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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 St Cassian's Retreat, Kintbury June 2019

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 24 hour retreat. Whilst at the Centre they will take part in a range of activities including small group work, team building activities, games and reflection. 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 Monday 17 June at 16:30 returning on Tuesday 18 June at approximately 19:15

Group 2 will leave St Augustine's on Tuesday 18 June at 16:30 returning on Wednesday 19 June at approximately 19:15

Group 3 will leave St Augustine's on Wednesday 19 June at 16:30 returning on Thursday 20 June at approximately 19:00

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 Monday 20 May 2019.

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A voluntary contribution of £52.00 is requested to cover the costs for the 24 hour residential, which covers meals, accommodation, activities and transport. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this event, please arrange for your contribution of £52.00 to be made using our preferred payment method of ParentMail. Alternatively, payment can be made by cheque or cash and returned to the school together with the permission slip. If you would prefer to pay your contribution in instalments, we request that the first payment of £26.00 reaches us by 15:30 on Monday 20 May and the second instalment of £26.00 reaches us by 15:30 on Monday 3 June.

We will send a letter informing you to which group your son/daughter has been assigned during the week beginning Monday, 3 June. 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, although expected standards apply in relation to modesty, makeup and hairstyle. Bed linen is provided but students are required to pack a small overnight bag to include a hand and shower towel, toiletries, overnight sleeping attire and a change of clothes.

A copy of your son's/daughter's medical form will be carried by the Trip Organiser on the trip. May I take this opportunity to remind you to inform the College of any changes to your son's/daughter's medical information, including contact with infectious diseases within the 7 days prior to departure, by completing a blank medical form which can be found on our website at www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk under 'Key Information' then 'College Documents'.

More information about St Cassian's Retreat Centre can be found at <http://www.kintbury.org> or by contacting the retreat organiser at St Augustine's, Mrs Wheat.

Yours sincerely



David Forster
Headmaster

To: Reception by Monday 20 May

Trip organiser: Mrs Wheat

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I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the annual Year 10 retreat at St Cassian's Retreat, Kintbury.

I have paid by ParentMail

I have enclosed full payment of £52.00

I have enclosed the first instalment of £26.00 and I will send a further £26.00 by Monday 3 June
(Please make cheques payable to St Augustine's Catholic College).

Please advise below of any prior commitments that would prevent their attendance on a specific date.

Group 1 - Monday 17 June to Tuesday 18 June

Group 2 - Tuesday 18 June to Wednesday 19 June

Group 3 - Wednesday 19 June to Thursday 20 June

If your son/daughter has any specific dietary requirements that St Cassian's need to be informed of then please specify them here:

Name of student: Form:

Signed: Date:

Contact telephone number: