

January 21st 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well.

Covid matters:

- As you aware the Government yesterday lifted the recommendation for students to wear face coverings in class and we applied this straight away
- Students and staff are still asked to wear face coverings in other communal areas until Thursday January 27th when this recommendation will be removed.
- The vaccine team will be in school on February 3rd to continue the covid vaccine roll out for 12-16 year olds. Further information and the link to the electronic consent form were sent out yesterday evening but can also be accessed here: <https://www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Covid> The code for our school is BP119744
- We will return to routine assemblies in the Hall from Monday January 31st

Year 9

The Options process will begin on Monday January 24th with an Options Assembly. It is currently the intention to have an Options Evening in school on Thursday February 24th.

Year 10

Parents' Evening is on Thursday January 27th from 4pm to 7pm on the icloud system. Please make your appointments by going to <https://carrhill.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Year 11

The mock exam week concluded on Wednesday but there are quite a lot of exams missed by some students due to covid absence. There will therefore be an additional two days of mock exams on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January. Please encourage your sons and daughters to prepare for these if they missed any exams.

The results of the mock exams will be reported home on Friday February 11th but it is really important that students in Year 11 are positively focussed on the remaining 5 months and want to achieve the very best for themselves. Staff are working hard to prepare them for exams but every Year 11 needs to be focussed and be putting in the work themselves if they are going to achieve. They should be doing two hours work a night as a minimum and are kidding themselves if they think 'they can just get by'. In light of the Prime minister's announcements yesterday I think we can say we can say with almost absolute certainty that exams will go ahead. Year 11 have had three years disruption but so has every other Year 11 student in the country and they are all competing for the grades.

Library Books

We have a number of students in Years 7-9 who have outstanding library books which actually add up to a value of just over £1000. Reading is a key priority for the school and we want to use resources to add to the library stock not replace books. Could you please check your child's bag and ensure any overdue library books are returned. If the books do not come back then unfortunately we would need to issue an invoice for the cost of the book.

School Transport

Please find attached a leaflet from Lancashire Authority regarding the rules for the use of school transport.

School Standards

We do pride ourselves on having high standards of uniform and appearance. Could I please remind you that no piercings of any kind are allowed apart from one pair of stud earrings in the lobe of the ear; skirts are not to be rolled up and only one ring is allowed.

I would also be very grateful if you could ensure that your sons and daughters come to school each day with the correct equipment, including headphones.

Finally

Many congratulations to

Dan in Year 9 who has been offered a place in the Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Brass Band

Holly In Year 10 who will be training with the England u15's school girl squad at St George's Park in Staffordshire over half term. Holly was selected for the squad earlier in the school year.

We are very proud of their achievements.

With best wishes.



Andrew Waller
Headteacher