



ST MARY'S AND ST ANNES

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TO THE BRIARS

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH-FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

2024



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"The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service provides opportunities for Young People to discover community, come to a friendship with Christ and a deeper awareness of themselves."



WHAT TO EXPECT?

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WEDNESDAY- LEAVE SCHOOL AND ARRIVE AT THE BRIARS FOR 4:30



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WEDNESDAY-

SETTLING INTO BEDROOMS

TOUR

HOUSE RULES

DINNER

TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGES IN SMALL GROUPS

NIGHT PRAYER



WHAT TO EXPECT

What to
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THURSDAY-

MORNING PRAYER

LARGE/SMALL GROUP SESSIONS ON THEME

WALK IN THE HILLS

SONG PRACTICE

MASS PREP AND MASS

TALENT SHOW/ QUIZ/ PARTY EVENING (ENTERTAINMENTS)

NIGHT PRAYER



WHAT TO EXPECT

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FRIDAY-

MORNING PRAYER

AFFIRMATIONS

FINAL SMALL GROUP SESSION

FINAL LITURGY

LUNCH

HOME IN TIME FOR THE END OF SCHOOL



FOOD

What to expect

ALL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS ARE CATERED FOR.

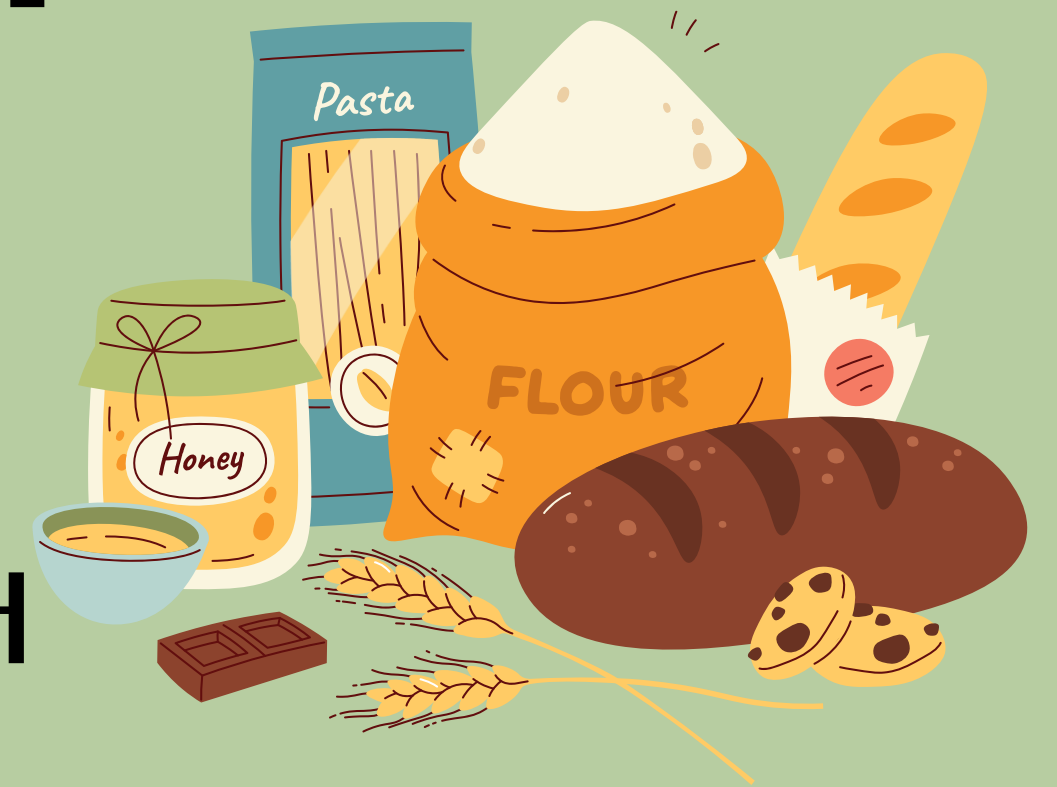
MOST MEALS ARE “WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT AT HOME”

ALL MEALS INCLUDE A PUDDING

COLD AND COOKED BREAKFAST

ALL YOU CAN EAT SALAD BAR AT EVERY MEAL TIME WITH

ENOUGH TO SATISFY ALL.



