Saint Ambrose College

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School Principal: Mr D. Rainey B.Ed (Hons)



12 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

# First Year Retreat to Castlerigg Manor- October 2019

You may recall from the induction pack sent before the summer holidays that all 1<sup>st</sup> Year boys have the opportunity to attend an overnight retreat to Castlerigg Manor, Cumbria. The retreat is an important part of the College's induction process. It provides opportunities for spiritual and personal growth, and allows boys to get to know others in their tutor group and house group.

**Date for Newman House:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Location and contact details:

Castlerigg Manor, Manor Brow, Keswick. CA12 4AR.

Tel: 01768 772711 www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

In the event of an emergency, a member of College staff can be contacted on the following number: 07470 919393.

#### Arrangements

The coach will leave St Ambrose College following morning registration. We plan to arrive back in time for school buses on Friday. Please note, however, that the timing for this is tight and any delays on the motorway will mean boys missing their usual school bus. Please have arrangements in place should your son arrive late back to school.

Lunch will be provided on arrival at Castlerigg Manor, and before departure on Friday. It will not be necessary for boys to wear school uniform.

#### What to bring

- Sleeping bag and pillow case.
- Towel and toiletries.
- A change of clothes.
- Shoes or slippers for indoors.
- Pocket money for the tuck and gift shop. (No more than £5 please).
- Any medication. (Please give to a member of College staff on arrival at Castlerigg Manor).

- Boys may bring their mobile phone, but do so entirely at their own risk. They may use a school mobile phone to contact home should they wish.



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## Payment

In order to meet the cost of offering this trip, it is necessary for the College to request £60 for each pupil, which we hope will be met by voluntary parental contribution. Contributions can be made via ParentMail, our online payment system. No pupil will be excluded through inability to pay. If you have any difficulty meeting this cost, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office on 0161 980 2711.

I would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached permission slip as soon as possible, together with the completed medical/emergency contact form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions about the retreat.

Yours faithfully,

#### MJ O'Neill

Teacher of Theology and Religious Education

Please return to the School Office

Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of retreat: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for the above pupil to attend the St. Ambrose College  $1^{st}$  Year Retreat.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_(Parent/Carer)

