

# Mount St. Joseph

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Catholic Ethos and school mission, a residential to Castlerigg Manor, Keswick has been arranged for Year 8 & Year 9 students for the weekend of **7th February – 9th February 2025** in conjunction with St Joseph's Horwich. Castlerigg Manor is home to the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service and is a residential youth retreat for young Catholics. Based in Keswick, in the midst of the Lake District National Park, the manor building is a beautiful 19th century country house, set within six acres of land.

Castlerigg provides an opportunity for young people to get away from their everyday lives, the pressures of home, school, exams and social media. For a few days, their focus becomes simply the people around them, community and prayer. A retreat at Castlerigg involves team building, reflection, games, prayer, arts & crafts, drama, walking, and social time. It offers the opportunity for learning and inspiration, the strengthening of faith, friendship and fun.

The cost of the weekend is £125, which includes all accommodation, travel, food and activities, and as such, contributions towards the cost of the retreat are requested. Places, unfortunately, are limited. If you wish your child to attend the retreat please complete the form, using the link below and pay a non-refundable deposit of £50 on ParentMail by the 29<sup>th</sup> November and final payment by the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PV14mb8WxT>

If there are more wishing to attend than the number of places available then names will be drawn 'out of a hat'. If your child is un-successful gaining a place, you will have the deposit refunded. Please be aware that the deposit and consent form must both be received. Please speak to your child about the commitment they are making to the trip before paying the non-refundable deposit as you will only receive the deposit back if your child does not gain a place due to the retreat being oversubscribed.

Further information regarding the weekend will be sent out at a later date, if your child secures a place on the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Malone  
Person in Charge of Catholic Life and Mission

