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School eLetter Friday 19th July 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to update you and provide a few reminders. When we return in September we will legally be an 11-16 school with the name **Carr Hill High School**. The 2019-20 academic year will also see the next Ofsted inspection which we expect to be between December and June. As you will be aware, Ofsted will inspect schools under a new framework from September and this framework has a much greater focus on the quality of the curriculum which is delivered day in, day out in schools and places less reliance on data. There will still be judgements on leadership and management, on behaviour and attitudes and a separate judgement now on personal development. In recent years we have done a lot of work on our curriculum and the last inspection told us that we now had a more challenging curriculum in place. Over the past few months we have focussed even more on our curriculum. Faculty leaders have done a lot of work together, and with their teams, to ensure that our curriculum is ambitious, developmental and appropriately sequenced. One curriculum area that will change in how it is delivered is PSHE. Every student will be taught PSHE for one period per week in their mentor groups and the themes will be delivered by specialist teams of staff from across the school.

Staffing

Firstly I would like to record my thanks to all those staff who are leaving us this summer. We will be saying goodbye to a number of teaching and support staff and on behalf of all the school community I would like to wish them well for what will come next. The members of staff leaving this summer are:

- Mrs J Coulthard (Health & Social Care)
- Miss L Cranney (English)
- Mr S Dellow (English)
- Mrs S Donaldson (Behaviour Support)
- Mr E Graham-Hyde (Social Science)
- Mr L Johnson (Maths)
- Mr L Johnson (Science Technician)
- Mrs G O'Sullivan (Exams Officer)
- Mr G Phipps (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs S Thompson (Geography)
- Mr S Woodruff (Science)
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I am pleased to inform you that despite the national teacher recruitment concerns, we have secured specialist staff for all vacant positions that have arisen in school and we should begin the new term with no vacancies in any area of school. We will be joined by:

- Miss A Chauhan (Maths)
- Mrs P Langton (Maths)
- Mr M Pearce (English)
- Miss H Swarbrick (English)
- Ms C Cross (Music)
- Mr D Standing (Computing)
- Miss K Taylor (Exams Officer)
- Mrs B Sharples (Science Technician)

When we return Ms J Gould will be Mrs J Phipps and Ms J Allan will be Miss J Wareing.

Behaviour

In the last seven weeks we have had a renewed emphasis on classroom behaviour and the importance of respect for each other and for the learning environment. There was some low level disruption in some lessons which was not acceptable and this needed to be dealt with. Students are very clear now on the need to line up outside a lesson, to enter the room silently and wait to be invited to sit down. Independent work must be done silently and anyone disrupting a lesson after a warning and demerit will be timed out and given a same day detention. Both staff and students have observed that this is really having an effect and the numbers in the daily detention have reduced. I am grateful to you as parents and carers for your support in this. The idea of respect will be the focus of all our assemblies in the Autumn Term.

Uniform

We have very good standards of uniform overall and the vast majority of our students look smart and take pride in their appearance. Could I please remind all parents and carers to check the uniform policy (which is attached) in particular with regard to shoes, hair, jewellery and nails. Please do not allow your sons and daughters to have anything done which will cause a problem on the first day of term in September or any day after that! Skirts need to be appropriate at knee length and should not be rolled up. Students have also been reminded that school bags should be big enough to take A4 folders and books as well as other school equipment without causing them damage. Any student who is not complying with uniform policy may be asked to go home to rectify the issue or will be kept out of circulation.

Attendance and Punctuality

I would ask that students arrive promptly to school and that if they are brought in by parents and carers, are dropped off in good time. The warning bell rings at 8.50am and students should be in school by this time. For safeguarding reasons the school gates are locked at 8.55am when staff duty finishes for the start of the school day and students arriving after that will have to go through reception, will be recorded as late and be given a 15 minute lunchtime detention. Could I please ask that parents/carers dropping students off or collecting them are mindful of local residents and do not block drives. There should be no waiting on any double yellow line area within school grounds.

Finance

Due to the measures taken over the past couple of years we have been able to set a balanced budget for the financial year 2019-20 though there is very little anticipated surplus and as costs rise we need to maintain vigilance and care with spending. In the autumn term I will ask again for voluntary contributions. One of the projects we asked for help with this year was GCSE Pod – an online revision resource. This has been used extensively by current GCSE students and is clearly something we would want to maintain. Over the summer we are using some additional capital monies provided by central Government to improve ventilation and air circulation on the English/MFL corridor, to improve the fire detection system, to upgrade the computer system to Windows 10 and replace some carpets. As always our site and support staff will continue to work hard over the summer to prepare the school for the new academic year.

Exam results

Results for Year 13 will be published on Thursday August 15th and for Year 11 on Thursday August 22nd. Staff will be in school on both of those mornings to congratulate students and help them with any enquiries regarding next steps. Staff will also be available on the Friday mornings after the results day.

And finally...

It has been a busy year as always with thousands of lessons taught and many, many hours of extra curricular provision which allows our students to experience so much of human culture and creativity and raise their aspirations. I hope that the summer holiday brings a safe

and enjoyable rest from school for all our students but there is always the opportunity to learn from experiences over the summer ... and if they say they have nothing to do why not encourage them to read and enjoy a book?

Thank you for your continued support as we aim to do our very best to help each and every one of our students achieve their best and become their best.

Important Dates:

Friday 19th July- School closes at 1.25pm for the summer holidays

Thursday 15th August Post 16 Exam Results

Thursday 22nd August GCSE Results

Monday 2nd September School closed for INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd September School open to new Year 7 only

Wednesday 4th September School open to all students

Best Wishes,



Andrew Waller
Headteacher



Theo
Year 7

Martin
Year 8

Daniel
Year 9

Georgina
Year 10

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

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