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TS.AW/hr/Y11 Retreat  
30 November 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are writing to you with the great news that St Joseph's have been very lucky to secure a place at the St Cassian's Retreat Centre as it is in high demand with schools across the country and has been very popular with St Joseph College students previously. St Cassian's offers a fantastic, tailor-made programme for Year 11s. As a school, we consider St Cassian's to be the best retreat centre for KS4 students which is why we book it for our Year 11s.

We have 60 places booked with the St Cassian's Centre and this large number of places will allow us to ensure all friendship groups that want to attend the retreat, can attend together. In order to ensure that we can keep friendship groups together and allocate places, should more than 60 students wish to attend, we are operating a Google Form which will allow us to pull names 'out of a hat'. **The form must be completed by the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for your child to be in the 'hat'.**

The form can be accessed at:

<https://forms.gle/pAZKbTSnQdq1mc8g9>

If a student is drawn out of the hat and offered a place but then decides that they do not want to go as their friend did not get a place, we will offer that place to the next student on the waiting list. In order to make sure your child's name is in the hat please follow this link to the Online form and give your consent for them to participate in this retreat should they get a place. If you receive a Pupil Premium payment and would like to access that support for this trip, please indicate this on the online Form.

The retreat has been organised for **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and we have booked the date with examination preparation in mind**, with the retreat strategically placed in between Year 11 mock exams and sufficiently before GCSE exams, this will allow students to return to school, recharged, refreshed and refocused – what better time for a Year 11 retreat!

**The cost of the Retreat of is £192. A non-refundable deposit for £30 is required on ParentPay to secure your Childs place.**

We are really looking forward to this exciting opportunity at the St Cassian's Centre, should you have any questions and queries please do not hesitate to contact either one of us.

Yours sincerely,

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