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Dear Parent/Carer

Y7 Welcome Mass - Friday 11 October 2024

I am delighted to advise that our new Y7 pupils will gather at St Oswald's Church, Ashton on **Friday 11 October 2024**, to celebrate Mass together to mark the beginning of their school journey as part of our school community.

This is an opportunity for the year group and all those who support them in their education and learning to pray for their success over the next 5 years. Therefore, we would like to extend the invitation to you and your family members to celebrate this Mass so that they can also offer their support and prayers during this important time.

All the Y7 Retreat days will have taken place by then and so the Mass will be a celebration of their final transition into the Catholic life of our school.

Mass will begin at **12:15pm** to ensure that pupils are able to return to school in time for lunch. If you wish to join us, I recommend that you arrive at St Oswald's Church **from 12pm** as there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass in the parish (but of course you are more than welcome to join in with this before the pupils arrive).

There will be seats reserved for parents/family/parishioners towards the **back** of Church to allow our Y7 pupils and their teachers to be seated together in their form groups at the front.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our school and for all your prayers as your children embark on this exciting journey in high school. We very much look forward to celebrating this special Mass with you.

Yours faithfully

M RUANE (MRS) School Chaplain