

April 2025

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WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP ALL OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR
BEST, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

LIFE AT CARLTON



It has been another really positive term at The Carlton Academy. As this newsletter shows, most of our students are taking advantages of the opportunities on offer to engage with life beyond the classroom. From trips to C+ activities, our commitment to developing our students' skills and experiences beyond the classroom is, I believe, brilliant (although I am biased).

As you will see, our students' achievements have been wonderful. From Trust-wide events, to sporting fixtures, from aspirational visits to University to being the star of the stage, our students have been committed to everything that they have taken part in.

Their achievements have been brilliant too. We have just compared this year to last year and students last year were awarded, on average, 4000 achievement points per week. This year, the average is around 7800. Wow!

So, soak up everything that has happened this term. Have a great Easter break.

Mr Hillyard

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

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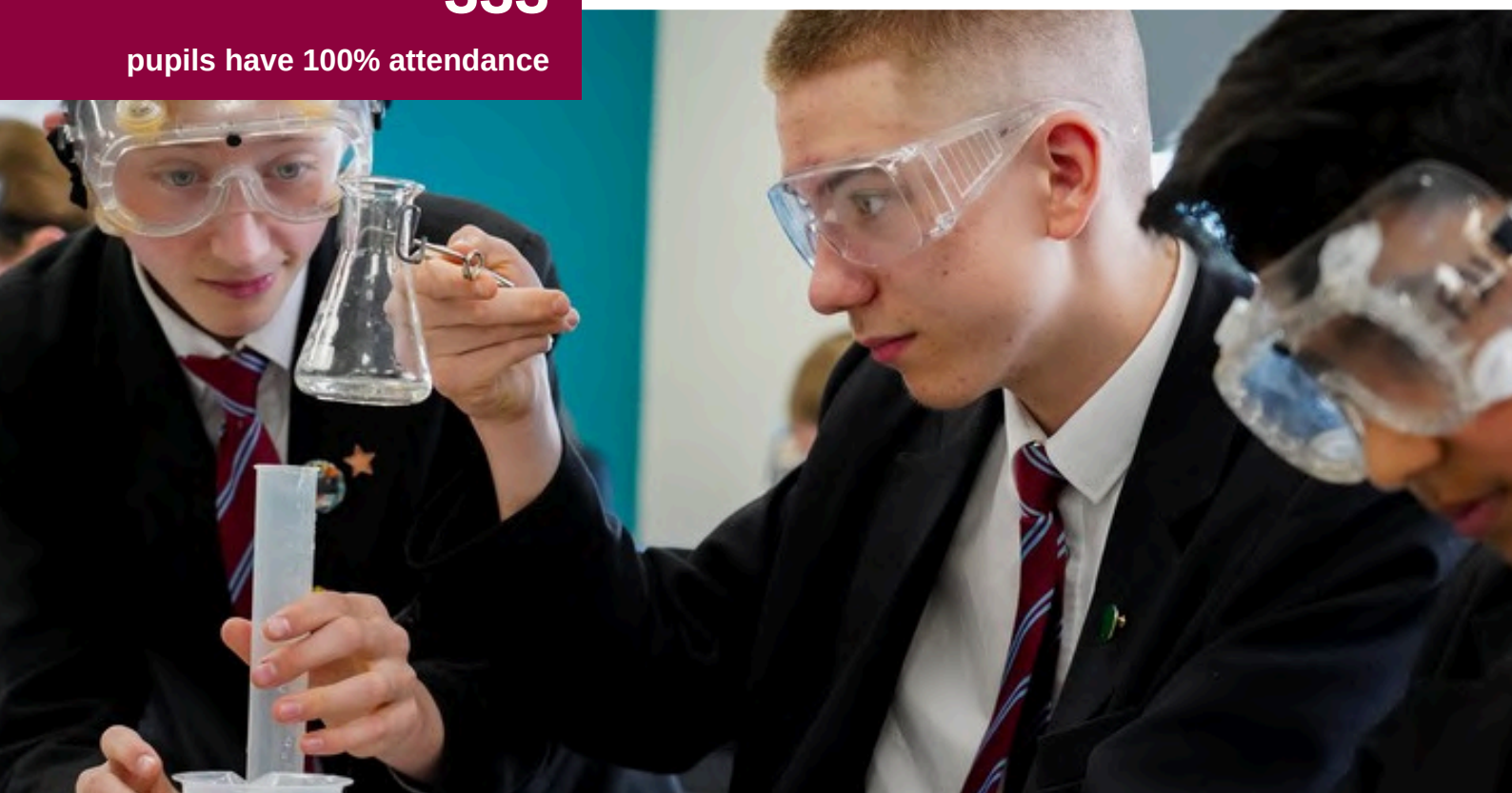
CARLTON Learner achievement points have been awarded

