



SAINT BEDE'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

16th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to invite your Year 4 child to attend a 'Religious Education Retreat Day,' which will be held during the summer term at St Bede's on Monday 3rd July.

The theme of this day will be 'Let Your Light Shine'.

The day will include several activities in the Religious Education department and Chaplaincy. This is a special and unique opportunity for your child to use their gifts and talents, whilst reflecting on their personal journey of faith. Children will work in groups alongside Saint Bede's staff and will be supported by our Year 9 pupils.

The overview of the day is as follows:

- Pupils will be collected by coach from their primary school at approximately 9:05am in order to arrive at St Bede's for 9:30am.
- Following a brief introduction, we will gather in the school Hall to celebrate Mass with Fr John Millar.
- The children from each school will then be split across 6 groups. Each group will complete four activities between 10:30 and 2:40pm, including a morning break and lunch period.
- All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch, which will be eaten in the Dining Room or outside (weather permitting), between 11:45am and 12:20pm.
- The retreat day will culminate in a singing workshop with Mr Warrington (Head of Music).
- Pupils will depart St Bede's by coach at 2:40pm and return to their primary school before the end of the school day.

Pupils should be in uniform but do not need to bring any school books or equipment with them, any such items will be provided by us. At least one member of staff from your child's primary school will accompany them on the visit and therefore liaise with myself or Miss Cochrane (Assistant Headteacher) regarding any additional needs we must consider and plan for ahead of the visit.

We hope that your child experiences a happy and holy day, as well as a chance to gain insight into the distinct Catholic nature of our school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss H. Newsham

Head of Religious Education and Catholic Ethos