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Dear Parents/Carers

This year, as part of our programme of retreats, we are planning two half day retreats for Year 8. **Students in Teaching Groups A, B, C & W will have their retreat on Wednesday 29 January and Teaching Groups X, Y & Z will have theirs on Thursday 30 January.** The retreats will be held in the Parish Centre at The Church of the Annunciation and will run from 9.00am until 3.15pm, when students will return to school for the end of the day. The focus of the retreat is Social Justice; students will be working together to develop their understanding of social justice, whilst considering the role that they can play in this important mission. Alongside this, students will have the time to individually reflect on and enhance their own spirituality. Mass will be celebrated at 2.15pm in the Church of the Annunciation.

On this day, **pupils will be allowed to wear non-uniform** and, as usual, we would ask for a **£1 donation towards the cost of the hall**. Please see our non-uniform day guidelines in the homework diaries. **We would also ask that students bring a packed lunch** (all FSM students will be provided with lunch) so that we can sit as a community and enjoy lunch together before coming back to school.

On the day of their retreat, **students will be registered on the bus bays at 8.50am**, where a school bus will transport them to and from the Church. Our chaplaincy co-ordinator Siobhan Garth will be leading each day with the support of Heads of Year and Year 8 Form Tutors.

If you are happy for your son/daughter to be included in the retreat day, would you please fill in and return the Reply Slip, below, to Form Tutors by **Thursday 23 January.**

With thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Dengate
Headteacher

Miss S Garth
Chaplaincy Co-ordinator

Reply slip – Please return to your child's Form Tutor by Thursday 23 January

Pupil's name _____ Form _____

I do/do not give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 8 Retreat.

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____

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