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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Retreat to Soli House in Staffordshire

Monday 23 May – Wednesday 25 May 2022

It is a long-standing tradition at BGN to offer our Year 10 students the opportunity to take part in a residential experience at Soli House (now located in the village of Alton in Staffordshire). Although it is primarily a spiritual experience, and one which few will be able to avail of later in life, this three day, two night retreat will have many advantages. The retreat will be an opportunity for pupils to explore their faith through a varied programme of prayer, games, drama, art, music and discussions. We will also spend some time outdoors in the picturesque surroundings, whilst having exclusive use of the venue.

The retreat will run from Monday 23 May to Wednesday 25 May 2022 inclusive and cost £147. This price includes transport, insurance, accommodation (all bedrooms are en-suite) and meals, as well as entrance to Alton Towers.

Please note numbers are limited to 40 students and ,due to the popularity of this trip, places tend to be filled quickly.

To secure a place for your son/daughter, we would please ask you to make a **non-refundable** deposit payment of £40 on ParentPay as soon as possible AND immediately return the Parental Consent Form attached to this letter to Mrs Julia Allman in Student Services.

We will leave school at 8:30 am on Monday 23 May, starting the retreat upon arrival with activities and a picnic. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the Monday. We will leave Soli at 9.30 am on Wednesday 25 May and spend the day at Alton Towers, which is located very near to Soli House. We will then leave Alton Towers at 3 pm and return to school circa 5.30–6 pm, traffic dependent.

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The balance of £107 will be due by **28 March 2022**, and can be paid in full, or in two further instalments, as detailed below:-

Instalments	Due Date	Amount
Deposit	Immediately	£40
Second payment	7 February 2022	£50
Final payment	28 March 2022 deadline	£57

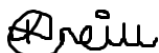
If you do not have access to the internet, cash payments can be made via a PayPoint facility, together with a Bar Code Letter provided by us upon request. Please contact Student Services as soon as possible if a letter is required, in order to secure a place.

Deposits collected for visits are done so in line with the tour operator, travel company or relevant booking agency's regulations. Therefore, they are non-refundable in most cases. If a student decides not to participate in a reserved visit, the cancellation charges of the tour operator or booking agency will apply. The school will attempt to fill cancelled places and obtain refunds, but this is not guaranteed. If the cancellation is due to illness or accident, the normal insurance regulations, supported by a Doctor's Certificate, will apply.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your son/daughter and we would encourage them to take up the offer. If you have any questions about the retreat before booking a place, please do not hesitate to contact me via email koneill@bgn.oxon.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Miss K O'Neill
Head of Year 10

Enclosure: Parental Consent Form

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