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2nd October 2007

Dear Parents

Year 7 Welcome Evening at 6.30pm on Thursday 18 October

I am writing to invite you to the school to the Year 7 welcome evening to be held in the school's dining room. The evening is designed to be totally informal, with the opportunity to meet your son or daughter's coach, year leader, pastoral coordinator and my senior team as well as other parents. Coaches will be on hand, but I would like to stress that the evening is not for formal meetings or discussion. There will be light refreshments provided throughout the evening.

Additional teacher day in spring 2008

Earlier this week I received notification from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) that it is the intention of the government to lay before parliament an Order to provide for one additional teacher training day later in this academic year (between January and July 2008). The additional day is to enable schools to consider, plan and prepare to implement new arrangements for the national curriculum in Key Stage 3. Schools have been advised to assume that the Order shall be approved by parliament and notify parents of the provisional date when pupils will not attend school for that day.

At Ribblesdale, we shall have this additional training day on **Tuesday 25 March 2008** (this date will follow the Easter Bank holidays).

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the school in a few weeks time. It is important that we provide not just an opportunity for formal meetings and reviews through parents' evenings but for informal meetings bringing aspects of our school community together.

Yours sincerely

S A Smith
Headteacher