



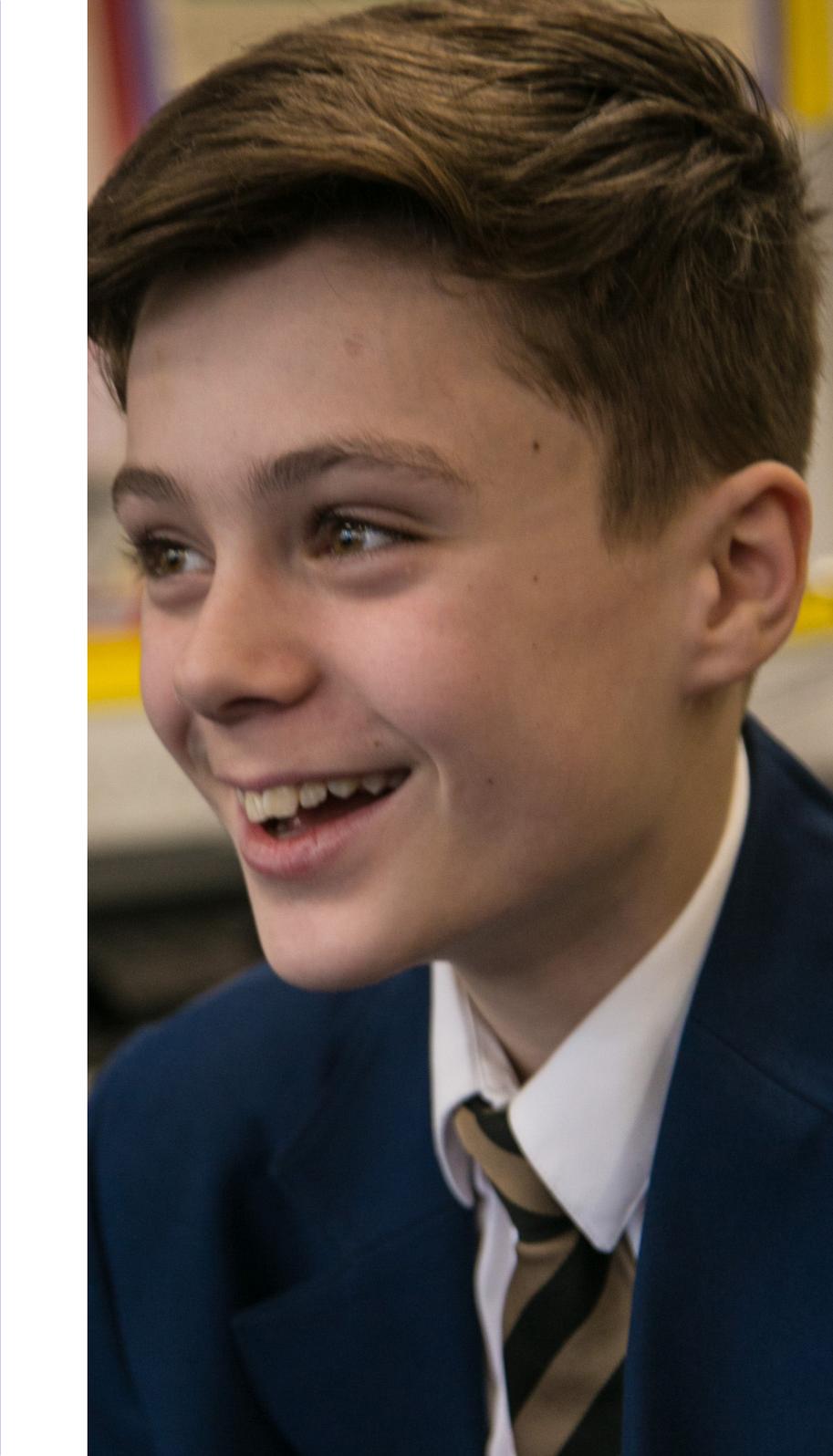
CARR HILL HIGH SCHOOL
& Sixth Form Centre

Prospectus

Welcome

to Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre





At Carr Hill High School and Sixth Form Centre you can expect a high quality education based on the school's two core principles:

In Pursuit of Excellence & Proud to Belong.

