

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Taizé Experience July 2012: School Weeks at Taizé**

The world famous Taizé Community is inviting UK schools to come and participate in one of two special weeks next July. For these weeks, 1-8 and 8-15 July, school and college groups including Year 10 – Year 13 students are especially invited to come and participate in the life of the community, with its daily rhythm of prayer, study and sharing.

Taizé is an international and ecumenical monastic community founded in 1940 and located in Burgundy in south eastern France. In the 1960s the Community began to welcome young adults for international meetings every week. Nowadays about 80,000 young people from all over the world participate in these weekly meetings every year.

Two volunteers from Taizé will be available, in November 2011, to visit UK schools interested in joining the **Taizé Experience**. They will be happy to share their own experiences; to explain about the international youth meetings at Taizé; and to lead times of prayer in the unique “Taizé style”, with chants and a period of silence.

**Further information:** [www.taize.fr/schools](http://www.taize.fr/schools) General information about the weekly youth meetings at Taizé: [www.taize.fr/en\\_rubrique9.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_rubrique9.html)

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