



20th September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 Retreat – Monday 28th April 2025 - Wednesday 30th April 2025

We would like to offer our Year 8 students an opportunity to attend an overnight retreat at the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Youth Village in Allensford, Consett. We have secured 75 places. If we are over subscribed we will allocate places with a ballot.

The total cost of the retreat, including accommodation, transport and meals will be £110

What is involved in the retreat?

- The retreat provides pupils with the opportunity to take a step back from their studies and their daily routines at school.
- This is a great opportunity in year 8 to strengthen current friendships and even make new friendships.
- They will have the opportunity to spend time with their pastoral group and with their pastoral tutor.
- Our retreats are about reflecting and growing as individuals and are open to pupils of all faiths or none.

Pupils will stay 2 nights at The Youth Village, which is always a highlight of the retreat, especially as pupils begin to form and cement new friendships, sharing double or triple rooms within each chalet. 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 complete the attached initial interest slip no later than **21st October 2024 and return it to Mrs Cervantes' office.**

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NAME OF PUPIL: Pastoral Group:

Please complete and return this form to Mrs Cervantes' office, no later than **21st October 2024**

Yours faithfully

Mrs H Vivash

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