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Dear Parent/Carer

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

We have a limited number of places available for a residential retreat which also includes Year 8 pupils. We would like offer our Year 9 students the opportunity to also participate in this retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett, led by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team. The retreat will include two nights 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 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 **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 and please ensure leggings are not brought. 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. You will need to complete a consent form and return this to school by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Consent forms can be collected from main reception and returned to the Main Office.

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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Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust

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