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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 7 Welcome Evening – Thursday 1st October

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 7 Welcome Evening on Thursday 1 October at 4.30pm, which will last approximately 30 minutes.

We recognise that there is a great deal of information to take in during the transition from primary to secondary school. Our Year 6 information evening in the summer term focused on ensuring that students and families felt prepared for the start of Year 7. Now that students have had the opportunity to settle into life at Outwood Academy Ripon, this evening provides an opportunity to share some of the additional information that will help you to support your child throughout their first year with us.

The evening is intended to ensure that you are familiar with:

- Attendance and the importance of excellent attendance
- Home Learning Expectations
- Honours and Enrichment Opportunities
- Personal Development & Growth
- Understanding your Child's Praising Stars Report
- The OutThere Project
- Our secondary reading strategy

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We want the evening to feel welcoming and informative. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and speak with members of the team.

We hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you back into the academy.

Yours faithfully,

Miss R.A. Donohue
Principal