FACILITIES

What to
expect

SECURE SITE

STUDENT COMMON ROOM WITH GAMES AND SOFAS

CHAPEL

LARGE COURTYARD AND FIELD FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

ALL BEDROOMS HAVE KEY CARD

EVERY ROOM IS EN-SUITE



Location



The Briars is a Catholic Residential Youth Retreat Centre in Crich, set in the heart of the Derbyshire Countryside.

The Briars opened in 1969 and currently welcomes over 4500 young people each year!



Experience

The Briars offers Young People the unique opportunity to step back from the daily pressures of life at home and at school.

Friendship

Building strong relationships, strengthening existing friendships while also creating new and lasting bonds.

Community

Young People experience and build community founded in faith, kindness and love.

Faith

Young People share their stories and journey together, taking time to reflect.

Fun

Young People work with our dedicated Youth Ministry Team and will be engaged in a range of fun and exciting activities.

What's included?

Accommodation

Modern rooms with bunk beds, sleeping between 4 and 6. Each room has its own en-suite shower room and key-card entry.



Catering

Our Catering Team work hard to produce great quality, enjoyable food and cater for all dietary requirements.

Activities

Led by our Team of Volunteer Workers aged 18-25.



Your school will organise any transport or off-site activities.

The Briars is a wheelchair accessible site.



Kit List

- Towels
- Toiletries
- Walking boots or wellies (for muddy walks)
- Sensible footwear
- **Whatever the time of your visit we recommend bringing a waterproof coat!**
- Clean change of clothes for every day-weather appropriate.
- A small day bag or rucksack, preferably with two straps and large enough to carry lunch, waterproofs, and a spare sweatshirt or jumper.
- Water bottle
- Sunhat (summer)
- Sunscreen (summer)
- Hat, gloves (winter)
- Spending money for tuckshop/vending machine – **preferably in change rather than notes.**
- A musical instrument if you would like to play in Mass

The Briars accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal possessions and would advise valuables, including mobile phones and jewellery, are left at home.

Feedback

What the Young People say....

"Like a **family** and a second **home**. "

Year 8

"It's one of the **best experiences**. It's a good place to make **memories** with your friends and **explore your faith**. "

Year 10

"**Fun spiritual enlightening** experience, **inclusive** and is for everyone, amazing."

Year 11

"A **life changing** experience. "

Year 12

"A **welcoming** experience that puts **no pressure** on you and makes you feel **closer to God**."

Year 10

"An experience that helps you to learn that **nothing can hold you back**."

Year 6

Feedback

What the group leaders say.....

“The site is great, safe and secure. As first timers we were blown away by the quality of the bedrooms. All clean and tidy. ”	“The team put in so much effort to all of the activities and resources. The children were engaged the entire time that they were here. The timetable was jam packed and thoroughly thought through. ”
“The site is Incredible, the renovations are particularly Impressive. Staff and student bedrooms were warm, clean and inviting. All the spaces the kids used were perfect for use! We loved the games room and outdoor space. Chapel is beautiful.”	“Fantastic. Staff and team were responsive and enthusiastic to ignite the students confidence and encouraged them to be open with their small groups and this large groups. The team were amazingly supportive and helpful.”
“Felt like home from home.”	“Menu choices have been great, so much variety. This is verified by the children who have had seconds most mealtimes.”

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
8.15am	Welcome to The Briars Sample 2 night Programme	Morning Prayer Of the Church (Optional)	Morning Prayer Of the Church (Optional)
8.30am		Breakfast	Breakfast
9.45am		Small group- prepare morning prayer	Small Group Morning Prayer
10.30am		Morning Prayer	Affirmations
10.30am		Large group Session	
11.30am		Break	Break
12.00pm		Small group session	Small Group Round up
12.30pm			Final Liturgy
1.00pm		Lunch	Lunch
2.00pm	Arrivals from 4.30pm (Check in, staff meeting, welcomes, split into small groups)	Walk	Departures
3.45pm		Song Practice	This timetable changes depending on the age and needs of each group. It gives an idea of how we plan our days.
4.30pm		Prepare for Mass - Small Group	
5.00pm		Mass	
6.00pm	Dinner	Dinner	
8.00pm	Team Building	Entertainment evening	
9.15pm	Night Prayer	Night Prayer	

Questions?





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