

4 September 2026

THE CARLTON ACADEMY

WEEKLY BULLETIN



In science in year 9 your child will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

To further improve outcomes, students will be streamed into groups in year 9. We have groups which are 'aiming for 7+' or 'aiming for 6'. On each side of the year there will be two groups 'aiming for 7+'. All other groups will be mixed ability groups. This means that the number given to the group does not reflect the ability or outcomes of the students but it gives the science department greater flexibility in correctly identifying the tier of entry for your child when they start GCSE.

This means we are mixing groups to give students a fresh start in year. Your child may therefore change groups and appear to be in a 'lower' set. However, this is not the case as we have moved students into mixed ability streamed groups. The different numbers assigned are merely to allow us to distinguish between groups.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me on:

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Homework is a crucial part of a child's learning journey. It allows them to develop independence, apply learning from lesson, do additional research and expand on what we do in-class. It also teaches them valuable organisational skills for life. Each member of staff will set a lesson when homework is due in. It is important that students hand their homework in on time as there will be no extensions to homework deadlines without a very good reason and no extensions because homework has been forgotten. We want to avoid students getting sanctions for not completing or forgetting to bring in homework on the deadline date. In the unlikely event that a detention is issued for forgetting homework or failing to complete homework, it is expected that students sit these to avoid them being escalated further.

If you have any challenges around homework please contact the teacher who has set it well before the deadline.



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Updates to menu prices

From 3 September 2026, there will be some changes to the prices of selected school catering items.

We fully recognise the financial pressures that many families continue to face and understand that any increase in costs is unwelcome, particularly in the current economic climate. As a school, we are committed to keeping costs as low as possible and have worked hard to absorb rising expenses wherever we can.

However, due to significant increases in food, staffing and catering costs, we have had to increase the price of a small number of items.

Importantly, we are pleased to confirm that the cost of our popular meal deal will remain at £2.95. This will continue to include a main meal choice and a pudding. For students purchasing a main meal and a pudding separately, the meal deal can offer a daily saving of up to 50p per day, £100 per year.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they can receive a school meal deal. Please refer to the attached menus for details of the items included in the meal deal. Any items purchased outside of this allowance will be chargeable and must be paid for by parents or guardians.

If you do not wish for your child to accrue debt on their catering account, we can place a spending restriction on our system. Please email the school office, and this will be arranged for you.

Please note that break-time items are not included in a child's Free School Meal allowance. Children who receive Free School Meals will be entitled to a waffle at breakfast. If your child would like to purchase break items, please ensure that sufficient funds are available in their ParentPay account. We remain committed to ensuring that we continue to provide our students with high-quality, nutritious meals while maintaining the standards of service and provision that our school community expects. Please refer to the menu links below.

[Break](#)

[Lunch](#)

[Drinks](#)

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A REMINDER THAT THERE IS A TRIP TO NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY FOR THE WHOLE OF YEAR 13 ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER. MOVING ON DAY IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS TO GAIN GREATER INSIGHT INTO LATER LIFE BOTH IN AND OUT OF EDUCATION WITH SESSIONS RANGING FROM APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY TO MANAGING FINANCES.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS AND STUDENTS THAT A LINK TO THE SIXTH FORM BURSARY APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO MAY REQUIRE FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING THEIR STUDIES.

THE BURSARY CAN HELP WITH A RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL COSTS, INCLUDING:

- TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL
- FOOD AND MEALS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
- ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT AND LEARNING RESOURCES
- EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND SCHOOL TRIPS

WE ENCOURAGE ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN BOTH YEAR 12 AND 13 TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION IF THEY FEEL THEY MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS SUPPORT. FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND THE APPLICATION FORM, CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THE LINK PROVIDED.

FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS WHO ALREADY RECEIVE THE BURSARY THEY ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE BURSARY CONTINUATION CLAIM FORM. THE CONTINUATION FORM IS A DECLARATION THAT THEIR INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY HAS NOT CHANGED

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BURSARY, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SIXTH FORM TEAM.

CARLTON ACADEMY BURSARY APPLICATION FORM - FILL OUT FORM

CARLTON ACADEMY - YEAR 13/14 BURSARY CONTINUATION CLAIM - FILL OUT FORM



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A notice to parents and students that school will be closing at the earlier time of 2:10pm on Wednesday 16 September due to our Year 6 open evening. Please make sure to make arrangements for your child to get home where needed.

Upcoming week

We would also like to remind Year 7 parents that our Meet the Tutor events are taking place next Tuesday 8 September (for houses Cavendish, Canarvon, and Grove) and Wednesday 9 September (Hutchinson, Hollinsclough, and Messent). This is a fantastic opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child's tutor who will be their first point of contact for any matters regarding their child within school.



A reminder that we have an INSET Day on Monday 21 September. School will be closed to students on this day