



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Hartridge Monastery Visit**

As your child is already taking the GCSE Religious Studies Qualification, I am writing to offer the opportunity to join a trip to Hartridge Buddhist monastery in Honiton. This would be an excellent insight into a Buddhist monastery and would support your child in the study of this subject in Years 10 and 11.

The visit is on Monday 16 December 2024.

Students will have a 2-hour window to experience life at the monastery. They will have an opportunity to take part in a communal meal (cooked and served by volunteers at the monastery). Students are invited to bring fruit and/ or vegetables with them as a donation to the monks who live at the monastery. Students will also spend time speaking with a Buddhist monk. This trip is a fantastic opportunity to gain first-hand experience of a Buddhist monastery and life within it.

The journey is approximately 45 minutes, giving the students two hours on site. We would therefore expect to return to South Dartmoor by 1.30 pm. The timing of the day is to coincide with the activities on offer at the monastery. Students will need to wear school uniform and we will not be taking anyone who is not dressed accordingly and appropriately. Expectations regarding student behaviour remain the same off-site as on-site and we will not be able to include students who do not meet our expectations. If this is the case, you will be contacted in advance of the trip.

The trip is free and students will not require any cash on the day. Please complete the consent form via parent pay by 6 December 2024.

Kind regards

Carol Murray,  
Teacher of R.S.

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