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3 October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

The Ethics and Philosophy Department at Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School have been given the opportunity to take the students studying A Level Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics), to both a national conference in Cambridge on **Thursday 21 November 2019** and to an A Level revision conference in London on **Friday 27 March 2020**. We have the opportunity to book both of these events together in order to be able to freely access the revision webinars which will be broadcast live during the weeks running up to the exam in April/May 2020.

The aim of the 'Language' conference in November is to engage with key topics in the course with Dr Peter Vardy and to explore ways to apply their knowledge and understanding to typical A Level essay questions. The conference will cover topics on the Nature of God and meaningfulness of religious language (including an essay planning activity), the Verification and falsification principles, meta-ethics and a debate on the use of language and sexual ethics. Students last year also attended the revision conference in London and found this to be a unique opportunity to engage with the material and to focus on the evaluation of the ideas they have studied. Both conferences are pacey, full of current examples, images and film clips; offering examination techniques and building broader subject knowledge.

For the conference in Cambridge - We will be travelling by bus and will depart from Carre's Grammar School at **7.15am.** Please ensure your son/daughter arrives in plenty of time. We will leave Cambridge at approximately **3.30pm** and will, therefore, arrive back at school at approximately **5pm** depending on traffic conditions.

For the revision conference in London – We will be travelling by bus and will depart from Carre's Grammar School at 6.15am. Please ensure your son/daughter arrives in plenty of time. We will leave London at approximately **3.30pm** and will, therefore, arrive back at school at approximately **7pm** depending on traffic conditions.

Students will need to either bring a packed lunch with them or money to enable them to purchase lunch near the venue in both locations.

The cost for entrance to both of these events and subsidised travel comes to **£60** and this includes extensive notes on the sessions, plus an essay writing guide and revision guide and access to the excellent webinars. The Ethics and Philosophy Department will meet the majority of the cost of transport to both of these events. However, if your son/daughter would like to only attend one of the events this is still possible. Please indicate on the slip below whether they will be attending both or one of the conferences and return with full payment (as indicated).

As these conferences are extremely popular there are a limited number of places available and the offer of free access to the webinars is only available until October half term. I would, therefore, be grateful if you would let me know whether you wish your son/daughter to take part in the visit(s) by completing the reply slip attached and returning it to Mrs K Hodge in Finance at KSHS as soon as possible, though no later than **Thursday 10 October 2019**. Payment can be made on ParentPay, cheque or cash. Tickets will only be purchased on receipt of payment.

We believe this is an invaluable experience for our A Level students studying Ethics and Philosophy and I appreciate support in your child's attendance to these conferences.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Bence Head of RCT Ethics and Philosophy

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| Please return to: Mrs K Hodge, Finance Office, KSHS by Thursday 10 October 2019 |
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| A Level Philosophy of Religion and Ethics Conferences Cambridge and London |
| I give permission for my son/daughter to attend |
| Both Conferences - Cambridge Thursday 21 November 2019 and London 27 March 2020 and I will pay £60 or |
| 'Language' Conference in Cambridge Thursday 21 November 2019 and I will pay £30 or |
| Revision Conference in London Friday 27 March 2020 and I will pay £30 |
| (Please tick one option above) |
| Signed (Parent/Carer) |
| Emergency Contact No Student Mobile Phone |
| Please list any relevant medical conditions |