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Dear Parent/Carer

**Retreat 11 – 13 October 2023**  
**Emmaus Youth Village, Consett**

Last year we offered our students who are now in Year 8 the opportunity to participate in a residential 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. We would like to extend the deadline for this important opportunity.

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. In addition to 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 **Wednesday 11 October** at **2pm**. We will return to school by **3pm** on **Friday 13 October**. 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. As students will be in lessons for most of Wednesday 11 October they must bring their planner and stationery to school.

The full cost of the Retreat is £100.00, which must be paid in full by Friday 6 October. If this deadline will cause any concern financially, please contact your child's Head of House.

The attached consent form needs to be returned to school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. If you applied at the end of the last academic year, please be assured we have the application and will be in touch soon. A consent form can be collected from and returned to the Main Office.

As we only have a limited number of 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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