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Dear Parents/Carers

Kintbury Residential Retreat Friday 22 January 2027 (after school) – Sunday 24 January 2027

As part of our commitment to developing our young people we are excited to invite Year 11 students to a special weekend retreat at St Cassian's Centre in Berkshire.

This retreat offers students the opportunity to take a step back from their busy year, reflect on their personal growth, and set their goals for the months ahead. It's an excellent chance to focus on well-being and enjoy some quality time in a peaceful setting, and a valuable experience in our students' personal and spiritual development.

During the retreat, students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of exciting activities including archery, low ropes, and a climbing wall. There will also be plenty of time to relax and meet students from different schools, creating the chance for new friendships and connections.

Accommodation will be in small dorms with 2/3 beds per room, offering a comfortable and friendly environment to enjoy the weekend.

The cost for the weekend retreat is **£130,** which covers everything, from accommodation, transport and activities to meals and snacks. **As there are limited places available, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. With this in mind, the payment option on ParentMail will be open from 6.00pm this evening.**

If you would like your son/daughter to take part, please arrange for a £20 deposit to be made via ParentMail by 30th October 2026 followed by three instalments of £40.00 by Friday 13th November 2026, £40 by Friday 11th December 2026 and £30 by Friday 15th January 2027. When looking for the payment please check both 'Payments – to Pay' and 'Payments – Shop'.

A Permission/Medical Information form will be required to be completed via ParentMail and also a Code of Conduct. By completing the form alone does not secure a place on this trip. Please note that refunds are only possible if the College is able to find a replacement for the vacated space. This includes non-attendance due to illness. Please refer to our Charging and Remissions Policy (available on the College website) for full details. If you wish to discuss any aspect of payment, please contact the finance team by email at: finance@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk .

The College reserves the right to withdraw any student from the trip at its discretion. This measure, aligned with UK educational policies and standards, ensures the safety, well-being, and effective management of the trip for all participants. This decision, while rare, is taken with serious consideration and in the best interest of the group as a whole.

If we do not have adequate responses, the College reserves the right to cancel the trip and deposits will be refunded.

If you have any questions about the retreat, please email our Chaplaincy Coordinator Julie Uncles at: unclesj@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk.

Kind regards



Aidan Dowle
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