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10 January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

YEAR 10 SUMMER RETREATS TO AMPLEFORTH ABBEY
Retreat A – Monday 8 July to Wednesday 10 July 2019
Retreat B – Wednesday 10 July to Friday 12 July 2019

Your son/daughter is invited to participate in one of the Year 10 Summer Retreats at Ampleforth Abbey this July.

Ampleforth Abbey is situated about 25 miles north of York and includes an Abbey Church, School and Retreat Centre. All Saints has strong links with the school at Ampleforth and they fully support our ethos. The rural setting of the Abbey is stunning and gives us plenty of space and chance to enjoy some time outdoors together. We will be based in the Alban Roe Retreat Centre, just next to the Abbey itself. This will give students the opportunity to experience a two-day Retreat where they will have a chance to take some time out from their everyday lives, reflect on their own views, concerns and hopes for the future and spend some time with others from their Year Group. The programme for the two days will be prepared and led by All Saints staff, with some input from the community at Ampleforth.

By this point in the year, students will be halfway through their GCSE studies. Our school recognises how valuable it is to offer them a chance to step back, reflect and prepare themselves for next year and this is one way that they can do this. The Retreat does have a religious and spiritual element to it, but it is still accessible and suitable for students who are not Catholic or, indeed, those who are not particularly religious themselves.

Each Retreat will run from the afternoon of the first day to the end of school on the last day.   We can only take around 25-30 students on each Retreat and so we will be allocating places on a "first come, first served" basis.

Under the terms of the education Reform Act 1988, school is not allowed to make a charge for this activity, but we are permitted to ask for voluntary contributions and the Governors have authorised me to do so. May I ask you therefore if you would be willing to make a voluntary

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contribution of £100.00 towards the cost of the activity, which includes transport, accommodation and meals, as well as the parts of the Retreat that are delivered by Ampleforth staff.

Whilst legally no student can be excluded if his or her parent does not make this contribution, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received, the visit may not take place.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in the Retreat and would like to reserve a place, please arrange to make a **non-refundable deposit of at least £10.00** as soon as possible via your ParentPay account. Alternatively, if you would prefer to pay via a Paypoint account, please contact Mrs A Baxter on a.baxter@allsaints.co.uk to request a barcode.
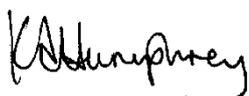
The full amount of £100.00 will need to be paid by the end of May.

Unless otherwise stated, please note **all payments are non-refundable.**

Once the deposit payment has been paid by either method, this will be taken as consent to your son/daughter's attendance at the visit and also your agreement that any photos taken on the visit may be used for display purposes within school, the Newsletter to Parents and the School Website, unless otherwise requested.

If your son/daughter has a preference for which Retreat they would like to attend, they need to see me personally after the deposit is paid, otherwise they will be allocated to one of the Retreats at a later date.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Humphrey
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