



Our Ref: SBM/ajh

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 7 Retreat – Aylesford Priory – 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Every year our Year 7 attends a Retreat in which they explore teamwork and leadership skills through the religious life of the school. This is an important bonding time for Year 7 with their Form Tutors and their House/Liturgy Captains from Year 13. This year we have a very special Retreat planned with students attending Aylesford Priory in Kent. We have divided the Year 7 Year group into two trips as follows:

Form Groups: Annay(A), Hyning(H) & Rievaulx(R) on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October

Form Groups: Clairvaux (C), Fountains(F) & Melrose(M) on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October

Your daughter will need to arrive at school at 8:00 am for our journey to Aylesford. We will be travelling by coach and will arrive back in school by 3:30 pm, depending on traffic conditions. Students should bring a packed lunch and, arrive in school uniform and school trainers. All the School's uniform rules will apply as usual, and of particular note is that mobile phone use will not be permitted either on the coach or during the Retreat. These can be in their possession for emergency purposes, with permission from supervising teachers.

The students will receive further information on this Retreat from their Religious Education teachers, and parents will be sent a notification from 'Evolve', our trip management system. Please ensure that you tick all the boxes, and that you give your consent for the trip. It will be necessary for any student who does not receive parental consent to remain in school and attend their regular lessons. I urge you, however, to grant your consent, as it is an enormously positive and enjoyable trip for our students, with activities designed to build on important personal and spiritual skills.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S McCurdy  
Lay Chaplain