



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Retreat Wednesday 13 May – Thursday 14 May 2020

We are delighted to be able to invite your child to join our inaugural retreat for all Year 10 pupils. Retreats are an essential part of the educational and spiritual formation of the pupils at St Mary's. The retreat is for every Year 10 pupil and we will focus our activities around the theme of tolerance and diversity. In essence, we will be working together as a Year group to recognise our differences and celebrate what unites us and makes us the same. It will also be a chance for the Year 10 group to spend some time away from the challenges of GCSE, have fun and work to build relationships and think about their core values.

Pupils will depart from St Mary's at approximately 9.15 am on Wednesday and return by 3.30 pm on Thursday. Our retreat is held in a fantastic facility at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick. It is led by Pastoral lead teachers and our chaplain Siobhan together with the School Chaplaincy Team and other accompanying staff from our school.

The total cost of the retreat will be £80.00, and this price includes all accommodation, activities, food and transport. In accordance with the Governors' Charging Policy, the retreat has been planned on the understanding that all parents are prepared to voluntarily meet the cost. If any parent were unwilling to contribute, yet insist on their child taking part, then this visit might not take place or the cost may increase. In the case of genuine financial hardship please do not hesitate to contact Miss Drury or Mrs Ford.

To secure a place for your child, please pay a **deposit of £25.00** and **confirm your consent to the behaviour policy** via Parent Pay by **Friday 15 November 2019**. Please also ensure that the attached **medical form has been returned to your child's Form Tutor by this date**. We would ask for the next instalment of **£25.00 to be paid by Monday 10 February 2020** and the **final £30 to be paid by Friday 1 May**. If you have any issues regarding Parent Pay please contact Mrs Brooks in the Finance office.

The school still reserves the right to withdraw the place offered until May 2020, without a full refund, if your child does not attend school regularly, or is consistently late for school, displays poor attitude and behaviour, has a fixed term exclusion, shows no commitment to work or does not consistently wear the correct school code of dress.


Live, Love and Learn in the Light of Christ

Miss Drury reserves the right to refuse any pupil if she feels that they do not deserve to go. Depending on the rooms we are allocated at The Hayes, it may be possible for your child to share a room with another student. To help make this as efficient to organise as possible, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of this letter and return it with your child's medical form.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Thurlow
Assistant Headteacher



Miss E Drury
Head of Behaviour & Attitudes



Mrs M Dengate
Headteacher

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Reply slip – please return to your Form Tutor

I would be happy for my/our child _____ to share a room with the following person _____, if necessary.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____