

Principal: Julie Caddell

**BARLBY  
HIGH  
SCHOOL**



Dear Parent/Carer,

Visit to Taizé: July 2020

The Archbishop of York Youth Trust is leading a group of young people from the Yorkshire region to visit Taizé in Eastern France (Burgundy); Current Year 10 students from Barlby High have been invited to accompany them and the group. Students from Barlby High School had a fantastic time on this visit last year.

Taizé is an international monastery in eastern France founded in 1940. Since the 1960s, the Taizé Community has been welcoming young adults from a wide variety of backgrounds for a week of discussion, reflection and building community. 100,000 young people from all over the world participate in these gatherings each year.

We will be joining students from many UK schools, and young people from all over Europe. There will be several thousand young people of different backgrounds meeting at Taizé: those who are Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, believers of other religions, and those of no faith.

Taizé is a safe but challenging environment. It is participation in a community and is accessible to those who do not think of themselves as being religious. Each day includes small international discussion groups, reflection in a larger group led by a brother of the Community, some practical activities, prayer with the whole community and opportunities to socialise and relax. Accommodation consists of tents, washing facilities are available and there is electricity.

The cost of the visit is very small and is excellent value. Just £120 for a week in France. This is because most of the costs are covered by the Archbishop of York. Students will need a little pocket money for any personal purchases. Those students who live in Barlby, Osgodby and Riccall who feel they may struggle to finance the trip may be able to apply for funding to support the costs via the Barlby United Charities and the Riccall Educational Trust. Application forms are kept in school by Mrs Wright, school Bursar. We require a deposit of £40 by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019. There will be 2 further payments of £40 due on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Both the deposit and payments are to be made via Parent Pay.

We will leave school on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and return on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, which is the week before the last week of term. Students will need a valid UK passport and a European Health Insurance Card.

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We have been given 15 school places, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Simply fill in the reply slip below and hand it to Mrs Henderson. We will then enable you to make a deposit on Parent Pay. It is important to mention at this point, that any student incurring internal or external periods of exclusion between now and the date of departure will have their place on the trip reviewed and may be removed from the trip risking losing any money already invested unless their place can be filled.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support. If you would like any further information or would like to discuss anything in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I will be in touch once places have been allocated to inform you of the date for a meeting with Parents/Carers to discuss the details of the trip.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/projects/taize-2019>

With best wishes,

Mrs S Henderson  
Taizé trip leader

Please fill in this slip below and return to Mrs Henderson before Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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I give my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to take part in the trip to Taizé from 4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

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