I am very happy to welcome you to the Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre prospectus. I hope you find it a rich source of information about our thriving school community.

We are a large school of around 1,200 students primarily serving the area of Kirkham and surrounding locations. Our students come from a number of local primary schools in to Year 7 or join us later in their education. We are very proud to have a Sixth Form Centre with around 150 students and offer a range of vocational and academic courses for those choosing to continue their studies with us.



Our mission statement is based on two principles which capture the ethos of the school community:

We are proud to belong to the Carr Hill Community.

We pursue excellence through commitment, aspiration, resilience and respect.

The sense of community, pride and respect for one another is evident as you walk around our school and we all pursue excellence because we have a pride in what we stand for. No matter what a person's role in the school – teaching or support staff – everyone is working to allow every one of our young people to pursue excellence in all that they do.

A school exists for its students – to give them an education that will help prepare them for adult life in the modern world; to encourage a thirst for knowledge that will hopefully continue beyond compulsory schooling; to help develop an understanding of justice, of right and wrong and those values which help create a decent society; and to provide an environment in which their talents and abilities can thrive.

I invite you contact the school to arrange a visit, our staff and students would be delighted to show you around and give you the opportunity to experience our wonderful school community.

Andrew Waller
Headteacher





Transition

at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre

Ensuring your child has a successful transition from primary education to secondary education is our priority. We understand how important it is for your child to feel happy and confident about the changes ahead so we provide an effective and highly thought of transition programme to support new pupils.

Staff work closely particularly with Year 6 teachers to have a good understanding of all our new students both pastorally and academically before they join us.

We start working with pupils in Year 5, giving our local primary school students the opportunity to visit Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre for an introduction to secondary school life. The following year, pupils will return for a more in-depth visit which expands on their previous experience. Students benefit from lesson tasters and the opportunity to try school facilities such as the canteen.

Later on in the year we host a Taster Day for all Year 6 pupils who will be joining us the following September. This is an opportunity for students to experience a full day at secondary school, familiarise themselves with the school layout, meet new friends, experience lessons and ask staff and current pupils lots of questions!

As a well-respected school, a percentage of students from outside of our core catchment area are included within our yearly intake. We appreciate that joining a new school as a student who doesn't know anyone is daunting so we make extra arrangements to help these pupils settle in. Students are offered additional support and will be invited on extended visits along with other pupils who are in a similar position.

Towards the end of the summer term, all new parents, carers and students are invited to the New Year 7 Parents' Evening. It's an exciting time for pupils as they are able to meet their College Leader, their mentor and purchase items such as their college tie.

There is extra support available for SEN students and their parents with the opportunity to arrange additional meetings with specialist school staff to ensure the student's individual needs are understood and met prior to them joining in September.

“Within a few weeks of starting at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre it felt like I had always been here.”

Year 7, Cloe



Care & Guidance

at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre

We believe that every student at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre should look forward to coming to school.

The school benefits from a dedicated team of staff who are there to support and encourage students. Staff are committed to making sure that every student's time here is both happy and prosperous.

Students at the school are organised into one of six colleges; Apollo, Ceres, Juno, Mercury, Minerva and Poseidon. The purpose of the colleges system is to provide care and support to students as they grow personally and academically. The school is proud of the excellent care that the colleges provide for students and Ofsted identify this as one of the strengths of the school.

