



BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

1st October 2019

Year 12 Soli House residential retreat

Dear Parents/Carers

We are planning a Year 12 residential retreat to Soli House in Staffordshire. This trip is due to take place from **Monday 25th until Wednesday 27th November 2019**. This retreat has been established for many years at Bishop Challoner and has always been a special opportunity for students to take time away from their everyday lives.

Soli House is part of the Kenelm Youth Trust (run by Birmingham Archdiocese in partnership with Birmingham Catholic Youth services, Alton Castle and Soli House). The centre is in Staffordshire next to Alton Castle. Bishop Challoner has taken many students to Soli house over the years; many who have returned to work on the team. Our students always come back refreshed in faith, blessed with fun and new friendships. During their stay students will take part in a variety of team building activities. As well as this, a big focus of the visit is on personal and spiritual development and pupils will participate in a variety of workshops; they will also be able to celebrate Mass together.

The cost of the two night trip is £105. **If you would like your son/daughter to take up this opportunity, then please consent via SchoolComms and pay a deposit of £30**. All payments include a small additional cost to cover unforeseen circumstances. The balance of £75 should be paid by 18th November. If due to personal circumstances you need an extended period of time to pay the deposit then please get in touch with Mrs Reynolds to discuss in confidence, at your earliest convenience. Alternative arrangements will be made for any student in receipt of 16-19 bursary. There are 10 places available on this trip. The trip will open on **Friday 4th October**. If you are unsuccessful in securing a place for your son/daughter then please contact Mrs Reynolds to request that your child is placed on a reserve list for the named trip.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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MAKE THE GRADE

Bishop Challoner Trip Emergency Lockdown Procedures

Advice to parents

- During an emergency, all communication must be made through school. The number to call is 0121 444 4161

After Hours: Mr O'Connor 07879880852

- Do NOT phone your child as trip staff may need to speak to them to give instructions.
- Do NOT phone or message them as a ringing/vibrating phone can attract attention.
- As soon as it is safe to do so, you will be contacted to reassure you that they are safe and well.

Instructions to pupils

Before the trip:

- Enter the school phone number in your phone under ICE (In Case of Emergency)
- Read the instructions carefully and remember Run, Hide, Tell

In an emergency:

RUN

- Try to return to the prearranged meeting point quickly
- Consider the safest options
- Is there a safe route?
- Can you get there without exposing yourself to greater danger?

Yes – move quickly and stay with your group, insist they go with you

No – HIDE

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- If you cannot RUN, HIDE.
- Find somewhere safe to hide. E.g. behind a wall, inside a building, with other adults
- Be quiet, silence your phone and turn off vibrate.

TELL

- Text the ICE number in your phone with your location and who is with you
- Wait for instructions unless your hiding place becomes unsafe
- No phone? Wait until it is safe then return to the meeting point