

April 29th 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

National Online safety accreditation

In the news we are frequently made aware of the dangers and challenges of the online world for our young people. As a school we have had National Online Safety Accreditation for several years and are in the process of renewing that. Parental engagement is an important aspect of this and I would encourage you please to complete the parental training. This can be found at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/carr-hill-high-school>

St Michael's Church, Kirkham – new music project

On Friday 6th May there is an open evening/taster session in the church with lots of different instruments from about 3.30 until about 7.30pm. It's a drop in so people can come and go. Everyone, absolutely everyone is welcome to go along from ages 5-105! There is no need to book, no charge, no obligations at all really. People can meet the instruments, find out about the musical traditions involved and have a go at making sounds. There are refreshments if parents want to wait while children have a go. There are about 60 instruments in total including from Africa, India and South East Asia. They include gongs, xylophones, cymbals, bells, handdrums etc.

SEN

The next SEN Drop in clinic will be on Wednesday May 18th from 2.30- to 5.30 in school. Please contact the SENCO, Mrs Darkin, for further information at jdarkin@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk

Year 11

There are now only 10 school days to the start of written exams on May 16th. Please do keep encouraging and supporting your sons and daughters with revision. They should be doing at least two hours extra work each evening and there are numerous intervention classes and revision sessions for them to attend in school. If they have not yet done their Spanish speaking test please do encourage them to arrange a practice with Mrs Beckett. Art & Photography coursework also has a final deadline of Tuesday May 3rd. It is a stressful time for students but we would want all of them to be able to open their results in August and be able to say 'I gave it my absolute best effort'.

Post Ofsted

Since the Ofsted Inspection in October we have been working with a former Senior HMI who has made several visits to school and has worked through most curriculum areas. He has been very complimentary about much of what he is seeing and in the areas we were aware that development was needed he has reported that 'I am of the opinion that the right steps are being taken and good progress is being made.' We continue to constantly reflect and develop our provision for the good of all our students.

Finally,

Many congratulations to Nathan in Year 11 who has now completed the exam and interview for the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. He has done extremely well to get this far and we wish him the best of luck for the outcome in October.

This week a group of year 8 students have participated in a fantastic opportunity to help inspire young people about digital and technical careers. This will help build Lancashire's future digital workforce by bringing cutting edge technologies into educational settings and help drive the skills that the industry requires. The sessions have been sponsored by BAE systems and delivered by Create Education. Over the coming year the CREATE Education Programme will engage with 50 secondary schools across Lancashire and support up to 3,000 young people with 3D Printing skills. During the sessions students learn how to use 3D CAD and a 3D printer to create a mini space rocket. The trainers from Create education were extremely complimentary about our students and commented, "We both enjoyed our day at Carr Hill and the students on both days were excellent - a real credit to the school so please congratulate them and pass on our praise".

It was also fantastic to see over 50 students this evening from Years 9 and 10 preparing for their DofE expeditions. We actually have 74 students signed up for the bronze award and they are working on their skills and service. The practice walk will be in June and we will have three weekend expeditions in June/July to accommodate such large numbers.

With best wishes for an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours faithfully



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