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C+ points have been awarded

333

pupils have 100% attendance



Disclaimer: Not all students who took part in events are mentioned in this newsletter. This is because we do not have consent for this. If your child currently doesn't have consent to have photos and names mentioned in newsletters and they would like to have this, please send them to see Mrs Bull in main reception.



GOLDEN GROVE



CARLTON STUDENTS GIVE BACK

a range of Carlton students gave back to the local community during the 48th Golden Grove event this March. The Golden Grove evening is an event organised by our amazing PTFA. It invites senior members of our local community, many of whom are ex-students from the Cavendish School days, to an evening of music and food.

Although the current event dates back to the 1970s, it links back to a much older tradition. In December 1966, 60 elderly residents attended a Christmas tea served by staff and pupils, followed by a concert. How cyclical is life!

The evening started with a beautiful soup made by our new catering manager, Mr Coxon, and served by our students. The music and entertainment then started, with music from our amazing Anything Goes band and singing from our wonderful choir. After a lovely ploughman's and a great gateaux, we had our raffle with some amazing prizes sourced by the PTFA.

A HUGE thanks to everyone involved - Mrs Williams and Mrs Davies for their hospitality training for students, the site team for their help setting up and tidying up, Mr Linthwaite for playing limousine driver and, of course, the PTFA, who are already looking forward to two years' time when it will be the 50th Anniversary. Finally, a huge thank you to our student servers, singers and musicians - you made it an brilliant night. Well done!

To find out more about our PTFA, [click here.](#)



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: SCIENCE

This term has been an incredibly busy and exciting one for our KS3 Science Club and the entire department. Here's a glimpse into the fascinating activities and lessons we've experienced.



KS3 Science Club

Our KS3 Science Club has been buzzing with activity. Students have engaged in a variety of practical experiments, including:

- **Fruit Batteries:** Exploring the power of nature by generating electricity from fruits.
- **Catapults:** Understanding the principles of physics and engineering.
- **Lava Lamps:** Creating mesmerizing chemical reactions.
- **Bacteria Hunt:** Investigating the microscopic world around us.
- **Earthquake Proofing:** Designing structures to withstand seismic activity.
- **Egg Drop:** Testing the limits of gravity and impact resistance.

“A term full of discoveries.”

SCIENCE WEEK

This term's Science Week was themed around "Adapting to Change," and it was packed with engaging activities and lessons.

AMAZING LESSONS

- **Evolution:** Students learned about the fascinating process of evolution and how species adapt over time, as well as the differing theories from Jean-Baptiste Lamarck and Charles Darwin.
- **Renewable Resources:** Hands-on activities included making slime and extracting copper from low-grade ore, emphasising sustainability in Year 9 and making environmentally friendly slime for Year 7 and 8.
- **Subatomic Particles:** A special physics lesson designed by our talented Year 12 students, using a cyclotron to delve into the world of subatomic particles.

DEMO DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Science Week also featured a thrilling Demo Day, where students witnessed:

- **Screaming Jelly Babies:** A fiery demonstration of chemical reactions.
- **Setting the Teacher on Fire:** A safe and controlled experiment that left everyone in awe particularly Mr Jefferson.

