

June 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Diocese meeting on Monday evening I am writing to you with final arrangements and confirmation for your child's forthcoming Pilgrimage to Taize, France.

The Pilgrimage takes place between **Saturday 9th July** and **Monday 18th July**. On **Saturday 9th July** students need to be dropped off at **Manchester Cathedral** at **12.45pm** for a prompt departure in the afternoon. Students should be collected from **Manchester Cathedral** on **Monday 18th July** at **12noon** approx. Students will not be expected to return to School on this day, but should attend as normal from the following day until the end of Term.

The address is: **Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, Manchester M3 1SX.**

Please find below confirmation of important information:

The Diocese will maintain overall responsibility for leading and organising the Pilgrimage. I have enclosed some information provided to group leaders that you should discuss with your child prior to our departure. In addition I have also enclosed a Kit List to remind students what they should pack! Please encourage them to cater for all weather conditions and remind them that valuables are their responsibility at all times.

Mr Chapman will be the School Visit Leader. He will have an Academy mobile for emergencies only. This number is:

07598709132

Other staff who are accompanying our 10 students are: Miss Sandham, RE Teacher and Pastor Fidele, our Academy Chaplain.

In the case of emergencies only you can also use the Diocese contact numbers provided:

Lindsay Wright (in Taize) : Mobile **07506 779077**
Susie Mapledoram (in Manchester) : Office **0161 823 1435**
Mobile **07967 651587**

I very much hope that your child is looking forward to the Pilgrimage. Whatever the stage on a faith journey I am sure they will find it a unique and refreshing spiritual and personal experience.

Please discuss our expectations with your child: All students are expected to behave and conduct themselves in a positive way at all times, observing common sense rules and meeting the expectations of our Code of Conduct. Any student who is persistently disruptive or who is involved in

a serious case of negative conduct will be removed from the Pilgrimage immediately and escorted home. Should this be the case the family will be billed for the total cost of the visit and the student would be banned from any future Academy visit, including the Year 11 Prom.

Please read the enclosed Parental Consent Form: Academy Activities and complete it and return as soon as possible. I am aware that you have already provided some of this information in the Diocese booking forms. However, to satisfy the Academy insurance and health and safety requirements, we need this form to be completed as well.

Finally, thank you for attending the Diocese meeting and supporting your child during this event. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me in school or arrange a meeting to see me.

Blessings,

Mr A Chapman
Assistant Principal