

Friday 20th October, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from our Year 8 June 2022 weekend retreat as part of the school’s chaplaincy programme, I have arranged a residential retreat at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick. The retreat will take place from **Monday 3rd June** **to Friday 7th June, 2024**. We will be able to take approximately 55 Year 10 pupils.

Castlerigg Manor is a very popular Catholic residential retreat centre, in beautiful surroundings, run by Lancaster Diocese. The course will be led by a team of young adults with a variety of activities such as art work, drama, games, walks and times of prayer and reflection. Issues such as prejudice and discrimination, poverty, conflict and equality will be examined throughout the week. We have a long tradition of running successful retreats to Castlerigg and pupils find it a memorable experience in their time at Our Lady’s.

The cost of the retreat is **£200.00**. This price includes travel, insurance, full board accommodation and the retreat activities. If you would like your son/daughter to be considered for a place on the retreat, please complete the medical form via the school website: [www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-trips](http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-trips) and pay a non-refundable deposit of **£65.00** by **Friday 24th November, 2023** via our online payment system [www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs](http://www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs). The next payment of **£65.00** will be due by **Friday 23rd February, 2024** and the final payment of **£70.00** is to be paid by **Friday 26th April, 2024**.

If you would like your child to be considered for the retreat but will struggle to meet the payment deadlines, please email to request the application for financial support form. This should then be completed and returned to me ([jho@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jho@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)).

Please note that this visit is covered by Lancashire County Council public liability insurance but there is no personal insurance cover provided by your child. If you feel that this is necessary, you will need to make separate arrangements. Please be aware therefore, that we accept no responsibility for any valuables/personal possessions which your child chooses to take on this visit.

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Please click on the above link to see the PowerPoint of information shown to pupils.

Yours faithfully,



**Mrs J Holohan**

**Principal Teacher of RE**