ANNUAL SCIENCE TREASURE HUNT

Our yearly Science Treasure Hunt was a hit, challenging students to solve clues and discover hidden scientific treasures. The excitement continues with our ongoing competition to design an air-purifying device.

SCIENCE QUIZ

The term wouldn't be complete without our Science Quiz, which saw enthusiastic participation from students. Congratulations to the winning team for their impressive knowledge and quick thinking!



BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK 2025



SPACE CENTRE VISIT

We are thrilled to share the highlights of our recent Science trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester, which was an unforgettable experience for our Year 11 and Year 13 physicists. The trip was packed with engaging activities and learning opportunities that left everyone inspired and eager to explore the wonders of space further.

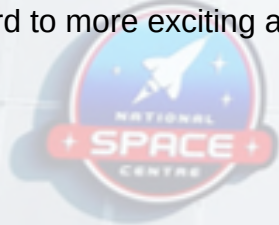
Activities and Highlights

- 1. Planetarium Show:** Our visit began with a mesmerizing planetarium show that took us on a journey through the cosmos. Students were captivated by the stunning visuals and learned about the formation of stars, galaxies, and the vastness of the universe.
- 2. Workshop on Programming a Mars Rover:** In this hands-on workshop, students learned how to program a Mars Rover. They gained insights into the technology and coding required to navigate and explore the Martian surface, sparking their interest in robotics and space exploration.
- 3. Workshop on Saving Earth from an Asteroid:** Another exciting workshop focused on strategies to save Earth if an asteroid were heading towards us. Students explored various methods of deflection and mitigation, emphasising the importance of preparedness and scientific innovation.
- 4. Interactive Exhibits:** The National Space Centre's interactive exhibits offered students the opportunity to engage with various aspects of space science. From learning about the history of space exploration to understanding the technology behind space missions, the exhibits were both educational and entertaining.
- 5. Talk on Waste Management in Space:** Students listened to an enlightening talk on where our waste goes on the International Space Station. They learned about the challenges of waste management in space and the innovative solutions used to ensure sustainability.
- 6. Space Centre Badges:** To commemorate the trip, every student received a special Space Centre badge for their blazer or lanyard, serving as a proud reminder of their visit and the knowledge they gained.

Reflections and Takeaways

The trip to the National Space Centre was not only educational but also incredibly inspiring. Our students returned with a deeper understanding of the complexities of space science and a renewed passion for physics. The hands-on activities and real-world applications of their classroom learning made this trip an invaluable experience.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the staff at the National Space Centre for their hospitality. We look forward to more exciting adventures in the future!



LIBRARY UPDATE

THE REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS

Author Simon James Green visited The Carlton Academy on Friday 14 March and he was absolutely brilliant! Before lunch he talked to selected students in Years 7 & 8 from The Carlton Academy and Colonel Frank Seely Academy about his novels and about how to 'Own the Awkward!' He was incredibly funny and hugely entertaining. He also spent time with students signing and dedicating books for them. In the afternoon, he then went on to entertain over 160 students in Years 6, 7 & 8 from across the Trust who joined us in our library for our annual Redhill Academy Trust Book Awards. Simon was the winner of the Children's Book Award last year with his novel *Finn Jones Was Here*.

Then it was over to Ms Georgeson to present prizes to students who had taken part in a Creative Competition and then to announce the winners of the Book Awards which had been voted for by thousands of students across the Trust. The winners were:

- **Favourite blurb and first lines** – *The Island at the Edge of Night* by Lucy Strange.
- **Favourite front cover** – Katie Hickey for *The Island at the Edge of Night* by Lucy Strange
- **Favourite character** – *Rigel* from *Call of the Titanic* by Lindsay Galvin
- **Favourite book** – *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow



The students were thrilled to see video messages from all of the winning authors and illustrators complete with their awards. Huge thanks must go to all the students across the Trust who took part and voted, to all the Librarians and members of staff for making it happen and to Simon James Green for being an absolute star!