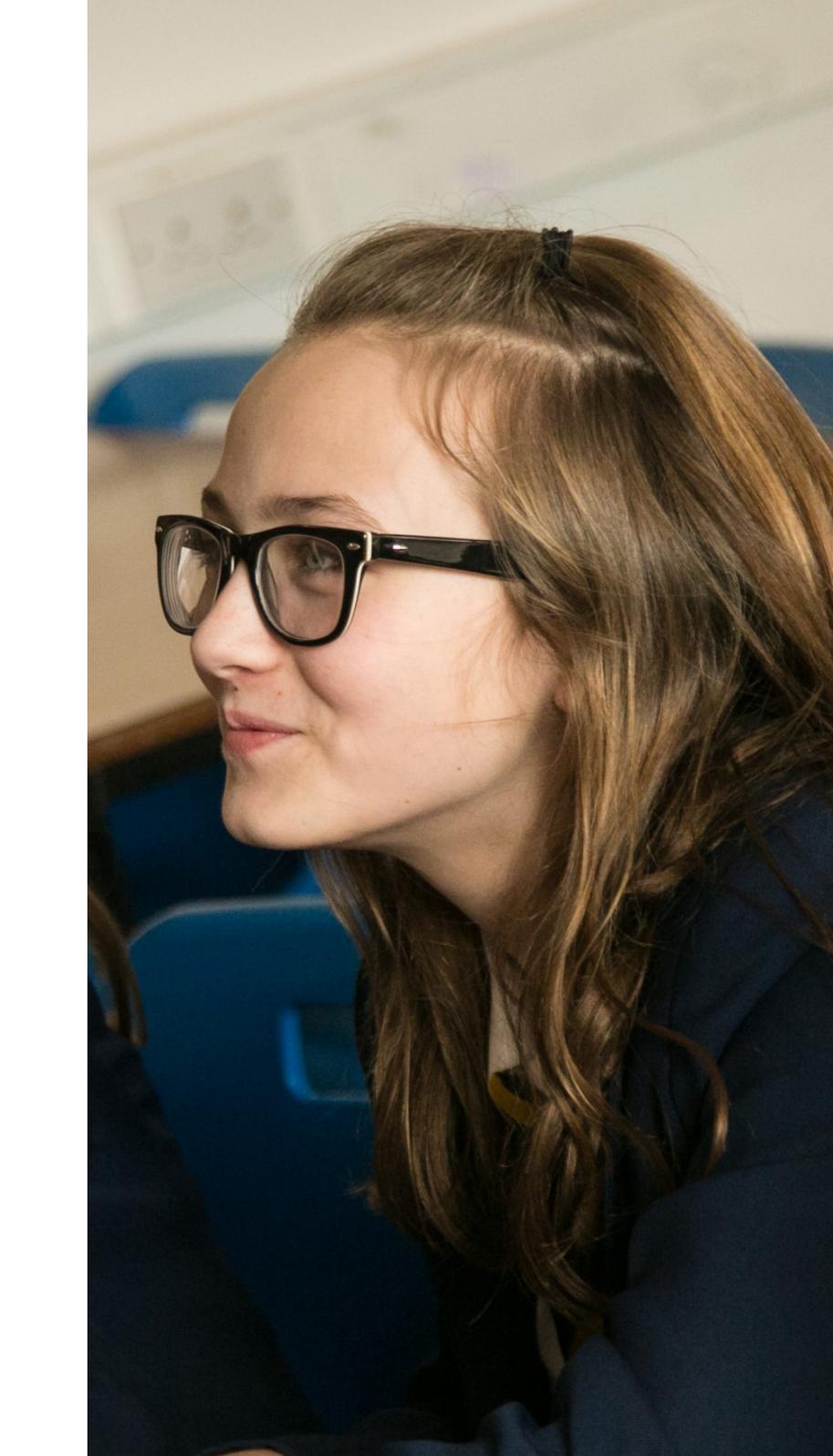
Each college has a college leader who is responsible for guiding and leading students within that college. The colleges also have a care leader who works alongside the college leader. The care leader offers pastoral support to students and works closely with the families of students helping them overcome any challenges and celebrating their successes.

Within each college, students are organised into mentor groups of approximately 25 students. Pupils from all years mix in mentor groups encouraging friendships and peer-mentoring across the school. All pupils receive daily mentoring with their personal college mentor and it is common for older students to support younger students because of the relationships that are formed in these sessions. Pupils and their families also form strong relationships with staff within their college allowing students to receive the best possible support.

The colleges are proud of the achievements of students and these are celebrated on regular occasions throughout the academic year.







Learning

at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre

At Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre we have developed a curriculum that inspires and encourages our students to learn.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, recognised by Ofsted as one of the strengths of our school, which enables students to pursue their talents and aspirations in the Languages, Literature, the Arts, the Humanities, in Sport and the Sciences.

