



10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 11 Retreat**

I am pleased to inform you that we have arranged a Retreat for Year 11 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November. The children will enjoy a wide range of activities that aim to be both pastorally and spiritually valuable, as well as enjoyable.

The children will leave school at 8.45 am and walk to Total Fitness at Handforth Dean. Walking to the venue means we are supporting the environment and our eco drive within the school, this fits in with the Pope's Encyclical, Laudato Si, which talks about the care for our Common Home. We are also promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. As an additional motivation, we would also like to encourage you as parents/carers to sponsor your child to do this walk. Any monies donated in addition to the cost of the retreat, will be donated directly to CAFOD, our nominated school charity for this year.

The session will be led by the Youth Mission Team of Shrewsbury Diocese and the children will be accompanied by their Form Tutor and myself, as Head of Year. They will return in time for the school buses at the end of the day.

The date for each Form group is as follows:

11J, 11S and 11C – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

11A, 11M and 11E – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

The cost of the Retreat is £12 per child, which can be paid via our online payment system ParentPay, with a deadline of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Any additional money you are able to donate, will be given to CAFOD. By using ParentPay you are also giving your consent for your child to attend. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash or cheque payments. As we would like all children to participate in this Retreat, if you have difficulty in contributing, please contact the Finance Office on (0161) 482 6900.

Your child is not expected to be in school uniform but appropriate clothing and footwear, as well as a waterproof coat, should be worn. Children will require a packed lunch, however, if your child is entitled to a free school meal the school kitchen will provide a packed lunch for them.

Mobile phones and electronic items are not permitted on the trip and no spending money is required. In case of emergency please contact the school at (0161) 482 6900. As with all school trips, the children are expected to uphold the school's code of conduct at all times.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Reid  
Head of Year 11