



26th February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Summer Festival – Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th July 2023

We are excited to be able to offer our Year 9 & 10 students an opportunity to attend a two night camping festival at the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Youth Village in Allensford, Consett. This is a very popular trip with limited places available. The cost of the trip is £80. This includes camping, travel, entertainment and food for the 3 days.

#### What is involved in the retreat?

- The summer festival provides pupils with the opportunity to take a step back from their studies and their daily routines at school.
- This is a great opportunity to strengthen current friendships and even make new friendships.
- Students will have the opportunity to explore their faith whilst enjoying live music, games and camping.

During the three days, there will be a variety of activities on offer that are all linked to a Gospel theme. Students will enjoy camping with their friends, live music, team building activities, games, meeting new friends from other schools, exploring faith, inspiring speakers and lots more!

Pupils will stay in a tent they provide with their friends on separate male and female fields. Shower and toilet blocks will be provided. The Youth Village is set in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of the Derwent Valley, and is the home of the Youth Ministry Team, who lead our retreats.

#### How do I secure a place?

If you wish your child to attend, please return the attached consent form to **Miss H Wilson** in the Science office as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday the 15th April 2024**. Please remember, that this is a very popular trip and our school receives a limited number of initial places, therefore names will be selected randomly first with the hope we can secure more places for children on a waiting list. No money is required until your child's place has been secured. We will send a secondary letter if your child has been chosen for a place. If you are not in a position to pay this then please do not hesitate to contact the school for us to consider, as we do not want any barriers to our pupil's personal development. Please make payments via ParentPay.

Yours faithfully,

**Miss H Wilson**

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NAME OF PUPIL: .....

YEAR & HOUSE:

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Please complete and return this form to Miss Wilson, no later than **Wednesday, 15th of April 2024**

Venue: Summer Festival, The Youth Village, Allensford

I hereby authorise Miss H Wilson (Party Leader) or any other member of staff present, to consent to such medical treatment including inoculation, surgery or blood transfusion, which in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner may be necessary for my child in the course of the school visit, where it is impractical for contact to be made with me due to prevailing circumstances. I include below details of medical conditions or medication of which the school should be aware for the purposes of the school visit:

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS (at least two please)

(Home/Work or relative/friend)

1).....  
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I acknowledge receipt of and have read the information in this letter and I give consent for my child to attend the Summer Festival.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: ..... Date:

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