

Year 11 Retreat Day February 2025

The theme for our retreat was **'Firm Foundations'** based on the story of the wise and foolish builders in the Gospel of Matthew. After year 11, our pupils go out into the world, whether that is continuing in sixth form or pursuing an apprenticeship, they start to truly experience the real world as almost independent young adults. This is why it is necessary to build a firm foundation, so that they are equipped to face any storms that will come their way in life.

The aim of the retreat was to provide an opportunity to experience faith on a more personal level and to allow for a "retreat" from the pressures of a typical academic day



for year 11. The faith-based activities helped pupils to bond and deepen their understanding of Christian values. The reflections focused on becoming more self-aware of actions and their consequences for individuals and others. Additionally, the group activities allowed pupils to learn the value of teamwork and understand the importance of serving others.

