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Dear Parent/Carer

CASTLERIGG MANOR RETREAT

We are pleased to announce that next year we will be offering our Year 8 and 9 pupils the opportunity to attend a retreat at Castlerigg Manor, near Keswick. This trip is an important fixture on the St John Henry Newman calendar and many pupils and ex-pupils, including current staff members, recall with fondness their own trips to the Manor. We are delighted to be able to offer this experience to our current pupils.

There will also be some places available for young leaders from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. This is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills working with the Castlerigg volunteers, while still having personal retreat time.

The retreat includes a range of events and craft-based activities, as well as social opportunities and a variety of team building exercises. The retreat also offers pupils the chance to develop friendships, explore their faith and their own sense of identity, as well as important opportunities for reflection on their experiences and achievements over the course of the academic year.

The trip is scheduled to take place from **Monday 5 July until Friday 9 July 2027**. The full cost of the trip will be **£220.00**. Kit lists will be circulated prior to final payment, though essential equipment will be provided. There will also be an information evening in school in May 2027 (date TBC).

If your child is interested in attending please respond via the Microsoft Form here to express your interest https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/GTDpybqivq . We give all our pupils an opportunity to take part in a retreat so if you need help with the payment please contact the school office in confidence.

There are a limited number of places available for the trip, with an upper limit of 60 pupils, so we recommend booking places early. **An initial non-refundable deposit of £50.00** will be required within 14 days once the attendance list has been finalised and the deposit will be added to your child's iPay under the fund 'Castlerigg Retreat 2027 Deposit'.

Further Interim payments of £60 should be made by 11 December 2026 and £60 by 12 February 2007 with the outstanding balance of £50 to be paid by Friday 25 March 2027. These can be paid in instalments on iPay and further details will be available once a place has been secured.

Allocated places will be dependent on continuing excellent behaviour and attitude around school.

If you have any questions regarding the trip then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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RE Department/Trip Leader