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Dear parents and carers

As you may be aware, your child's Computing teacher, Mr Silcock, has now left Carrington School. As a result, we currently do not have the staffing capacity to offer online Parents' Evening appointments for his Year 9 Computing classes.

We are pleased to confirm that a new Head of Computing will be joining us after the Easter break, which will restore full subject provision and parental communication opportunities moving forward.

This term, the Year 9s have completed their Cyber Security unit, where they learned about key topics including:

- Different types of cyber threats (malware, phishing, social engineering)
- How to recognise and prevent common attacks
- The importance of secure passwords and safe online behaviour
- Methods used to protect data, such as encryption and secure network practices

This half term, they are beginning Python Programming and they will:

- Write basic Python programs using print() and comments
- Work with variables, strings etc.
- Gradually develop more complex programs as they progress

If your child is considering choosing Computer Science or Digital Information Technology as one of their GCSE options, and you would like to discuss their suitability or have any questions about the courses, please contact me directly. I will be happy to arrange a telephone call to provide guidance and support. You can reach me at:
kgray@carringtonschool.org

Thank you for your understanding during this period of transition. We remain committed to ensuring all students receive the information and support they need to make informed decisions about their future studies.

Yours Faithfully
Mrs K Gray
Assistant Head Teacher

