

Our Ref: 030 16

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of your son's Religious Studies in Year 9 we have been looking at the topic of 'Evil & Suffering'. As well as studying the Christian perspective on this subject we have also been considering Buddhist teachings. As such, we have arranged a visit to the Kadampa Meditation Centre (KMC - [meditationinliverpool.org.uk](http://meditationinliverpool.org.uk)) in Sefton Park so your son can experience first-hand, and develop an insight into, the Buddhist faith.

Details of the visit;

- Date – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Place – KMC Sefton Park
- Time – leave school @ 11:40am – returning to SMA @ 1pm (back in time for lunch)
- Travel – by school-mini bus to and from KMC

I, and another member of staff, will be escorting your son to the centre and supervising them during the visit. To cover the cost of admission and transport, the school asks for a voluntary contribution of £2.50. If the voluntary contributions do not cover the cost of this trip, we regret it may have to be cancelled. In line with a recent change to our Charging Policy, pupils for whom we receive Pupil Premium funding (eg. those entitled, or previously entitled, to Free School Meals) will not be required to make a voluntary contribution for this trip. Parents or carers experiencing financial difficulties can contact me, in confidence, to discuss the matter.

As your son will be in lessons before and after this visit he will need to wear his school uniform.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me on [kharding@stmargaretsacademy.com](mailto:kharding@stmargaretsacademy.com)

**Please sign and return the permission slip below to Mrs Harding by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely

**K Harding**  
**Head of Religious Studies**

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**REPLY SLIP TO MRS HARDING BY MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my son to attend the Year 9 Visit to KMC in Sefton Park on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and enclose the non-refundable voluntary contribution of £2.50\*\*/I do not wish to make a voluntary contribution\* (*\*delete as appropriate*)

\*\*Cash or cheques to **St Margaret's School Fund A/C** in a named, sealed envelope in order that we can secure the places.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_