

Prudhoe High School's GCSE Philosophy & Ethics Faith Centres' Visit, October 2013

Building on our successful residential visit to the Kagyu Samye Ling Buddhist Centre in Langholm, Dumfriesshire, in July, our Year 11 GCSE groups set off for a day visit to three of Newcastle's many faith centres: the Gurdwara (at the Big Lamp), the ISKCON Centre and Newcastle University Islamic Society Mosque. Wherever we went, we were given an extremely friendly welcome and a brief but clear explanation of the key beliefs and practices of each religion. Throughout the day we were encouraged to get involved by covering our heads, playing musical instruments or asking questions.

The whole day was a great experience which was both fun and interesting, as well as being really informative. It placed all our previous learning into a context centred on real people, helping us to understand further the faith of others and how belief is central to life. Here are a few comments from some of us.

"I thought the trip gave me a clear insight into the three religions whose faith centres we visited; it was not only educational but enjoyable." James Hardwick

"I think the ethics' trip was very good because it showed us how different and yet interesting the way of life is of those who follow other religions." Nina Lane

"The speakers spoke with such enthusiasm and commitment." Ellie James

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