NICKY RAFFERTY

As part of our TCA Bookfest and World Book Day celebrations, we welcomed local storyteller Nicky Rafferty to The Carlton Academy. She worked with Year 7 students in the morning and Year 10 students in the afternoon. The workshops were absolutely brilliant and all the students that were lucky enough to take part absolutely loved them. Their creativity shone through with their verbal storytelling, their improvisation and also their storytelling through props.

“The best part was when we used the blankets to tell a story!” Year 7

“Nicky’s storytelling was so captivating and I loved it when we were able to do the acting in groups!” Year 7



REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST READATHON

We are once again taking part in The Redhill Academy Trust Readathon. Students in Years 7 and 8 are being encouraged to read for pleasure and be sponsored to do so. All of the money goes towards providing books and reading experiences for children in long-term hospital care.

WARNING!
Books can
seriously
change lives!

Join our sponsored read and
YOU can change lives too!

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
6 MARCH 2025

Start date: **Monday 3rd March 2025**

Sponsor money in by: **Friday 25th April 2025**

Organiser: **Ms Georgeson**



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TRUST ROWING EVENT



SUCCESS AT THE CROSS-TRUST EVENT

Earlier this term our Trust hosted its inaugural Indoor Rowing Championships where 10 schools sent their elite rowers to compete against one another to be crowned inaugural champions. 4 pupils were selected from each year group to compete. If a pupil placed inside the top 10 they were awarded points based on their position with 10 being awarded for 1st, 9 for 2nd etc. Our pupils did fantastically well and were competitive in every single race with 9 pupils finishing in the top 10 for their respective races, 6 of whom were finished inside the top 5. 5 of those were top 3 finishes and 1 pupil was crowned champion of their race. After the individual event all 4 pupils from each year group competed in relay races against the other schools where TCA produced 3 podium position races and Year 10 being crowned champions in their relay race. TCA finished 4th out of the 10 schools narrowly missing out on a podium finish! We will be looking forward to next year where we plan to better our position and grab an overall medal. Finally, a huge congratulations to our very own Mr Hillyard who overcame some trepidation about the Headteacher's race and placed 4th out to 10.

Our A-level English Language students had the exciting opportunity to attend an E&M conference at The Redhill Academy this term. During the session, students did us proud! They engaged with a variety of challenging topics and worked brilliantly as a team to unpick some new and challenging concepts. Well done KS5!

KS5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONFERENCE





Some of our top Year 8 achievers in the Accelerated Reader program attended Creative Writing workshops with Lisa Williamson, author and Patron of Reading for the Redhill Academy Trust. Lisa collaborates closely with students in various events. The first workshop was held at Redhill Academy, with another session scheduled for April. Participants included Micah, Freya, Alicja, and Eloise. It was a delight to hear them read their creative writing pieces and share ideas with Lisa and fellow students.

Year 12 and Year 13 Literature students visited Shakespeare's birthplace Stratford Upon Avon to watch a Royal Shakespeare Company performance of Hamlet at the famous Swan Theatre. Students had lots to say about the production, which adapted the play as taking place on the SS Titanic in 1912, with the stage being transformed into a gigantic sinking ship. Year 13 student Philip described it as an "incredibly enriching experience that deepened [his] knowledge of the course".



HAMLET @ STRATFORD

Poetry by Heart

Every year, our school participates in the Poetry by Heart Competition, where students memorise and perform poems. Successful entries get to perform at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. This year, the competition includes a new challenge: competing against other schools within our Trust. We recently held our school competition, featuring George, Lizzie, Freya, and Anya. George was selected to represent our school in the Trust final. Regardless of the outcome, we're incredibly proud of George's confidence and determination. Well done, George!



STEP-UP TO OXFORD PROGRAMME



A group of Year 11 students completed the second step of the Step-up to Oxford Programme, which involved students visiting New College, Oxford, in January. Students engaged with a tour of the College and took part in a question and answer session led by 4 university students. They also had a session on how to take notes and attended a mini lecture. Students admitted the best part was seeing the famous courtyard from the Harry Potter movie! The day provided students with an insight into life at the University of Oxford so that they could see that with hard work and determination they could be applying for a place at a university such as this in two years' time.