All pupils are challenged and encouraged to excel and our most able students are supported by our Gifted & Talented programme.

All subjects fall under one of nine faculties. The faculties combine subjects that complement one another and allow teaching staff to share best practice and ideas in order to provide an outstanding education for all students. This creates a positive and productive working environment for every student, enabling them to develop their talents and pursue their aspirations.

In accordance with National Curriculum requirements, all Carr Hill's students follow a common programme of study which is broad, balanced and relevant at Key Stage 3.

At Key Stage 4 students follow a core curriculum of Maths, English, Science, RS and three optional subjects (though one must be History, Geography, MFL or Computing). At Key Stage 5 students normally choose three programmes of study.

Students progress is tracked via flight paths, reports and Parents' Evenings. Parents and carers are also encouraged to contact school staff, whether that be your child's college leader or subject teacher, throughout the school year should they wish to discuss their child's progress.



SEN

Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre is committed to whole school inclusion of students with special or additional educational needs and behavioural difficulties. We believe that every student has an entitlement to develop to their full potential.

Educational experiences are provided which develop students' achievements and recognise their individuality. Diversity is valued as a rich resource which supports the learning of all. In this school, inclusion recognises a student's right to a broad, balanced, relevant and challenging curriculum which is appropriate to their individual abilities, talents and personal qualities.

Chromebooks

The 21st century has seen huge developments in technology. Methods of working and learning are changing and the use of computer technology has become commonplace in the modern world. We want students at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre to be prepared for the opportunities and challenges that this provides.

We work hard to ensure that every student is able to secure the ability to be able to read, write and communicate effectively, use and apply numbers, and be digitally literate. We believe these are the fundamental key skills our students need to be successful in the modern world.

It is our vision that every student at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre has access to their own Chromebook so that they can learn independently, creatively, collaboratively and communicate effectively anywhere and at any time.

The use of technology to support learning allows students to learn in a variety of ways which suit their learning styles. Chromebooks enable our students to be able to access the internet in all classrooms, collaborate with classmates, use a wide range of powerful apps and access learning resources at any time. Students are able to enjoy the same benefits at home, in their local library or on even the bus.



“Everyone here is kind and friendly. The staff understand you and want to help you do your best.”

Year 7, Lillie



Attendance

Attendance is directly related to the success rate of a student's education which is why we expect excellent attendance and punctuality from all our students. In order for pupils to progress and develop academically, socially and in extra-curricular activities, they must have outstanding attendance (96% or higher).

The school has a dedicated Attendance Team who are on hand to advise students who may be struggling with their morning routine, feeling anxious about coming to school or be unsure as to the timings of the school day. There are regular, confidential drop-in sessions available to all pupils.

The Attendance Team are also able to offer support and advice to parents and carers to help ensure all students are coming to school every day.

“No one should be worried about starting at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre because it's a nice school. I've met lots of new friends in my first year and joined lots of clubs including ones for rugby, football and table tennis.”

Year 7, Jamie

Homework

Homework is set via an online system called Show My Homework. Students, parents and carers are provided with a login and can access homework set by teachers from home, school or a mobile device.

Equipment

Our students are expected to come to school every day with the items they need in order to learn. The school publish an equipment list for students each year. Equipment is also on sale in the Hub, daily.

Lunchtime

The school offers a wide variety of lunch options to suit all requirements. The school has a modern canteen that serves a range of hot and cold healthy meals. The canteen is also open before school and during break time offering students a range of breakfast and snack options. The canteen operates a cashless system; pupils are given a pin number and parents and carers are able to top up their account via the school website. For those preferring to bring their own packed lunch there are various areas within the school where students can sit and enjoy their meal alongside friends.

Year 7 to Year 11 students stay on the school site during the lunchtime break. However, Sixth Form students are able to leave the site to travel home should they wish to spend their lunch break there.

School Uniform

Part of a high-quality education is learning how to present yourself to the world. We want our students to feel Proud to Belong and take pride in their appearance.

