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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 12 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 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 1 July until Friday 5 July 2024. The full cost of the trip will be £190.00. Kit lists will be circulated prior to final payment, though essential equipment will be provided.

If your child is interested in attending please fill in the reply slip and hand into Mrs Radcliffe in J1. We give all our pupils an opportunity to take part in a retreat so if you need help with the payment please add this on the reply slip as help is available.

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 £30.00 will be required and this can be paid via your child's iPay account, when the trip goes live.

We will require full payment of the outstanding balance by Friday 26 April 2024. This can be paid in instalments 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

Mrs J Radcliffe & Mr Sinclair

Mrs J Radcliffe/Mr L Sinclair
RE Department

**Castlerigg Manor Retreat
Monday 1 July - Friday 5 July 2024**

Expression of Interest Form

Name: _____ Form Group: _____

Signed Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

Please return this slip to Mrs Radcliffe in J1.

Once a place has been confirmed then you will be added to the deposit fund on iPay.

I will require help with funding Yes/No