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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

SIXTH FORM RETREAT 2026: A DAY OF COMMUNITY AT ST CASSIAN'S CENTRE, KINTBURY – 22 & 23 SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to invite the whole Sixth Form to this year's retreat day at St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury, Berkshire – one of the highlights of the autumn term. This year's theme, 'Community', feels especially fitting: with our newly formed tutor groups bringing together Year 12 and Year 13 students, the retreat is a brilliant chance for each group to bond, build friendships and settle into the Sixth Form together. Alongside games, activities and challenges, there will be time for reflection and discussion. Each tutor group will attend as specified below:

Tue 22 September 2026

St Catherine of Sienna (SFC)

St Irma Dulce (SFI)

St Josephine Bakhita (SFJ)

Wed 23 September 2026

St Maximillian Kolbe (SFM)

St Oscar Romero (SFO)

St Peter (SFP)

On the day, students should register with their tutors as normal at school. Coaches depart at 9.10am and return at approximately 7.15pm. Students can wear their own clothes, provided they're suitable for outdoor activities – proper trainers or walking shoes are essential, along with a jumper and a rain coat. **Students need to bring a packed lunch plus snacks, and a refillable water bottle.** Sweets and drinks can also be bought from the tuck shop (cash and card).

To secure your son/daughter's place on this brilliant day, please arrange a voluntary contribution of **£40** via ParentMail. **All payments are to reach us by 12pm on Wed 16 Sep.** Please book promptly, as places are limited – insufficient contributions may mean the trip cannot go ahead. Once payment has been made, a consent/medical form will also need completing via ParentMail. The consent form alone does not secure a place.

If you have any questions about payment, please contact the finance team at finance@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk. You can find out more about St Cassian's Retreat Centre at <https://www.thekintburyexperience.com> or by contacting one of the Co Heads of Sixth Form.

We really hope your son/daughter can join us – a great chance for our new tutor groups to bond and start the year with real community spirit.

Yours sincerely

Aidan Dowle

Headteacher