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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted, as part of the continued retreat programme at St Bede's, to be able to offer an exciting new retreat venture exclusively for our new Year 7 pupils.

The retreat will run from Friday 8th October until Sunday 10th October 2021 at Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre in the Forest of Dean for a weekend packed full of fun, faith exploration, outdoor activities and more. You can find out more here: <https://vineyhilladventure.org/>

The theme of the weekend will be 'Resilience' and aims to empower our new pupils to be the best of themselves, to face increased pressures and workload positively, as they begin their time in secondary school.

The retreat will consist of outdoor activity sessions, ranging from archery, climbing and crate stacking, games and evening activities, and sessions to reflect upon.

The days will be led by the Chaplain and staff of St Bede's as well as trained outdoor activity staff from Viney Hill.

We will leave at 12 noon on Friday and aim to be back at St Bede's by 2.30pm on Sunday. Students may come to school in non-uniform on Friday 8th October, but they will be attending lessons before we depart and so need to be prepared for those subjects. They will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals a lunch will be provided.

The cost of the retreat will be £160 which will cover accommodation, meals, transport, and all activities over the weekend and the cost of the instructors. We will require an initial non-refundable deposit of £30 to secure a place. **We have a limit of 30 places available. If we exceed this number, then names will be placed in a hat and drawn at random.** Please use SCOPAY, accessible via the school website to make the payment to secure your place. Once your place has been confirmed, you will be notified of when to pay the balance. If you are unsuccessful, your deposit will be refunded to you. If you have not registered for SCOPAY please email finance@stbcc.org and request the 'link code' for your child.

We look forward to taking our young people along to this uplifting and supportive new initiative which we are confident will have a positive effect for all who come along.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Loud
Lay Chaplain

I wish my son / daughter (name and form group) to have a place on the Year 7 Retreat. I have paid the deposit.

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) _____ (Date)

