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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Woodcroft Retreat 27-29 September 2019

We are delighted, as part of the continued retreat programme at St Augustine's, to be able to offer an exciting new venture in partnership with other Catholic Secondaries in the Diocese. The retreat will run from Friday 27 until Sunday 29th September 2019 at Woodcroft Christian Centre in Chepstow, bringing together students from St Augustine's and other Catholic secondaries for a weekend packed full of fun, faith exploration, outdoor activities and more.

Destination: Woodcroft Christian Centre, Chepstow, NP16 7PZ
Date of Trip: Friday 27 to Sunday 29 September 2019
Departure Time: 11.30am from St Augustine's Catholic College
Return Time: 2.30pm at St Augustine's Catholic College

The theme of the weekend will be '**Resilience**' and aims to empower our young people to be the best of themselves, to face increased pressures and workload positively, and share their experiences with likeminded individuals as they begin the most important year of their life so far. The retreat will consist of games and activities, workshops and sessions, campfire and a BBQ. We will also be taking everyone to the National Diving and Activity Centre to give them the opportunity to experience one of the UK's most exhilarating zipwires – launching from 200ft up, lasting half a mile and travelling at speeds of up to 40mph over a quarry.

The days will be led by the Chaplains of St Augustine's, St Gregory's in Bath and St Bernadette's in Bristol. We will leave at 11.30am on Friday and aim to be back at St Augustine's by 2.30pm on the Sunday. Students may wear non-uniform on the Friday and will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals a lunch will be provided.

The cost of the retreat will be **£85** which will cover accomodation, meals, transport, and all activities over the weekend including the zipwire. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this event please arrange for a deposit of £45 to be made using our preferred payment method of ParentMail. Parents who pay by this method do not need to return a permission slip as your electronic payment implies consent. However, if your contact details for the trip differ from those we hold on our database, please let us know on the permission slip in the normal way. Alternatively, payment can be made by cheque or cash and returned to the school together with the permission slip. Please note that if insufficient payments are received, it may not be possible for the trip to go ahead. We have fourteen student places available and we require the initial non-refundable deposit of £45 by Wednesday 17 July 2019 to secure a place. The final payment of £40 is due for payment by Friday 6 September 2019.

Please note that places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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'.

If you have any queries about the event, please do not hesitate to contact the Trip Organiser, Mrs Wheat.

We look forward to taking our young people along to this uplifting and supportive new initiative which we are confident will have a positive effect for all who come along.

Yours sincerely



David Forster
Headmaster

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To: Reception by Wednesday 17 July 2019

Trip Organiser: Mrs Wheat

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I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the trip as detailed above.

I have paid the deposit by ParentMail/enclosed payment of £45.00 in cash/cheque. (Cheques to be made payable to St Augustine's Catholic College).

I understand the balance of £40.00 is due for payment by Friday 6 September 2019.

Name of student: Form:

Signed: Date:.....

Contact telephone number: