

Message from the Head



Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyday over 1000 students come through our gates and each one has a story whether that be a situation they are struggling with, a parent they are caring for, a personal achievement, an ambition or whatever else. School provides so much support, encouragement and help often in ways that are never publically seen and it is fantastic when those young people in turn want to help others. In recent weeks I have been approached by three groups of individuals asking me if, as a school, we could do something practical to raise awareness and money for the 'We Love Manchester' charity following the Manchester Arena Bombing, for the homeless and to support two of our students who have been selected by the scouts to go to international charitable events. For the Manchester Arena charity there will be 'wear something pink day' on the final Friday of this half term. Students will be expected to wear uniform but can adapt that with something pink – whether that be a tie, a jumper, a shirt, a pair of socks, a hairband or some other item. We would ask students to donate £1 to the charity that day. Two Year 10 students are now working with Centre Point and Mr Beale to plan a 'School Sleepout' to support this homelessness charity – as a result of what they have been studying in PSHE. We will publish details of this as soon as we have them. Scouts Danielle and Adam will be leading a number of fundraising activities in coming weeks for their scouting adventures.

Please can I politely remind you to avoid dropping students off on Royal Avenue and the entrance to our car park as it can get extremely congested. Please use the Carr Road/Chapel Walks entrance instead. Many thanks for your cooperation.

We are now in the final week before public exams begin. In reality they have already started - students in French and Spanish started their exams this week with the oral part of the qualification and where there is still a coursework element, the deadline is fast approaching. Our Year 11 and 13 students are competing for college, Higher Education and apprenticeship places with so many other students of their age group and so it is vital that they take every exam seriously and prepare for every exam as best they can to give themselves the best possible chances. They need to aim high. It is never too late to do some additional work and think about what they want that results slip to say in August!

With best wishes,

Andrew Waller

Meet the Governors

The school governors have a wide and varied role in the running of the school. They work with Mr Waller and the rest of the SLT to help make decisions on all sorts of matters from setting targets, to authorising policies and appointing senior staff members. Here Governor, Guy Tugman tells us a bit about his role:



Born in Lancaster and brought up in Lancashire, I graduated from Stirling University with a degree in Economics and later completed a Postgraduate course in Statistics. I became a Carr Hill Governor in Autumn 2015 after being a Parent Governor at Strike Lane school for four years where I was Chair of the Finance and Staffing Committee. At Carr Hill I sit on the Pupil, Curriculum and Standards Committee and am the Maths Link Governor which involves observing lessons and discussing student progress with the Director of Learning. I am also a Data Governor responsible for reviewing student assessment data across all age groups. I'm passionate about learning and in my spare time I mentor a student at Blackpool Sixth Form College. I live in Freckleton and have a daughter at Carr Hill and a son at Strike Lane. I work in Blackpool and spend a lot of my time watching my son play rugby, cricket and football and essentially acting as an unpaid taxi service!

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 4th May
Year 9 Exam Week

Monday 7th May
School Closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 14th May
Public Exam Summer Series starts

Friday 25th May
School closes for half term.

Monday 4th June
School reopens

Outstanding Achievement Awards:



Ryan Apollo College Joe Ceres College Liam Juno College Amelia Mercury College Michael Minerva College Aimee Poseidon College

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

Scouting for a better Education for Girls, and Boys, in Uganda



Year 10 student Danielle will be travelling to Bulera in Uganda next year with the Scouting Association on an expedition to help provide much needed resources for the local village and school. Here she tells us a bit about the trip, what has motivated her to do it and what she hopes will be achieved through it.

I've always had an interest in helping others and my dream career would be a medic for an organisation such as the Red Cross. When the opportunity to go to Uganda with the Scouting Association came up I knew it was something I'd love to be involved with.

After submitting a lengthy application I found out I'd been chosen to go on a selection weekend along with 60 other young people. The weekend involved us demonstrating we were capable of doing the hard work out in Uganda and we took part in various activities, including digging trenches for water pipes

and filling in potholes. In addition to the physical labour we were also interviewed to find out what had motivated us to apply and why we wanted to be involved.

I was thrilled when I found out I'd been successful and had made it through to one of the final 30 and I am so excited about being able to go out there and make a tangible difference to the lives of the villagers.

The trip is three weeks long and we'll be working on two projects. Firstly, the construction of a bore-hole to supply the village with water, and secondly a farm to support the local school's ambition to feed the children once a day and sell produce such as eggs to generate some income to enable the school to keep going, as many of the children cannot afford to pay for education. Our trip will culminate with a three day safari in Kenya to celebrate what we have achieved.

The total cost of the trip is £1800, £450 of which will contribute to the materials and resources we need to complete both projects. The other £1350 will pay for my travel, insurance and general living costs while I'm out there. I realise it is a lot of money so I will be doing various fundraising events to try to raise it before the trip next summer.

I have set up a Go Fund Me page with the hope of raising the £450 which is going towards materials and resources for the expedition. If you are able to contribute I would be incredibly grateful and I have no doubt that your contribution will go a long way in improving the lives of the children at the school and the wider village with the provision of fresh water, and an education for the young people. Thank you so much in advance, and I look forward to keeping you posted with the developments.

Donations can be made via Danielle's Go Fund Me page here: <https://www.gofundme.com/5hd9erc>

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