



October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to inform you that we will be hosting a Salesian Sleepover at the college on Friday, 10th October. The theme of this sleepover is 'Homelessness'. We will be raising funds to donate to the Whitechapel Centre, an organisation that plays a vital role in our city by supporting those living without a home or in poverty. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to put their faith into action. As a Catholic College, everything we do is rooted in Gospel values and Catholic teachings. We are called to serve the poorest members of our community and to love our neighbour.

Given the focus on homelessness, we want to provide our students with an immersive experience. While we know this cannot fully replicate the reality of sleeping on the streets, our aim is to help young people gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those without a home. At the same time, we want the event to be enjoyable, so we have planned the following itinerary:

- 5.30 p.m.
Arrival at school. Students will choose their sleeping spots in the teaching school hall and build a den. They will need to bring their own sleeping bag and pillow.
- A guest speaker from the Whitechapel Centre will talk to the students about the vital work they do to combat homelessness.
- Soup kitchen: Students will be served soup, a roll, and sandwiches.
- Budgeting task to purchase items from the tuck shop.
- Movie screening.
- Group reading by torchlight.
- Salesian Goodnight.
- Light breakfast, followed by departure from the school at 9:30 am.

This is a unique opportunity that we hope our students will remember. The sleepover is open to Year 7 students only, with a maximum of 60 places available. Letters of interest must be returned no later than Monday, 6th October.

If more students express interest than places available, names will be drawn to allocate places. If your child is successful, you will receive a follow-up letter with further details.

As this event is a fundraiser for the Whitechapel Centre, we kindly request a £5 donation from each student allocated a place. This will be payable via ParentPay. All donations will be sent directly to the Whitechapel Centre.

Yours sincerely

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Please return to Mrs Tomkins, Head of RE and Catholic Life by Monday, 6th October

Salesian Sleepover, October 2026

Student's name: _____ Form: _____

I would like my child to attend the Salesian Sleepover on Friday 10 th October.	
I understand that my child is not guaranteed a place and that I will be informed if they do with a confirmation of place letter.	
I agree that should my child be allocated a place on the Sleepover that I will make a £5 donation to Whitechapel Centre which will be paid via ParentPay	

Parent/Carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of parent/carers _____