BRILLIANT CLUB GRADUATION CEREMONY

A group of Year 9 students, who were part of the Brilliant Club programme, travelled to Sheffield University to attend a graduation ceremony in February. In the Autumn, students received tuition from a PhD student on the topic of Socrates and then went onto write a 2000-word dissertation. This course introduced the life and times of Socrates and his place in world history. Students were pushed out of their comfort zone and gained skills in research and investigation, team work, debating and referencing. During the day students had a tour of the University of Sheffield, met with current students and listened to other schools' research topics. Cherish was the Carlton Academy spokesperson and did a fantastic job of addressing a room of over 150 of her peers.



The Brilliant Club



AMBITION NOTTINGHAM UPDATE



As part of our work with the University of Nottingham we have had more events this term with our Year 10 Ambition students taking part in a taster day in January where they attended lectures from subject leading experts on survival medicine, the Tudors, the psychology of anxiety and designing earthquake resistant buildings. This was a great insight into the depth in which topics are studied at university, and was followed by a tour of the campus including the international fitness training facilities. The students also had a school based session later in the term where they learnt more about the courses and different types of study available to them in higher education.

In March, the Year 9 cohort attended a memorable visit to the University of Cambridge to experience studying at one of the most prestigious universities in the world. They met students, explored the campus of Peterhouse College and had a guided tour of the fascinating Fitzwilliam Museum with artifacts from across the planet and covering a wide span of history. As always our students were a credit to the school and we look forward to more university sessions to show students the possibilities open to them.



POST-16 BERLIN VISIT 2025

Myself, Mr Daniels, Mr Harrison and Miss Marrison took 31 Year 12 and 13 students to Berlin in February. This was to enhance their understanding of Germany from 1918-45 as part of their A-Level History course. We had an amazing 4 days.

On day 1, following a very early start, the students took a walking tour around the key sites, which covered the whole history of Berlin. Our guides were fabulous, and we learned a huge amount and ended the day with the local delicacy - Currywurst!

On day 2 we visited Sachsenhausen concentration camp outside of the city. This was a really powerful experience for the students. We then went to Wannsee House where the Nazis met in 1942 to organise the logistics of the 'Final Solution'. We next had a brilliant guided tour of the Olympic Stadium. This was a highlight for many of our students. We ended day 2 with a delicious Italian meal. Some of the students proved that they could be competitive eaters here!

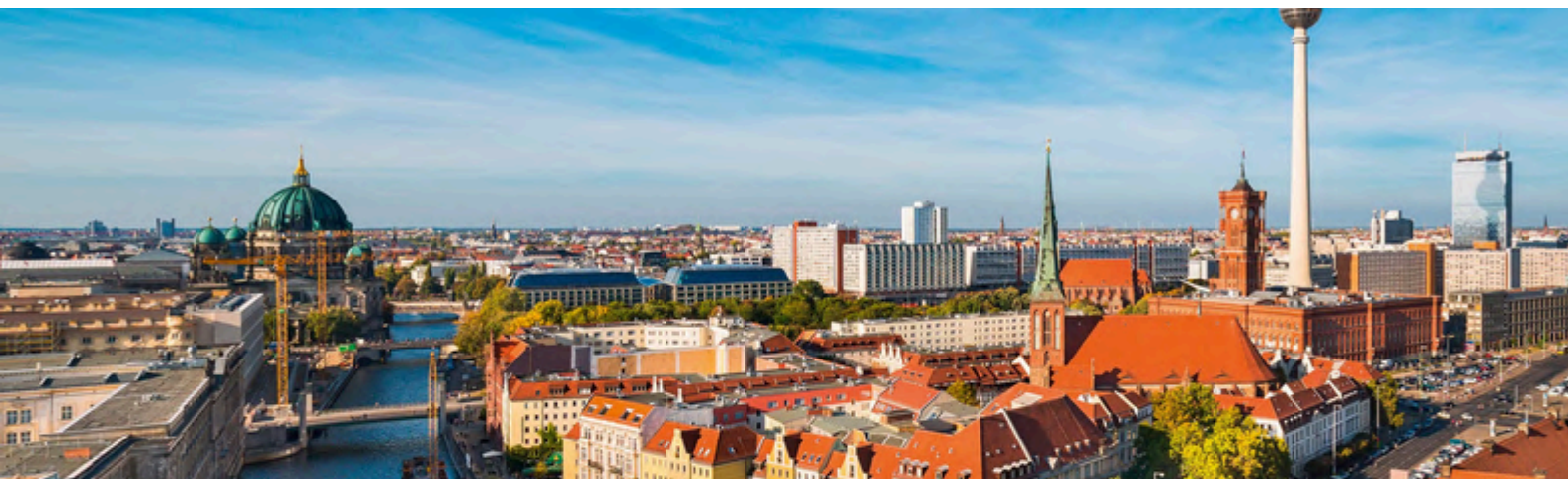
On day 3 the students wandered the famous Kurfürstendamm. This is the most famous shopping district in Berlin. We then went to the German Resistance Memorial Centre and had a guided tour. This was an incredible place where we were given insight into different people and groups who opposed the Nazis. We then went to the Topography of Terror which charted the history of the Nazis in power. Following a traditional Schnitzel for dinner, we went up the Reichstag Dome and had nighttime views of the city. It was amazing.

