

Introduction to Savio House

Following an immensely successful experience over many years, once again it is our intention to take each Year 7 form class away on a residential retreat during the Summer Term. The venue is Savio House Retreat Centre in Bollington near Macclesfield, owned by the Salesian community, who run retreats and days of reflection for schools and other groups all year round.

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The Savio house community celebrates God's presence in all people - particularly the young.

Enlivened by the spirit and vision of Don Bosco,
we invite all to share our experience of Christian living in the
Salesian tradition

Retreat Objectives

Each form class will be paired with another form and will spend two days and two nights at the Centre - which is set in beautiful private grounds in the Cheshire countryside. The children will follow a carefully planned programme of activities; prayer and reflection which will help them develop a deeper understanding both of themselves and of their relationships with others. The whole experience will, we hope, be both demanding and enjoyable and will help us to lay the foundation for the ethos of co-operation and mutual respect that is at the heart of what we are about at Cardinal Langley RC High School.

Retreat Dates

June 19th to June 21st:	:	NG and DLB
June 21st to June 23rd	:	RM and EG
June 26th to June 28th	:	ARP and MBM
June 28th to June 30th	:	DEH + extras
July 3rd to July 5th	:	SEM + extras

Travel Arrangements

Coaches will leave school at 9.15 a.m. on the day of departure and return at lunchtime two days later. Pupils will remain in school as normal in the afternoon until 2.30 p.m.

Staffing

Each form class will be accompanied on the retreat by their form tutor, their Head of Year, Mrs Hardman and additional teaching staff. The staff: pupil ratio is above the recommended level for such an activity. Within the Year 7 Pastoral Team we are fortunate to have a number of staff who are well experienced in residential visits and have been to Savio House on previous occasions.

Accommodation

Rooming allocation will be organised prior to departure day. For reasons of space and privacy, boys may not go into the girls' rooms at any time of the day or night. Girls may not go into the boys' rooms at any time, day or night.

In the event of a serious incident, pupils may be relocated to an alternative room. This will be done at the discretion of the Head of Year. Staff rooms will be clearly highlighted.

Supervision

The majority of time on retreat is taken up by group sessions and activities, although there is free time for pupils. Under NO circumstances are pupils allowed to leave the Centre grounds, except during the supervised walk, and they will be briefed of our expectations on arrival. Pupils will be under staff supervision at all times.

First Aid

There will be a designated first aider on site throughout the duration of the retreat. We are aware of pupils who have medical conditions and staff will be briefed as to the procedure in the event of an emergency. All medication, except inhalers, will be kept centrally and distributed by a designated member of staff. Parents are to provide full written instructions with respect to the dosage and frequency of medication.

The nearest hospital is;

Macclesfield District Hospital
Victoria Road
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 3BL

Tel: 01625 421 000

Insurance

For the duration of the Retreat the school will be using comprehensive insurance cover provided by Rochdale LEA. If you would like a copy of the insurance schedule please contact school and we will forward a copy to you. If you are not satisfied with the level of insurance cover provided, you are entitled to take out a private policy. In the event of an insurance claim it is your responsibility to claim through the relevant channels.

Food

Three meals are provided at the Centre each day. Pupils who have highlighted their dietary requirements will be catered for. Staff and pupils will eat together and leave the table together. All pupils are expected to assist in the clearing and preparation of the dining area.

What to take :

1. Sleeping bag
2. Pillowcase
3. Towel/Toiletries
4. Besides a couple of changes of day to day clothes you will need outdoor clothes for walking - waterproof coat, shoes and trousers you don't mind getting a bit muddy.
5. You may like to pack an outfit for the celebration disco .
6. Shoes/Slippers for wearing indoors - particularly if you're walking shoes get bit muddy or wet.
7. Musical instrument if you play one - useful in your free time and in joining in the music sessions and liturgies we have.
8. **Small amount** of money for tuck shop/gift shop/pool table
9. Medicines (give to school staff)
Please do not bring !!!
 - Hair straighteners / Hair curlers (sorry, these are a fire risk!)

Please note that we do not take responsibility for loss of personal possessions during the retreat. We strongly advise that pupils do not bring expensive items (phones, MP3 players, iPods, jewellery, clothing) with them.

Emergency Contacts

In the case of an emergency and you wish to make contact with your son/daughter, this may possible via;

Savio House - 01625 575 405

Cardinal Langley Staff Mobile: to be notified nearer the time.

Pupils may bring mobile phones but must be switched off during sessions.

Senior members of staff have been briefed with regard to procedures in the event of a serious emergency.

Cost and Payment

The cost for your child to attend Savio House is £100. In order to help with this you can pay either in full or by using our payment scheme. Cheques made payable to 'Cardinal Langley RC High School'.

Our payment scheme will require three payments at three times of the year.

If you require additional help with payment then please contact Mrs Hardman via the school office or your child's form tutor.

Parental information evening

As students are staying overnight, school is required to offer a parental information evening. This will include a short informal presentation about Savio House and staff will be available to answer any questions. This will be held on:

Tuesday June 6th (3.00pm until 3.45pm)

Please contact school if you are planning to attend.