



St Edward's School

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Year 9 Retreat Days

10th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Under normal circumstances we would have had a Year 9 residential retreat to St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury. In the past, students have very much enjoyed the opportunity to take a step back and reflect on what is important to them during this busy time. The Year 9 24-hour retreat has proven very popular and we have seen an increase in the number of students taking up the opportunity for the extended retreat experiences offered in Key Stages 4 and 5.

Given the restrictions this year we haven't been able to offer students this opportunity, however the Kintbury team have agreed to come in to school and lead a school-based retreat experience here so that students get a similar opportunity for reflection as they would have had if they had been able to go away. The Kintbury team have decades of experience of leading such activities and we are sure that students will benefit from the day.

The retreat day will take place on Monday 14th June. Students will come to school as usual, in their normal uniform. They will not follow their usual timetable and will not need to wear PE kit had they been due to have it that day. They will be able to have lunch as they would normally. Their tutor will be with them for the day, but the sessions will be run by the Kintbury team. Mr Kemish is Director of Learning for Years 10 and 11 and will also be involved on the day so that he has the opportunity to get to know students better ahead of next year.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per student to help us cover the cost of the day and information for paying this is on WisePay. To make the voluntary payment please login to your WisePay account and make your donation under the 'Year 9 Kintbury Day' heading. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this special day for Year 9.

If you have any questions about the day please contact myself or Mr Kemish.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Farrow
Assistant Headteacher