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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that your child has had a positive start to their time so far at Cardinal Heenan, and that they are enjoying making new friends, exploring new subjects and participating in the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer.

Welcome Mass and Settling-In Evening

In coming to Cardinal Heenan, your child has not just joined a school, they have joined a community; one that we hope they will play an active part in for years to come. To help welcome your child and you into this community, we invite you to our Year 7 Welcome Mass and Settling-In Evening, which will take place in school on Wednesday 9 October 2024 from 5pm-7pm. The evening will include:

- Celebration of Mass, said by Fr. Yemani (our School Priest);
- Key information about extra-curricular activities, reports and behaviour for learning, and pastoral care including use of mobile phones and social media; and
- An opportunity to meet your child's form tutor and ask any questions that you might have.

To allow us to prepare for the evening, we ask that you confirm your attendance by completing this form <https://forms.office.com/e/U1hLemr09j>.

Ethos Days

To support your child in settling into Cardinal Heenan, your child will take part in an Ethos Day. Ethos Days provide our Year 7 students with an opportunity to take a step back from the busyness of everyday life at school, to learn about the community that they have joined, and to reflect on their own skills and attributes and how they hope to put these to best use. As they are involved in a range of different activities, students are asked to wear their school PE kit for the full day. The Ethos Day takes place in school, running to normal school times. Your child should bring with them their planner and pencil case, but no need any exercise books. Ethos Days will take place on different days for different forms:

- 7ALA and 7DFR – Tuesday 24 September
- 7EMY, 7KFR and 7SBH – Wednesday 25 September
- 7LJN and 7SBE – Thursday 26 September

Baseline Assessments

To help ensure we are providing appropriate challenge and support for each student, we conduct baseline assessments at the start of Year 7. Like many schools nationally, we use the CAT4 and NGRT assessments. The CAT4 measures students' verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning potential. The NGRT assesses students reading abilities. These will take place in tutor groups:

- 7ALA and 7DFR – CAT4 on Monday 23 September and NGRT on Friday 27 September
- 7EMY, 7KFR and 7SBH – CAT4 on Thursday 26 September and NGRT on Tuesday 24 September
- 7LJN and 7SBE – CAT4 on Wednesday 25 September and NGRT on Monday 23 September

Both the CAT4 and the NGRT are carefully designed to be a measure of potential meaning that no preparation is required (or possible). Students will complete these assessments in exam conditions.





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If you have any questions about the content of this letter or your child's transition to Cardinal Heenan, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Stockton-Pitt'.

Ms E Stockton-Pitt
Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)