

17 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

School Photographs

On Tuesday 21 November we will have school photographs for Year 7 (Mentor groups and individuals), Year 9 (individuals) and Year 11 (Year group and individuals). We are always proud of the presentation of the vast majority of our students and this is essential for the photographs – students who are not complying with school expectations regarding uniform, make up etc. will not be allowed onto the group photograph.

Music opportunity

There is a free community opportunity to learn musical instruments, especially drumming, at St. Michael's Church in Kirkham on Thursdays from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. There are free refreshments and this is a great opportunity to have fun, meet new people and build self confidence as well as learning new skills.

Impact of BAe Competition which we currently run in school with Year 9

[The CREATE Education Project](#) and [BAE Systems](#) have been working together to deliver the Inspiring Lancashire Programme to schools across Lancashire, and we have been lucky enough to be a part of it.

To date, the [Inspiring Lancashire Programme](#) has given Carr Hill pupils the opportunity to access STEM industry critical skills through the use of Additive Manufacturing technology - and it's official - it's had a huge impact!

Starting in October 2021, BAE Systems initially invested £150,000 which enabled CREATE Education to provide 52 secondary schools in Lancashire with 3D printers, software and materials, training for teachers, careers workshops for students and a Design Challenge, which saw the finalists visit BAE Systems for a tour of their inspiring facility in Samlesbury.

This month CREATE Education launched its Year 1 Impact Report and the results have been outstanding.

- 70% of students participating said that this project made them consider their Key Stage 4 options leading to a job in science, technology or engineering.
- 98% of teachers participating said the school workshops had improved or significantly improved the development of new and specialist digital skills with learners.
- 96% of teachers participating said the school workshops had generated a positive change in learner attitudes.
- 100% of teachers participating said the learners had made a connection to how the school workshops could impact on future life chances

Such has been the extent of the impact that BAE Systems has committed to a further £500,000 investment over the next three years to extend the Inspiring Lancashire Programme, providing access to new technology, further teacher training and more student workshops.



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In addition, this investment has enabled the programme to be extended into primary education, reaching up to 18,000 young people, growing their skills and inspiring them around STEM subjects.

The impact of the programme has been recognised by the BETT Awards. These prestigious education awards are hard fought in the sector, and CREATE Education won the 'Collaboration with a School/Schools' for the Inspiring Lancashire Programme. They also were shortlisted as finalists in the Education Resource Awards 2023.

Poetry

Last week we recognised Remembrance Day and I was very impressed with a poem written by one of our Year 8 girls involved with the Creative Writing Club. I attach it here and thank Renae for her effort and insight.

Lest we forget - By Renae

***Remembrance Day is
History
respect
Lives and deaths***

***To pay respects to the men and women
Who fought for a peaceful future
Who Lost their lives, their own flesh and bled
For us***

***To remember the sadness of war
The hope of peace
The memories
And the fear of death***

***This day marks a place
For the brave warriors
Who fought, during hardships and struggles***

***The red poppies mark a special day
Courage, respect and honour
To show appreciation and support
They were not alone
Unity
Together they fought***

***The cries, screams, and deaths
Will remain in their hearts
They might not be here
But will always remain
In the depths of our souls***

School Lunches

Attached is a poster showing the new menu for school lunches this term, for information.

Post 16 Information

Please find attached a flyer regarding the Sixth Form Open Evening at Kirkham Grammar School on Thursday 30 November at 7.00 p.m.

I hope all our Year 11 now have a very clear idea of their preferred path Post 16 but if they do have any questions they must make sure they ask – Mr Beale as Careers Lead, their Mentor, Head of Year or be looking at websites for colleges and apprenticeships.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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