On day 4, we visited the Stasi Museum to look at life in post-war divided Berlin. This was something that the students don't study, but we wanted to show them life after Nazi Germany. We then visited the East Side Gallery and Berlin Wall memorial. All this in the snow!

The students were exemplary representatives of the school and soaked up the history. Our flight was cancelled due to snow on the Thursday night and we slept on the airport floor. I can't imagine doing this with a better group of students. They remained upbeat, positive and supportive of staff. We finally returned home about 12 hours late on Friday lunchtime to get some well earned rest!

I am now looking forward to doing it all again in 2027.

Miss Eglin





HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

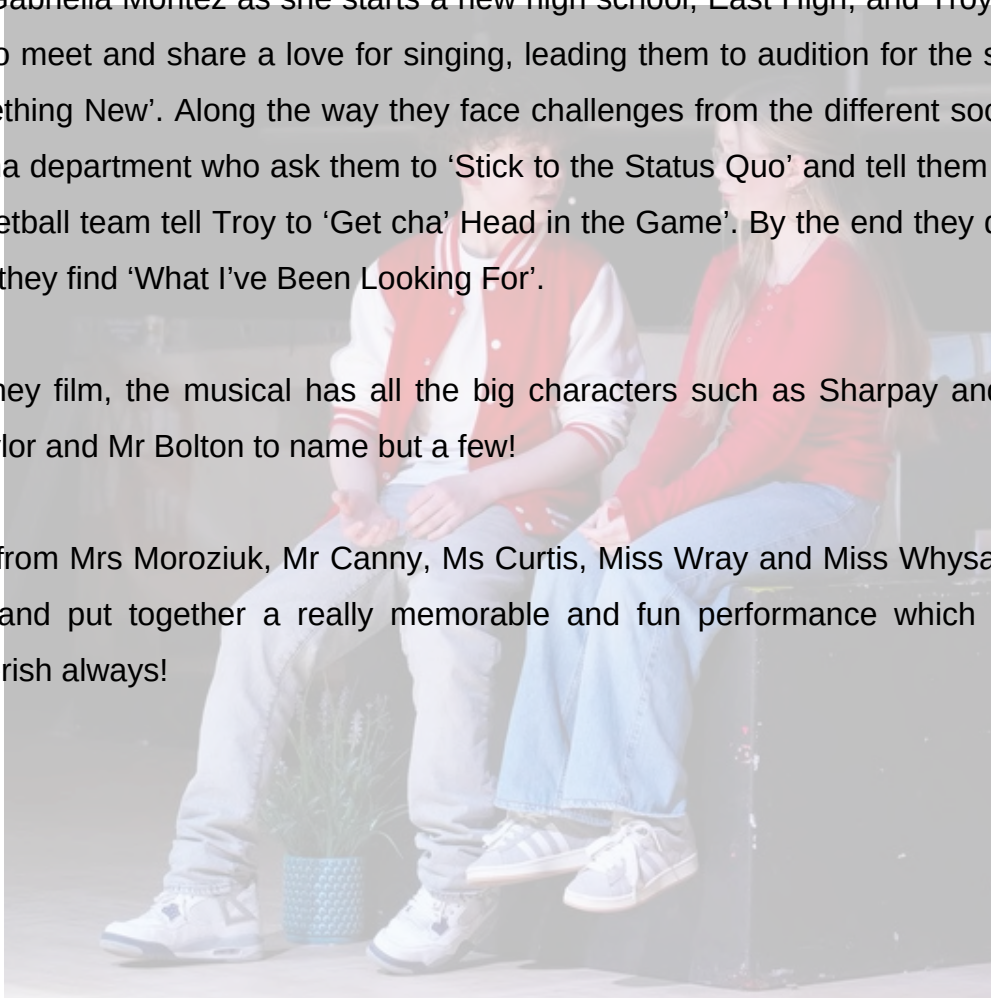
What an amazing week we had travelling back to the 2000s to perform our school production of High School Musical Jr!

