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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Cathedral Visit and Service of Welcome

On Wednesday 13th and 27th September and 11th October Year 7 will be going, in their forms, on an educational visit to Carlisle Cathedral. As a Church School, our link with the Cathedral is important. This is where we hold our Carol Service and our Graduation Evenings at the end of Years 11 and 13. It is a place we encourage our students to get to know and to use for themselves as they grow and develop. The Year 7 visit provides some background to the history of the Cathedral as well as an introduction to the idea of prayer. We try to make it an interactive and accessible experience and students will have the chance to try on robes and learn something of the lives of people who lived and worked there in the past.

On Wednesday 13th September period 3 it will be 7MNT, 7SQU and 7CCT. On Wednesday 27th September period 4 it will be 7CBO, 7MBA and 7APD will attend and then on Wednesday 11th October period 5 it will be 7IBA, 7ARI and 7PMC. The students will be dismissed from the Cathedral after the visit which takes place during period 5.

The visit also introduces students to the venue for the Year 7 Welcome Service which takes place in the Cathedral on Tuesday 17th October at 2.30pm and is led by Canon Michael Manley. Staff will walk students back to school if they need to be collected from there. Please let us know if this is the case, otherwise we will allow students to make their way home on leaving the Cathedral.

Our links with the Cathedral are a visible sign of a connection to the life of the Church and of a commitment to providing a full and rounded education for our students. We believe that to encounter history, beauty and prayer is beneficial. The Cathedral staff are equally committed and delighted to make space and time for us. You too are very welcome to join us at the service on 17th October. Unfortunately, there is no parking available in the Cathedral grounds but there are always spaces in West Walls car park.

Later this week we will be asking for volunteers to read, write prayers and light candles during the service. We hope students will begin to think about whether they would like to be involved in this way as they experience the Cathedral, that their imagination might be sparked and their capacity for wonder grown. For centuries Cathedrals have provided shelter, sanctuary and peace as well as promoting an understanding of beauty. We hope that our new students will begin to see our city's Cathedral as a space for them to enjoy and find peace in too.

Please be aware of weather conditions on the day of the visit and service and send appropriate clothing i.e. coat, as students will be walked over to the Cathedral with form tutors and staff who are trained in first aid.

If you are unhappy about your child taking part in this visit or service please contact your child's Head of House.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Kennedy
School Chaplain