



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Re: Year 7 Residential retreat to Holy Island, July 2018. Dates, information and declaration of interest.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Every year, St. Robert's Y7 pupils have an opportunity to participate in a residential retreat to Holy Island as part of our pastoral programme. The retreat involves visits to the Priory and Castle, activities such as a treasure hunt of the island, a trip to the beach, time to spend with friends and Tutors and input from local Priests about the spirituality and history of Holy Island.

The retreats will take place on the following dates:

Mon July 9th – Wed July 11th

Wed July 11th – Fri July 13th

The date your child will attend will depend on their Tutor group, which will be confirmed at a later date once numbers are finalised. However, as places may be limited on the retreat, attendance will also depend on the attendance, punctuality and behaviour records of each pupil since joining the school in September - pupils with good records in these categories will be given priority. The school reserves the right to remove any pupil from the activity at any time if the attitude and behaviour of that pupil does not come up to the high expectations of this school. We monitor student behaviour and achievement very closely using a points system and this will be used to decide if a pupil can attend a trip, visit or work placement.

In order to plan arrangements for the trip I would firstly like to know the number of pupils that are interested in attending the retreat. Therefore, could you please return the slip below to the student office no later than Thursday 29th March indicating whether your child would like to participate in the retreat.

No deposit is required at the moment – details of this will follow in a further letter to be given out next month once I have a better idea of the numbers that are wanting to attend. However, to give you an idea of the cost it will be approximately £60 (this is influenced by the numbers who are attending, therefore I will know the exact details in my letter to be given out next month). If you feel you will have difficulty paying the fee then please get in touch with the relevant Head of House to discuss how we can support you and enable your child to attend the retreat.

Holy Island lives long in the memory of many past pupils so we are thoroughly looking forward to celebrating our successes and achievements together in July 2018.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Thompson
Head of St Hilda, Whitby House

Name of child: _____ Tutor group: _____

_____ is interested in attending the Holy Island retreat.

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

