

Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Our ref: RPY/sjt

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 9 Retreat – Aylesford Priory – 14th & 15th May 2025

Every year, our Year 9 students attend 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 9 with their Form Tutors and their House/Liturgy Captains from Year 13, with activities designed to build on important personal and spiritual skills. This year we have a very special retreat planned, with students attending Aylesford Priory in Kent. We have divided the Year 9 Year group into two trips as follows:

Form Groups: Annay(A), Fountains(F) & Melrose(M) on Wednesday 14th May 2025 Form Groups: Clairvaux (C), Hyning (H) & Rievaulx (R) on Thursday 15th May 2025

Your child will need to arrive at school by 8am for our journey to Aylesford. We will be travelling by coach and will arrive back in school by 3:30pm, depending on traffic conditions.

Students should bring a packed lunch, (if your child gets free school meals this will be provided by the school). Students must wear their full school uniform. However, they are allowed to wear trainers. Normal school uniform rules apply, and mobile phones are not to be used, either on the coach or during the retreat. If mobile phones are brought on the trip, these must be turned off and remain in school bags. The students will receive further information on this retreat from their Religious Education teachers. You will receive a link to an online consent form in an email from Evolve. Please complete this form by 09/05/25. Students who do not receive parental consent will remain in school and attend their regular lessons.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Young Lay Chaplain





