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TS/hr/Briars Retreat
27 January 2023

Dear Year 8 Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Last year we were lucky enough to take many of your children to a residential retreat to the Lake District. However, this year we would like ALL our students in year 8 to have an altogether different retreat experience.

The Briars Retreat Centre is on the edge of the Peak District near Matlock Bath. It has been refurnished to cater for adult conferences as well as youth groups so has a very "grown up" feel, in terms of the bedrooms (which are all ensembles) and the catering facilities. The programme is specially designed by Briars for our Year 8's, so as to recognise the point that they are at (as 12- and 13-year olds) in their school life, personal life and faith life.

Many students in older year groups look back on this retreat as a time that a friendship was strengthened or repaired, a new long-standing friendship was formed, or a time when their perspective on something was changed for the better.

The year group will be split in half with the first half going from Monday 27th March to Wednesday 29th March. The second half will attend from Wednesday 29th March to Friday 31st March. We will keep students with their friends within their forms to ensure there is that opportunity to build some great memories with those closest to them.

A deposit of £50 needs to be paid by Friday 10th February. (You have the option to pay more than the deposit.) The cost of the Retreat is £143 and includes transport and all food, as well as the programme and venue. **The balance** will need to be paid the following month **by Friday 10th March**. This will all be payable by ParentPay.

This retreat truly is a special and unique opportunity for our Year 8 students. If you have any concerns or foresee any problems as to your child being a part of this retreat, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mr D Brierley (Head of Year 8).

Yours sincerely,

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Lay Chaplain

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