

**THE CARLTON ACADEMY**

# **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**School Early Closure - Friday 19 December 2025 - 12.45pm**

**Y11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 7 January 2026**

**Y7 Tutor Review Week - Monday 12 January 2026**

**School Early Closure - Thursday 15 January 2026 - 2.10pm**

**Y10 Tutor Review Week - Monday 19 January 2026**

**School Early Closure - Friday 23 January 2026 - 2.10pm**

## **Inter-House Activities**

### **House Rowing Challenge**

This year's event focused on teamwork and house spirit. Our students rowed together to achieve the greatest distance, making it inclusive for all ages and genders. The atmosphere was electric as houses united, proving that strategy and encouragement matter as much as strength. A true celebration of unity and teamwork!

#### **Results:**

- 1. Messent: 5686m (equivalent distance from TCA to CFS in Calverton!)**
- 2. Cavendish: 5288m**
- 3. Grove: 4976m**
- 4. Hutchinson: 4755m**
- 5. Carnarvon: 4040m**
- 6. Hollinsclough: 3896m**

**Congratulations to all participants for showing that when we row together, we go further!**

### **Christmas Trees**

As part of our weekly House Challenge, creativity took centre stage! Each Tutor Group transformed their ideas into stunning Christmas Trees, working together across two lively Tutor sessions to design and decorate their masterpieces. The festive spirit didn't stop there, our House Council proudly showcased these dazzling creations in the dining room, setting the perfect scene for the TCA Christmas lunch. It was a joyful celebration of teamwork, imagination, and holiday cheer!



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### LOST PROPERTY

We have many items of lost property that have been found around school site. On Thursday 18 December, all lost property will be taken to the open area for students to look through and claim. Any items that are not claimed will be donated to charity.

### YEAR 11 EXAM RESULTS

Monday 15 December is Results Day for our Year 11 mock exams. Individual appointments have been scheduled for all students to collect their results.

This is an important milestone in preparing for the summer exams as it provides a clear picture of current progress and highlights areas for improvement.

We encourage students to take time to review their feedback carefully and speak with their teachers for guidance and support. Every step forward counts and all our students can use this opportunity to learn, grow, and stay focused on goals. With determination and effort, success in the summer exams is within reach.

## This week's activities

On Tuesday 9 December, twelve Year 9 students visited the University of Nottingham with the Ambition Nottingham Programme to raise awareness of the opportunities open to them in further education. They took part in a "Dragons Den" activity where they had to design a food business to fill a gap in the University's current offering and pitch it to two senior members of the University Leadership Team. Our students worked in teams with other schools and as always were a credit to The Carlton Academy. Two of our students, Marcus Luk and Blossom Abrahams, were part of the winning team and won amazon gift vouchers for their great ideas and presentation. The students now look forward to visiting the University of Cambridge in March to experience what a world class university has to offer.





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## Whole School Christmas Activities

On Thursday 11 December The Carlton Academy was brimming with Christmas spirit during a special day of celebrations and festivities that brought the whole school together.

- **Christmas Jumper Day:** students and staff proudly wore their most festive jumpers. All donations from the day went to Save the Children helping to make a difference for those in need; we raised an amazing £650!!
- **Food Bank Collection:** this has been a huge success thanks to the generosity of our school community. These contributions will support Bag of Blessings and Hope Nottingham, ensuring that families receive help during the holiday season. Some of our students volunteered to carry the contributions from the classrooms to the transport.
- **Christmas Sing-Along:** music filled the air with a packed theatre of students singing classic Christmas songs. Some even took to the mic, creating a joyful and memorable atmosphere.
- **Christmas Dinner:** to top off the celebrations, our incredible kitchen team prepared a delicious festive feast for students and staff making the day extra special.