Uniform for Years 7 to 11:

1. Badged Royal Blue Blazer.
2. Clip-on ties in the student's college colour.
3. Stiff collared white shirt with top button fastened.
4. A black V necked pullover (optional).
5. Black tailored trousers or skirt with school badge.
6. Full length opaque black tights for students who wear skirts.
7. Sensible black shoes, with low heels. Not trainers or sports shoes.

Sixth Form students do not wear uniform. However, we do request they dress appropriately and respectfully.

School ties are available from school. All other items of uniform are available from the Uniform & Leisure shop in Kirkham.

School Life

at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre

Every day in your child's education is important. We have high standards for school uniform and expect students to arrive on time at the beginning of the day and throughout their lessons. As a result, our pupils wear their uniforms with pride, look forward to the school day and gain the most from their education.





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Enrichment

at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre

At Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre we are passionate about delivering an enriching educational experience, encouraging natural ability and catering for a wide range of interests.

Pupils have the opportunity to visit places such as South Africa and New York as part of the school's enrichment offer. Closer to home there are numerous subject specific trips which are designed to support and enhance classroom learning.

Within the school there are many clubs catering for the interests and passions of all our students. Pupils can try out for one of the Sporting Elite Academies, representing the school at a local, regional and national level in sports including football, netball, rugby and dance.

The annual school production is the perfect opportunity for keen performers to take to the stage and those with an interest in production can work behind the scenes in one of numerous sound, lighting or staging crew roles. Pupils just discovering their passion for music can learn how to play a variety of instruments with the help of staff and fellow students.

For those who like the outdoors the school has its own allotment where students can take ownership for maintaining and developing the garden area. Movie fans can join the school's popular film club which shows a mix of movies during lunchtime once every week. IT enthusiasts can try their hand at building and programming their own computers and those passionate about science, technology, engineering and mathematics can join the STEM Club.

Our pupils are also encouraged to contribute to school life and have an active say in the way the school is run on a day to day basis. There is an array of opportunities to gain a place on the student council and multiple student leadership roles on offer.



I wanted to study at Carr Hill Sixth Form Centre because the class sizes are smaller than those at colleges. The teachers also make lessons fun and learning here is really enjoyable."

Year 12, Millie



Sixth Form

at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre

Students here are very fortunate to enjoy the benefits of a £2.5million state-of-the-art Sixth Form Centre. Dedicated classrooms and specialist facilities are available to Post 16 students and provide a superb learning environment for classes and tutorials. Students also enjoy the benefits of a specialist study area and private common room.

Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre is a seven year experience for our students. The dedicated Sixth Form Centre rivals many further education colleges with its range of courses coupled with smaller than average class sizes and more one-on-one learning opportunities.

High standards, diverse courses and new facilities, combined with excellent pastoral care and guidance make Carr Hill Sixth Form Centre one of the best providers locally.

The main school is also used for sixth form study and students have access to all the facilities open to students of the main school.

At Carr Hill Sixth Form Centre students can choose from academic and vocational courses. Specialist teachers are a key part of sixth form life meaning pupils get the optimum learning experience which will see them rewarded with the grades that allow them to pursue their future ambitions.

In addition to excellent classroom learning, the sixth form also offers students a wealth of pastoral support. The sixth form has a Post 16 Care Leader who is in place to support students as they work towards their Post 16 qualifications .

Each student is also placed with a mentor for the duration of their time at Carr Hill Sixth Form Centre. Mentors help with important tasks such as UCAS applications and provide pupils with a regular point of contact for any aspects of sixth form life.

Sixth form students can also choose to take part in one, or more, of the many enrichment offers. Enrichment opportunities include gaining a First Aid qualification, learning sign language or martial arts and running the school TV station. By taking part in these activities students can build up a portfolio of work which can be used to help them gain a place at university, on an apprenticeship or employment.





Social Media is a great way to stay up to date with all the latest school news.

Find photographs from the most recent school event, information about upcoming events or learn more about all the great things happening in our school every day.



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Admissions

at Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre

Carr Hill High School welcomes applications from the immediate and wider community.

Whether your child's education with us begins in Year 7, part way through the school year or when joining our Sixth Form Centre, we will always do our utmost to ensure a smooth transition.

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The Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council can also provide any guidance or support you may need regarding admissions:

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