Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of Year 10 I am writing to thank you for your continued support for our school and for the high standards and expectations we have for your sons and daughters.

Our responsibility is to provide the very best education we can for each and every one of our students and to support them through this challenging year. The messages we will give to our students are ones learned from experience and we would appreciate your support in promoting these and reinforcing an academic ethos at home:

* Be ambitious- aim high and want the very best for yourself. Never settle for second best or ‘that will do’
* Be in school every day - even 96% attendance means 30 lessons missed! Students are only allowed out of class for exam related activities in year 11
* Time on social media should be limited each day and it is not a good idea to have access to social media in the bedroom
* Sleep is really important – get to bed at a sensible time and aim for 8 hours sleep
* Eat properly and regularly and take time to spend with your family to talk through what is happening at school and ask them to help you with revision
* Revision and homework should be taking place each evening in a quiet space and they should be doing two hours a night and up to 4 hours a day at the weekend. Our Hub is open until 4.15pm each evening to help facilitate homework and revision completion. No year 11 student can ever say ‘I don’t have any homework’
* Fully participate in discussions about future careers and pathways. It will help the motivation factor if you have a goal! This can be done in the following ways:
	+ Attend open days at Sixth Form providers
	+ Request a careers interview through Mrs J Beesley – jbeesley@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk
	+ Source apprenticeships independently or through the guidance of Mr Beale at Carr Hill nbeale@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk
	+ Organise a work placement in the summer or in other half term breaks, so they have experience to write about in college or job applications.
* Hard work, resilience, determination do lead to progress and your efforts will be rewarded.
* Look smart – be smart. Take pride in your appearance and wear correct uniform

Over the year there will be a number of events to keep you informed and help you support your son or daughter through the year and the mentor is available as the first port of call if there are any concerns:

* Year 11 information evening on Thursday 12th September 2019.
* Parents Evening on Thursday November 7th 2019

When we return we will be an 11-16 school and so as well as preparing for exams, Year 11 will be the senior students in the school and role models for the rest. On the whole they have had an excellent Year 10 and we want to build on that in their final year.

In reality there are only 30 school weeks before GCSE exams begin in earnest and before that there will be a number of mock exams plus the practical exams in a number of subjects. Our role as staff is to support our students with our knowledge and experience, helping them to achieve their best and become their best. There will be times when we may upset them by saying ‘no’ or by taking away any distractions but that is just ‘tough love’, a phrase your sons and daughters are very familiar with. It is a genuine sign of love and care when, as teachers and parents, we set firm boundaries and high expectations. Hopefully your sons and daughters can then celebrate academic success in August 2020 having achieved their full potential and able to access the future pathway they desire.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Beesley Ms J Allan
**Head of year 10 Assistant Head Teacher**

**Year 11 mentors 2019/20:**

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**Please return reply slip to Mrs J Beesley**

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I confirm that I have received the end of term letter from Mrs Beesley and Mrs Allan. I understand that I can contact my son/daughter’s mentor for support in the first instance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**