

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we launched 'We are Reading'. This is an initiative we are running alongside two other local high schools and it has been designed to encourage students to engage with reading and creative writing. The first element of this initiative is a short story competition open to Year 7s. Full details can be found on the website. I hope lots of our Year 7s will take part in the competition as I look forward to reading their stories later this month.

Congratulations to the Year 8 students who recently took part in a pop art project and had their work recognised by the Tate Gallery in Liverpool. Pupils created designs which were transferred to boxes of fries, burger boxes and cans of pop. After the school sent photographs of their work to the Tate Gallery, the gallery's Education Officer commended the students on their bright and playful designs.

The PE department is looking for students to join next year's Sports Council. This is one of the many ways our pupils can contribute school life. I'm proud to say that last year's Sports Council were instrumental in re-introducing the College Varsity League, increasing the sporting opportunities in the Sixth Form, changing the school PE kit (to be released in early July) and much more. I would like to thank these students for the positive impact they made within the school community this year. Opportunities to be a part of the student voice are available across many areas of the school, not only PE, and we encourage pupils to apply for such roles so they can play a key role in shaping the Carr Hill community.

If you have received a letter about one of our Meet the Mentor events please can you return the reply slip as soon as possible so we can make final arrangements for the evening. Finally, I would be grateful if parents/carers of Year 11 students could send in any items of unwanted uniform after Wednesday 27th June.

Best Wishes



Andrew Waller



Dates for the Diary:

Meet the Mentor Year 8: Tuesday 19th June
Wednesday 27th June: Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 27th June: Year 11 Prom
Meet the Mentor Year 9: Thursday 28th June
Thursday 4th July: College Celebration Evening

Outstanding Achievement Awards:



Matthew
Apollo College



Kelly
Ceres College



Karl
Juno College



Amelia
Mercury College



Isabel
Minerva College



Kelly
Poseidon College

Well done to all these students who have achieved a superb number of merits this week.

Year 9 celebrate exam success

This morning Carr Hill's Year 9 students collected their results following their recent examinations.

Pupils were marked with the GCSE grading giving them a good indication of the progress they are making and what they should be working to ahead of their summer 2020 exams. A number of students achieved 7's meaning they are on track to reach some of the top grades by the time of their GCSEs, whilst many others have achieved 5's and 6's, a great accomplishment in Year 9. Lots of students also demonstrated a high level of progress meaning they have advanced significantly.

Whilst the exam results are important the exams experience is equally valuable to students. Year 9 pupils had the chance to prepare, experience an exam environment and generally gain a better understanding of the whole process.

Assistant Headteacher Ms Hilton-Peet said: "Congratulations Year 9. I am proud of the work you did to prepare for your exams and the mature attitude you showed when sitting them. The results demonstrate the potential you have as a group of students, should you remain focused, to do well in your GCSEs in two years' time. I hope you are all pleased with your results."



Carr Hill student selected for RAF STEM week



Year 9 student Thomas has recently completed a prestigious residential STEM course run by the RAF as part of its 100th birthday. Thomas, who had to apply for the over-subscribed course, had the opportunity to work with RAF and other engineers and logisticians to see first-hand how STEM solves real life problems within the engineering sector.

The course took place in Wittering and Thomas spent five days with other students working on elements of support to a Humanitarian Aid operation in a far off country. Thomas learnt to understand the importance of budgets for materials and food and developed designs to calculate the financial implication of any decisions made.

The course enabled Thomas to gain valuable employment skills, such as communication, time management, problem solving, planning and presentations. At the end of the week Thomas was awarded the British Science CREST Award and an Industrial Cadet Award both of which are viewed favourably amongst universities and employers.

Thomas said: "I found out about the RAF STEM week through Scouts and I thought it was a great opportunity. The thing I enjoyed most throughout the week was speaking to RAF and other staff and finding out more about their jobs. I think the week also taught me a lot of new skills which will be useful in the future."

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