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Dear Parent/Carer

As the School Chaplain, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and welcome your son/daughter to our school.

We appreciate that the step up to high school may be a daunting time and therefore I have arranged for pupils to attend a **'Retreat Day'** to welcome them into our school community, allowing them to get to know their new friends. In the past, our Year 7 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed this day as it gives them an excellent opportunity to bond with their new Form Tutor, RE teacher and their peers. In addition, it provides an excellent vehicle through which pupils can develop their understanding of the Catholic Ethos that is so valued in our school.

The retreat will be run by myself and the theme for the day is based on our School Mission Statement **"Prepare the Way of the Lord"** and our Catholic Mission to Live Simply. It is my hope that this retreat will help pupils feel like a loved and valued member of our school community.

We will take pupils on the short walk to Canons' Hall at St Oswald's Church and use their facilities; they will be accompanied by their Form Tutor, RE Teacher and myself. We will leave school after morning registration and will be back in school in time for the end of the school day. Pupils will be allowed to wear their own clothes; however they will need to bring a packed lunch for this day including a soft drink (juice/water). Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided a lunch from the school canteen, but they are more than welcome to bring their own if they prefer. If pupils have coloured pens/pencils they wish to bring then this would be helpful.

Pupils will attend in form groups on the following days: -

Date	Form	RE Teacher	Form Teacher
Mon 21 Sept	7M	Mrs Connelly	Mr Wright
Tues 22 Sept	7G	Mrs Jackson	Miss Kerfoot
Fri 25 Sept	7W	Mrs Whitlow	Mr Cooper
Mon 28 Sept	7B	Mrs Connelly	Miss Hall
Tues 29 Sept	7O	Mr Disley	Mr Masheder

Date	Form	RE Teacher	Form Teacher
Thurs 1 Oct	7L	Mrs Hooton	Mrs McLoughlin
Fri 2 Oct	7S	Mrs Connelly	Miss Lee
Mon 5 Oct	7A	Mrs Hooton	Miss Blakeley
Thurs 8 Oct	7H	Ms Chew	Mrs Cunliffe
Fri 9 Oct	7C	Mr Reardon	Mrs Turner

If you have any questions regarding this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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SCHOOL CHAPLAIN