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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Welcome Mass and Settling-In Evening**

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Year 7 Welcome Mass and Settling-In Evening, which is taking place a week today on **Wednesday 9 October 2024 from 5pm-7pm**. If you have already registered your attendance – thank you! If you have not yet done so, we ask that you complete this online [form](#) to let us know how many people will be in your party.

Secondary school is different to primary school, for families as well as children. You don't have the same opportunities to speak to your child's teacher in the playground every day, and as your child gets ever closer to being a teenager they often do not share as much about their life at school. This is our first formal opportunity to meet you as families now that your child has started their secondary education, and we know the value of positive home-school communication in supporting you as the first and most important educators of your child. We are proud that family attendance at home-school events like this is always over 90%, as this allows us to build effective, supportive relationships around your child and share critical information that enables your child to flourish at Cardinal Heenan.

The evening will include

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

### **Supervision before Welcome Mass and Settling-In Evening**

Given the distance that some of the children in Year 7 travel to get home, we have a limited number of places available for students to be supervised between the end of school and the start of the Welcome Mass. To keep your child safe and to ensure we have adequate supervision in place, if you require this supervision we ask that you complete this additional [form](#). Please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate every request.

Whilst in school supervision, your child will be required to follow normal school rules, including not using their mobile phone. As this is a long day, we advise that you send your child with a drink and a snack as there are no canteen facilities available.

We really hope that your child has had a wonderful first month at Cardinal Heenan and look forward to celebrating this new beginning with you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Kelly'.

Mr D Kelly  
Headteacher

