



# St Augustine's Catholic College

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Our ref: AFD/DJB/NJC

10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 10 St Cassian's Retreat, Kintbury June 2023

As part of our commitment to developing our young people we take Year 10 students annually to St Cassian's Centre in Berkshire for a retreat. Whilst at the Centre they will take part in a range of activities including small group work, team building activities, games and reflection. We are excited that this year students will also be taking part in a low ropes assault course and archery as part of their retreat. The College believes this to be an exceptionally valuable experience in our students' personal and spiritual development and strongly recommend that all students take up the opportunity to attend. We have worked hard to keep the cost as affordable as possible to allow all students to go.

The dates are shown below.

**Group 1** will leave St Augustine's on Tuesday 20th June at 9.15am and return to college by 9pm approx.

**Group 2** will leave St Augustine's on Wednesday 21st June at 9.15am and return to college by 9pm approx.

**Group 3** will leave St Augustine's on Thursday 22nd June at 9.15am and return to college by 9pm approx.

A large part of the retreat programme focusses on the development of friendships across the year group and as such we purposely create a mix of students from across all five tutor groups into each retreat group. In order to facilitate this, we would be grateful if you can inform us of any group which your son/daughter would not be able to be part of due to prior commitments, by Thursday 18th May 2023.

A voluntary contribution of £46.00 is requested which covers meals, activities and transport. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this event, please arrange for your contribution of £46.00 to be made using our preferred payment method of ParentMail by Monday 5th June 2023. An additional consent /medical information form will also be required to be completed via ParentMail.

We will send a letter informing you which group your son/daughter has been assigned during the week beginning Monday 5th June 2023. We will naturally work to ensure that whilst there is a good mix of students in each group, all students are placed with some of their core friendship group.

Students may wear their own clothes and normal mufti expectations apply.

If you have any questions about the retreat please email Mr Bailey using the following email address:

[baileyd@sta.cc](mailto:baileyd@sta.cc)

Yours sincerely

**Aidan Dowle**

Headteacher