



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

8th April 2022

Kintbury Residential Retreat – 16th-17th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to confirm that your child has a place on the Year 9 Kintbury residential retreat on Monday 16th to Tuesday 17th May. We will leave school at 2pm on Monday and will return at 6pm Tuesday. We are confident they will enjoy the opportunity to step back from the fast pace of school life, and the chance to relax and reflect as they move into what is a very important school year.

In order to get the most out of the Kintbury experience we ask students to leave their mobile phones at home and spend 24 hours disconnected from their online lives. Year after year, one of the common messages that students bring back from Kintbury has been to 'live in the now' and this is made far easier by the absence of phones that can distract students from the place and time they are in and indeed the people they are sharing it with. If staff do see phones during the retreat they will be confiscated until we return to school and we would ask you to support us by encouraging students to leave them at home. We will of course be taking lots of photographs of the different activities the students take part in and we will be sharing these via social media throughout the retreat so that you are reassured that all is well and get some idea of what your child is doing. In order to access this please just follow the school Facebook page.

We ask students to bring one small bag each for the 24-hour retreat. Kintbury is an old house in the middle of the countryside and students often like to explore the grounds so we recommend bringing a waterproof coat, warm clothes and shoes that are suitable for this sort of environment. They will also need to bring a towel and toiletries. There is a tuck shop in the house so students might like to bring a little money (£3 should be ample) for this. If you have not yet paid the balance for the trip please do so through WisePay by Friday 22nd April.

We have been taking students to Kintbury for well over 20 years and it is a place where many students form special memories that have a lasting impact on them. We look forward to introducing your child to the Kintbury Experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C Farrow
Assistant Headteacher