

Year 9 retreat day May 2025

The theme of the year 9 retreat was "The Common Good". In Genesis 1:26 and 1:28, God gives people "dominion" over creation. From the beginning, God asked humans to care for one another and for all creation. The fruits of the earth belong to everyone.



Through a range of activities we focussed on the belief that no one should be excluded from the gifts of creation and how we can work together for the benefit of all.



Our day culminated with Mass, including prayers and hymns prepared by the pupils during the day. Finally, we shared some party food to celebrate the end of an enjoyable and fun retreat day. Thanks to the generous donations from parents and carers in year 9 we were able to raise over £230 for the charity Mary's Meals and will provide children living in some of the world's poorest communities with a nutritious

school meal every day for a school year.

The aim of our retreat was to provide an opportunity to experience faith on a more personal way and on a level different than "book knowledge." The day allowed for a "retreat" from the typical academic day and provided opportunities for reflection and spiritual experience, an increase in self-knowledge and a deepening of relationships among members of each form group.

