon Barber, MA



18th April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Visit to Taizé: July 2018

Archbishop Sentamu is leading a group of young people from the Yorkshire region to visit Taizé in Eastern France (Burgundy) and students from Manor have been invited to accompany him and the group. Many of you will know that a small group joined him to visit there last year.

Taizé is an international monastery in eastern France founded in 1940. Since the 1960s, the Taizé Community has been welcoming young adults (15+) from a wide variety of backgrounds for a week of discussion, reflection and building community. 100,000 young people from all over the world participate in these gatherings each year. We will be joining students from many UK schools, and young people from all over Europe. There will be several thousand young people of different backgrounds meeting at Taizé: those who are catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, believers of other religions, and those of no faith. Taizé is a safe but challenging environment. It is participation in a community life where each person is free to be who they are. It is accessible to those who do not think of themselves as being religious. Each day includes small international discussion groups, reflection in a larger group led by a brother of the community, some practical activity, prayer with the whole community and opportunities to socialise and relax.

The cost of the visit is very small and is of excellent value. It will be just £60.00 for a week in France. This is because the largest part of the visit costs are paid for by a charitable bequest. Students will need a little pocket money for any personal purchases.

We will depart on Saturday the 14th July 2018 and return on Monday 23rd July 2017. This is the last week of term. They will need a valid UK passport and a European Health Insurance Card.

Since there are a limited number of places (26+4 members of staff) any student who wishes to go on the visit will need to write a very brief personal statement, no more than one side of A4, explaining the reasons why they wish to participate and what they think they will learn from the experience. The statement must also be signed by parents/guardians to show that you are willing for your child to be considered. This must be returned on or before **1pm on Friday 27th April**. If any student or parent seeks more information they may speak to Mr Candlin before this time.

Those who are successful in their application for a place will be informed shortly afterwards and will then complete the necessary paperwork and make one payment via parent pay.

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To finish, here are the words of the Archbishop Sentamu:

“Last year the trip was a huge success and I know the young people returned feeling blessed, inspired by the people they met, and with a renewed wonder at the goodness of God. It is a wonderful experience!”

A video of this visit can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmrvOdUELHO>

Yours Sincerely,

Mr T Candlin

Assistant Principal: Ethos