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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the weekly newsletter.

## Further Strike Action

As you may be aware the National Education Union has announced two further days of strikes on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. Students will not be affected on the 7<sup>th</sup> as it was already an Inset Day for us. On the 5<sup>th</sup> July, Years 9 and 10 will be in school as normal while Years 7 and 8 unfortunately will be asked to work at home. Further strike action is anticipated in the Autumn term when all four teaching unions have concluded their current ballot of members.

## Heads of Year

There will be a change to current Year 8 as I have asked Miss Coulthard to relinquish the Head of Year role to concentrate on leading safeguarding, mental health and provision for looked after children in school. Mr Humfrey will take over responsibility for Head of Year 9 in September. Miss Clancy will take over responsibility for the current Year 10. This means Heads of Year from September are as follows:

Year 7	Mr Penney	<a href="mailto:apenney@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">apenney@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Year 8	Mrs Potts	<a href="mailto:lpotts@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">lpotts@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Year 9	Mr Humfrey	<a href="mailto:bhumfrey@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">bhumfrey@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Year 10	Mrs O'Donnell	<a href="mailto:eodonnell@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">eodonnell@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Year 11	Miss Clancy	<a href="mailto:gclancy@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">gclancy@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>

## Year 10

Year 10 students have begun their summer exams now that Year 11 exams are all completed. The Year 10 exams started yesterday and it is good to see a high level of co-operation with the invigilators as students get used to sitting formal exams.

Today some Year 10 students will be visiting Preston College in the first of a series of visits to Post 16 providers.

## Water bottles during exams

Please can I remind students about the regulations for taking water bottles into exams. They must be:

- Transparent
- No bigger than 500ml/half a litre
- Contain water only.



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### Year 11

Year 11 have now finished their KS4 exams and we look forward to their results on 24 August. If you have any items of uniform in good condition - especially blazers, trousers and skirts, that you would be willing to donate to school to help us support other families, I would be very grateful. Items can be dropped off at reception – thank you.

Students also need to ensure they have returned any text books or other resources belonging to the school.

### Attendance

Overall school attendance nationally is a concern from Government level down and it has certainly not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. Currently secondary school attendance in England is 90% which means 1 in 10 days being lost on average for every student. Students need to be in school if they are to learn best so please do support your sons and daughters in getting into school so that they can maximise their chances of success.

### Rewards Trips

All end of year reward trips are now live on Synergy for parents to make payments.

### Welcome Evening

On Thursday 29 June we have our welcome day for the Year 6 students who will be joining us in September followed by a welcome evening for their parents and carers. It is great news that we are anticipating welcoming 200 new students to join us in September.

Finally,

On Tuesday of this week many of our girls participated in the Fylde Coast Athletics Event. It was lovely to receive an email from a member of the public who took the time to send a message saying, 'I am currently sat at the girls' athletics competition at Stanley Park and wanted to send you an email to say how well behaved and polite your students are. I hope you are very proud of the way they all conduct themselves and I hope they have had a successful day!' We are very proud of the vast majority of our students and it is great to receive an email like that.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Waller  
Headteacher