



16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 13 Retreat Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ The Youth Village, Consett**

I am delighted to inform you that your son/daughter has been invited to attend a Year 13 Retreat as part of their final year journey at Cardinal Hume Catholic School. The aim of the retreat is to give our young people the chance to de-stress and refocus themselves for the upcoming final exam pressures on the way to the next chapter in their lives.

The retreat will revolve around the importance of the spiritual aspect of our lives and how a good balance between the material and the spiritual can enable us to be successful beyond our own expectations. There will be a number of activities such as team building; big and small group activities; outdoor activities; time for prayer and reflection and a quiz, led by the Youth Ministry Team at the Youth Village in Consett. The retreat will run from 1.15pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October with an overnight stay and a return to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at approximately 2.30pm. Students will be registered in school on Thursday and then taken to and from the Youth Village by bus.

Students will need to take a towel, their own toiletries and appropriate clothing for outdoor activities (weather permitting). Students will not be expected to wear uniform but a casual/smart dress code is expected. All rooms have an ensuite shower and lunch, dinner and breakfast will be provided for the students. The cost of the event, courtesy of Head Teacher Nick Hurn, is free to our students and it really is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed.

Please complete the reply slip below and the consent forms attached and return to school asap to secure a place. If you have any further queries regarding the retreat please do not hesitate to contact me at the school by phone on 0191 4877638 Extension 165 or by email [dmn@cardinalhume.com](mailto:dmn@cardinalhume.com)

Yours faithfully

Mr Damian McCann  
Director of Ethos

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**REPLY SLIP**

I/we, parent/guardian of ..... give consent to attend the Year 13 Retreat at the Youth Village, Consett on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Signed: .....  
(Parent/guardian)

Dated: .....