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Dear Parent/Carer

Retreat: 20 – 22 March 2023
Emmaus Youth Village, Consett

We have a limited number of places available for a residential Retreat alongside Year 8. We would like to once again offer our Year 9 students the opportunity to participate in a Retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett, led by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team. The Retreat will include two nights at the Youth Village, supervised by St Wilfrid's staff. Students will enjoy many games and fun activities that build interpersonal and social skills and will also have the opportunity to step back and reflect, taking time away from the bustle and commotion of everyday life to recharge both mentally and spiritually.

Most activities will occur indoors although students should bring appropriate clothing based on the weather forecast. Students will need to provide their own towels and toiletries. Besides the catering provided, students will be able to purchase refreshments from a tuck shop. They are permitted to bring up to £5 to spend.

We will transport students to the Youth Village by bus on **Monday 20th March at 2pm**. We will return to school by **3pm on Wednesday 22nd March**. Students will not be required to wear uniform on the day of the retreat but must wear appropriate casual/smart clothing - please ensure no inappropriate slogans adorn the clothing and please ensure leggings are not brought. As students will be in lessons for most of Monday 20th March they must bring their planner and stationery to school.

The full cost of the Retreat is £100. The full amount is to be paid by the Friday 17th March. If these deadlines will cause any concern financially, please contact your child's Head of House. ParentPay will be available from once the consent form is returned to school.

The attached consent form needs to be returned to the school office by Friday 3rd February 2023. As we only have a limited number places available, we understand that some students will be disappointed. We will select students at random but ensure they're placed with friends too.

Yours sincerely

Liz Boylan
Lead Chaplain
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