104 students took part in the show as actors, dancers, singers, musicians, cheerleaders, backstage crew and sound and light engineers! We had 3 evening performances for families, staff and friends and an afternoon matinee for 2 local primary schools.

The story follows Gabriella Montez as she starts a new high school, East High, and Troy Bolton, the school basketball star who meet and share a love for singing, leading them to audition for the school musical and 'The Start of Something New'. Along the way they face challenges from the different social groups and the longstanding Drama department who ask them to 'Stick to the Status Quo' and tell them they are 'Counting on You'! The basketball team tell Troy to 'Get cha' Head in the Game'. By the end they decide 'We're All in this Together' and they find 'What I've Been Looking For'.

Based on the Disney film, the musical has all the big characters such as Sharpay and Ryan Evans, Ms Darbus, Chad, Taylor and Mr Bolton to name but a few!

With staff support from Mrs Moroziuk, Mr Canny, Ms Curtis, Miss Wray and Miss Whysall, the students did an incredible job and put together a really memorable and fun performance which we hope they will remember and cherish always!





SEWING BEE

Have you ever thought about becoming the next Paul Smith or Vivienne Westwood? Then The Carlton Academy Sewing Bee could be for you. Relaunching after the Easter break, we meet every Thursday in TX1, 15:10-16:10. Anyone is welcome, whether you are a complete novice or a talented seamstress/tailor we have something for everyone.



Over the past couple of years we have made felt poppies for Remembrance Day, calico dolls for a charity supporting children in hospital, vanity bags, Christmas stockings and so much more! You are welcome to bring a project you are already working on or start something new. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Williams





ART FACULTY NEWS

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Gifted and Talented Art Events 28 & 29 January

Another successful event this year, run over two afternoons, with three of our feeder schools taking part in this creative opportunity. With the theme for this year's Family of Schools Art Exhibition titled 'This is me!' students were introduced to several inspirational artists to influence ideas for the creation of a piece that celebrated each of them as an individual. There were some impressive pieces starting to emerge during the workshop as they practiced layering collage, watercolour effects, print making, crayon and chalk techniques as well as sgraffito. Students were able to continue with their works back at their schools to ensure completion and ready exhibit in the show. The students from Carlton Central Juniors, Carlton Central Infants and Stanhope performed exceptionally well during the event and were a credit to their schools.

