

Educational Services

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Dear Parent/Carer

S1 Retreat with NET Ministries – May 2025

We are pleased to let you know that all of our S1 pupils will take part in a full-day retreat this May, led by NET Ministries Scotland. NET (National Evangelisation Team) is a group of inspiring young adults who deliver retreats across Scotland, offering young people the chance to reflect on their identity, relationships, values and faith in a lively, interactive setting.

We are proud to say that NET has visited Queen Margaret Academy for over ten years and their retreats continue to be one of the highlights of our school year. Our pupils speak very positively about the experience, often asking for the team to return. The retreats are designed to be engaging, reflective, and deeply relevant to the lives of young people today.

Please note that the dates have been amended slightly since our original communications and each pupil will now attend one full-day retreat, organised by House group.

S1 Retreat Dates and House Allocations (Tuesday 6 May – Friday 9 May 2025)

- Tuesday 6 May – Lourdes
- Wednesday 7 May – Jericho
- Thursday 8 May – Galilee
- Friday 9 May – Assisi

Pupils in House Margaret will also be distributed across the four retreat days

Venue and Travel:

All retreats will take place at St Paul's Parish Church, Ayr, which is a short walk from Queen Margaret Academy. Pupils will walk to and from the venue in groups, accompanied and supervised by school staff at all times.

Other Key Information:

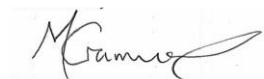
- Uniform: Pupils should attend the retreat in full school uniform
- Lunch: Pupils will follow their usual lunch break. They may:
 - Bring a packed lunch, or
 - Pre-order a school meal in advance, which will be collected before leaving for the retreat
- Supervision: Pupils will be accompanied by staff at all times during the retreat
- Experience: The day will include talks, activities, small group discussions and reflection in a supportive, values-based environment.

This retreat is a valued part of our Religious Education programme and supports our wider aim of helping pupils grow in self-awareness, confidence and faith. We are confident your child will benefit from and enjoy this opportunity.

If you have any questions or need to make us aware of any particular needs or dietary requirements, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Crammond', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Matthew Crammond
Principal Teacher of Religious Education