



## HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Sixth Former & Parent/Carer

Thank you for expressing your interest in a two-night residential Sixth Form Retreat at Soli @ Alton. This retreat has been organised in response to a request made by the current Sixth Form Committee for a retreat experience, exclusive to the Sixth Form, to be offered during this school year. I am now in a position to share further details with you.

The retreat will take place immediately after February half-term, from **Monday 25 February until Wednesday 27 February 2019**. We will depart school at 13:30 on the Monday and travel to Soli by coach. Our anticipated arrival time back at school on Wednesday is 16:00, although this very much depends upon motorway traffic.

The programme of activities is based in and around the grounds of Soli. The activities available may include games, walking, team building and reflective exercises, as well as regular blocks of free time to spend in the newly and purposely-refurbished grounds of Soli. The residential team at Soli, with the support of male and female teachers from Hagley, will accompany the pupils on activities and supervise them; both on and off-site. Pupils are not permitted to leave the grounds of Soli without staff supervision.

At night the pupils will be accommodated in small dormitories. Staff from Hagley will carry out night time supervision. Pupils will travel to and from Soli House using a local, well-trusted coach company.

In order to run the retreat we have to meet the cost of the residential centre's charges and of the transportation. The **cost per pupil is approximately £120**, though this will be confirmed once all of the bookings have been made. There is **accommodation available for 47 pupils**. This cost includes full-board accommodation, the retreat programme itself, transport and insurance.

If you would like to participate in this retreat, I ask that you pay a non-refundable **£40 deposit on Parent Pay no later than Friday 30 November**. Places will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. *A second £40 deposit will be required by 17 December & the final £40 payment by 17 January.* Further information will be provided once the places have been allocated.

I sincerely hope you can join us for this refreshing experience, taking a step back from daily school life to focus on your wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

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