

2 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the final week of the half term, a few items of news.

Free School Meal Vouchers

The Local Authority has confirmed that families in receipt of free school meals will receive a voucher in the usual way for £15 per child to cover the half term week 12-16 February 2024.

School Uniform

We always want to support students and their families and so donated items of uniform can be a very important source of help. We are currently running low especially on skirts and girls' blazers. If you have any used items you could donate I would be very grateful – please leave at reception.

Reading

I attach the updated reading and literacy policies. Reading is the absolute key to learning. The more students read, the more they develop vocabulary, ideas and their ability to access the curriculum. Parents have a really important role in ensuring their children spend some time every day reading. We have a great reading programme in school and regularly test reading ages so that we can plan any interventions to develop reading. However, if you do have concerns about your child's reading please do contact Ms C Fry on cfry@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk

School Library

It is great that students can access reading material in the library but we do have a number of items that have not been returned. Could I please ask that you check at home for any school library books and have them returned. Thank you.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to Year 10 Parents and Carers who attended Parents' Evening yesterday. It is great to have so many parents and carers back in the school building and the feedback from parents was very positive. After half term, the focus moves to Year 9 with Options Evening and then Parents' Evening.

Blackpool Sixth Form

Blackpool Sixth Form will be holding taster events for current Year 11 in March and students can book onto these. I attach resources from the Sixth Form about these events. There is also a short video.

Year 11

Year 11 will have a final set of mock exams in core subjects starting 26 February. These are really important as a final insight into how students are performing in a mock setting. With only 11 school weeks to exams every lesson really does now count and so please get year 11 students into school unless absolutely unavoidable.

Elite Rugby Camp

Fylde Rugby Club are running an Elite Rugby Camp on Monday 12 February. Please see attached flyer for further information.



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Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 6 February
Wednesday 7 February
Friday 9 February
Monday 19 February
Thursday 22 February
Monday 26 February
Thursday 29 February
Tuesday 12 March

SHINE Coffee Morning 9.30 – 10.30 a.m. for parents/carers
Pastoral Drop-In 3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. (appointments via reception)
Half term starts after the end of school at 3.15 p.m.
School reopens for Half Term 4
Year 9 Options Evening 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
Start of Year 11 mocks in core subjects
Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
SHINE Coffee Morning 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. for parents/carers

Current Attendance

Year 7	94%
Year 8	91%
Year 9	92%
Year 10	89%
Year 11	87%

All year groups are below 96% target. Well done to those individuals who are keeping their attendance up or improving. Please remember 10% absence is currently 47 lessons missed this academic year!!



Yours faithfully

Mr A Waller
Headteacher