



# St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

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7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 9 Kintbury Trip - May 2024

St. Edward's School sets out to provide an education for the whole child, and I am writing with information about an opportunity that we would like to provide for our students.

The 'Kintbury Experience' is a retreat to St. Cassian's Centre in Kintbury, Hungerford. Those who attend will participate in a carefully planned programme, which includes prayer together, discussion groups, music, games, and creative activities. There is also a football pitch, sports equipment, beautiful grounds, and plenty of opportunities to spend quality time with new and old friends. Students are now also able to challenge themselves by taking part in outdoor archery, low ropes and traversing wall activities and using the new multi-sports area.

I have seen lives changed for the better every time I have taken students there. In fact, inspired by their visits, a number of students have gone on to join the team at Kintbury when they left St. Edward's.

We would like to commit ourselves to the principle that every child will be offered an experience of a residential retreat at least once during their time at St. Edward's. To this end we are proposing to offer all Year 9 students this opportunity in May 2024 by running three 24 hour retreats for 60 students at a time. Any students who do not attend the residential retreat will take part in a retreat experience at one of our local churches.

The cost of the retreat will be **£65**. To secure a place, please pay a deposit of **£15** via Wisepay by **Thursday 11th January 2024**. The remaining balance can be paid in two further installments of £25 and the deadline for final payments is **Friday 29th March 2024**. Financial assistance will be available to those in receipt of pupil premium funding.

We would be grateful if all families could let us know their intention by completing this short form:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/kV55e2Bdbw>

Yours sincerely,

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