



3 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Edward's School sets out to provide an education for the whole child, and I am writing with information about a new opportunity that we would like to provide for our students, but can only do so with your support.

For many years we have taken small groups of students in various year groups to Kintbury in Oxfordshire. Kintbury is a large mansion-house set in acres of fields and woodland and has, for decades, been dedicated as a specialist centre for youth retreats.

Run by youth teams, it offers a unique opportunity for children to have space to reflect and gain insights into their lives and aspirations. I have seen lives changed for the better every time I have taken students there. In fact, inspired by their visits, a number of students have gone on to join the team at Kintbury when they left St Edward's.

Here are some of the things year 10 students said when they visited Kintbury in April this year:

'I've got a lot more confident. Kintbury took me out of my comfort zone, I normally wouldn't be good at meeting new people, as I don't normally get a chance to socialise very much with so many new people, but I've really enjoyed it'.

'I enjoyed the chance to be myself'

'Having a chance to reflect and think was good'

'I was really nervous about going but I've loved it- the team were great!'

We would like to commit ourselves to the principle that every child will have an experience of a residential retreat at least once during their time at St Edward's. To this end we are proposing to offer all Year 8 students this opportunity in early October, soon after they have started in Year 9. To facilitate this for the year group, we would run three 24 hour retreats for 60 students at a time.

The 24 hour experience would cost £55 per child and would include transport, full board, and all activities. Financial assistance will be available to those in receipt of pupil premium funding.

For this to be possible, we would need each family to make a voluntary contribution, payable in instalments, if required, by 1 October 2018.

Today, your child has seen a presentation by a member of the Kintbury team, which we hope has told them a little more about this opportunity.

If you would like to support us in giving your child this experience, please could you return the deposit slip below, with your payment of £10, which can be made via Wisepay. Should we have insufficient funds to run the trip, all monies will be returned to you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Antram
Headteacher

Reply Slip – Kintbury Trip October 2018

Please return to the Finance Office by 25 May 2018

NAME OF STUDENT

TUTOR GROUP

We would like our son/daughter to take advantage of this opportunity and have paid the full amount of £55 on WisePay.

We would like our son/daughter to take advantage of this opportunity and have paid the deposit of £10 on WisePay. We will pay the rest in instalments.

We would like our son/daughter to take advantage of this opportunity but would require some financial assistance.

We do not wish our son/daughter to take advantage of this opportunity.

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE