Year 9 – Introduction to GCSE Ethics Philosophy and Religion – 11th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learners in Year 9 start their GCSE in Ethics, Philosophy and Religion. As part of this course children will learn about Christianity, Humanism (a non-religious world view) and Sikhi (Sikhism).

We are very excited to offer our first Ethics, Philosophy and Religion day for all our Year 9 learners. This will be a unique day on the 11th January to explore each of these world views and get a glimpse in what it means to be a member of these three communities.

On the day learners will have workshops delivered by a Humanist speaker, a Christian youth group and a Sikh educational charity. We have also been invited to visit our local Sikh Gurdwara in Latchford. This will be a wonderful opportunity for learners embarking on their GCSE in this subject. We hope to involve the entire year group in all aspects of the day.

For many of our learners this will be their first trip to a Sikh Gurdwara and they will be required to cover their head in the building, this is to show respect to the Sikhs that have been kind enough to host us for the day. Sikhs always cover their hair in their place of worship as a mark of respect towards God and to show the sacred nature of the place of worship. Learners can cover their hair with a scarf, cap or hat on the day head coverings are also provided for any learners who don’t have their own. They will also be required to remove their shoes.

The day will not involve any worship, its purpose is to introduce learners to the three worlds views taught as part of the GCSE. This is inline with the department’s vision of EPR being an academic endeavour not one of developing personal faith. As this trip is a part of their GCSE studies there will be no charge for the transport to and from the Gurdwara.

If you have any questions regarding this day and your child’s involvement in the day please don’t hesitate to contact any of the EPR department in school.

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Learners to hand this slip to the school office by Thursday November 30th 2017.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in form \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to leave school on 11th January 2018 to visit the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Dover Road, Latchford.

Name of EPR Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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