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TS/hr/Y7 retreat
23 November 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

YEAR 7 RETREAT IN KESWICK - JUNE 2024

Hopefully your child has told you about the recent assembly in which they were told about the Year 7 retreat taking place in the summer term. The dates for the trip are as follows:

7KE & 7ER + ½ of 7BT – 24th – 26th June 2024**7NN & 7OD + ½ of 7BT – 26th – 28th June 2024****CAPACITY & SIGN UP**

Unfortunately, we are unable to secure 30 places for each form and as such, there will be a limit of 24 places for each form group available on the retreat.

As there are more students than this in each form, we are asking you as parents/guardians to complete an online form (see details below) by Wednesday 29th November 2023.

We will then put the names of all students whose parents / guardian has completed the form into a hat (with form) and draw out names. Places will be confirmed by letter home.

The first 24 students in each form to be picked out of the hat will be offered a place on the retreat. Should fewer than 24 students in any form wish to go on retreat, places will be offered to the next student on the waiting list from another form.

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.

As a final reminder, we will draw names out of the hat on 30th November 2023. Please ensure you have clicked to the form before that point.

Signup Link: <https://forms.gle/E4bNi92RcJ9LBHiBA>

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SUMMARY OF THE RETREAT

Castlerigg Manor is a Roman Catholic Youth Centre situated in the Lake District and owned by the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster. It has an excellent reputation for working with young people and we have been very fortunate to secure a booking.

Students who attend can expect activity-based experiences which use games, nature trekking, art, discussion, prayer and reflection to raise self-esteem and to develop and strengthen their relationships with family, friends and God. A retreat is also a good opportunity for them to reflect on their lives, choices and the world in which they live.

For further information, please do visit Castlerigg's excellent website that gives further details of their mission and retreat programmes. The web address is www.castleriggmanor.co.uk.

COSTS

The total cost of the retreat is **£125**. Should your child be offered a place you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of **£30 by Friday 8th December 2023**, please note that support is available for those in receipt of Pupil Premium.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Shorey or Mr Selby.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Selby
Lay Chaplain

Mrs S Shorey
Head of Year 7