



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

22 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Student

The Briars Key Stage 3 Residential Retreat

A residential retreat has been organised for Key Stage 3 at The Briars, Nottinghamshire, which will take place from **Friday 12th November to Sunday 14th November 2021**. Through an enjoyable programme that includes various team activities, the purpose of the retreat is for students to nurture their relationship with God and each other whilst having fun. Students are involved in regular teamwork, enabling them to grow in self-esteem and confidence. Hagley students have, for many years, enjoyed retreats at The Briars, which are positively and fondly remembered by our students, who have returned home with new friends, full of enthusiasm and optimism.

The residential team at The Briars, with the support of male and female teachers from Hagley, will accompany the students on activities and supervise them on-site. Students are not permitted to leave the grounds of The Briars without staff supervision. At night the students will be accommodated in small dormitories on separate male/female floors. Staff from Hagley will carry out night time supervision. Students will travel to and from the Briars 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 expected cost per student is approximately £140 (based on 70 students attending), although this will be confirmed once all bookings have been taken and we have a realistic estimate of student numbers. There is **accommodation available for 70 students**. Traditionally, demand has always been high for places on our residential retreats, and so we recommend a rapid response; places will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis.

Please be assured this retreat is being organised with full regard to coronavirus protocols to ensure it will be safe for students. We are compliant with all the current health regulations and will keep parents updated with any future developments with regards to coronavirus issues as the dates of the trip approaches.

If you would like to participate in this retreat, I ask that parents/carers pay a **non-refundable** deposit of £30 through the schools online ParentPay system to secure a place. Payments can be made from 7am on Thursday 23rd September 2021 through the 'Briars' option and places will be secured on a first come first serve basis. Once a place has been secured you will be expected to pay the full balance by Thursday 14th October 2021.

Yours sincerely

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