Family of Schools Art Exhibition March

The opening event for The Family of Schools annual exhibition, this year titled, 'This is Me!' on Tuesday 18 March was well received and well attended. Our open area seemingly bursting of proud and excited visitors which included students of all ages, with their families, admiring and celebrating the work and efforts of all. Year on year, we are blown away by the quality and diversity of responses, a fabulous display of imaginative ideas and creative use of media. Evident is the progress students have made with techniques learned following the KS1 and KS2 Gifted and Talented event in January. We wish to commend all the pupils who have submitted work for the exhibition. This year, all entries from Carlton Academy KS3 students were submissions for the Inter-House Competition. Students were awarded House achievement and loyalty points with winners from each year group being presented with a certificate.

Very well done to all; Carlton Academy students and those from our surrounding feeder schools: Carlton Central Junior Academy, Carlton Central Infant Academy, Standhill Infants and Stanhope Primary.



The Carlton Academy



EXCITING CREATING OPPORTUNITY

62 Year 9 students were selected to take part in a really exciting project which will see their work incorporated into a piece of art for the local community. We are unable to share any more details about this at this present time but please watch this space.



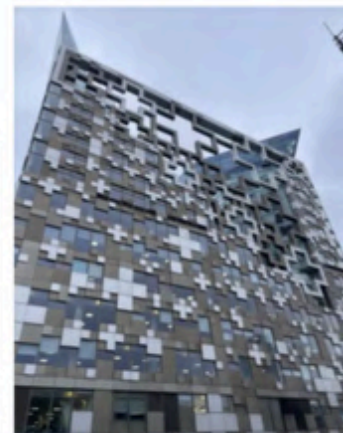
Year 10 Graphics Trip

Year 10 Graphics students visited Nottingham city centre recently to gather research photographs for their current project. Students are working on a project inspired by Nottingham and are developing a Zine for Visit Nottingham to encourage tourism to the city. The Zines will feature famous Nottingham landmarks and events.

During our visit to the city centre, students were aiming to capture photographs of architecture, such as the iconic Council House, as well as gathering research photographs of streets, murals, shops, trams and statues that they can use in their artwork. We also had the opportunities to visit some of the less well-known spots in the city such as Cobden Chambers to photograph the murals, along with seeing some of the Creative Arts hubs around the city.

As part of their curriculum and connected to the exam project-Component 2 theme 'Gathering", we took Year 11 students (studying Fine Art, Graphics and/ or Photography) to Birmingham on Tuesday 28 January. We enjoyed a trip to the National SeaLife Centre and then headed to the Digbeth mural trail, passing some incredible architecture on the way. As we followed a map of the area and through the old custard factory, the trail captivated us with some fabulous graffiti art- street art at its best.. We were able to share information regarding some key members of the graffiti scene and of course, many photos were taken. Each year, the trip is tailored to help the students with the development of ideas, in particularly with their final examination project which allows for a more personal approach. An enjoyable day, despite the weather, the students impressed us with their conduct and engagement: real ambassadors and an absolute pleasure.

Miss Dyer-Ince, Miss Slack, Mrs Evans, Miss James



BRIMINGHAM ART VISIT



GROVE HOUSE

Head of House: Mr Swann
House Achievement Co-ordinator: Mrs Malone
SLT Link: Mr Lockwood

A FANTASTIC FIRST TERM FOR GROVE HOUSE

As the first term as Head of House for Grove comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students. Throughout this term, they have truly embodied the Grove ethos, demonstrating resilience, inclusivity, and enthusiasm in all aspects of school life.

Our Year 11 students have particularly stood out, showing tremendous dedication and hard work in their mock exams. Their commitment to improving their grades has been inspiring, as they have taken the initiative to seek support and reflect on their progress. I have no doubt that their determination will continue into the summer term, and I look forward to celebrating their well-earned results in August.



Inclusivity has been a key focus this term, and it has been fantastic to see this reflected in various activities. From House challenges to World Book Day and the ongoing art project, students have embraced every opportunity to participate. World Book Day was a standout event, with students dressing up in creative and diverse outfits inspired by different genres. Their enthusiasm and engagement have truly brought our House spirit to life.



Grove students have also immersed themselves in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including football, netball, handball, Warhammer Club, and more. It has been amazing to see their positivity and commitment in these activities. There have been a number of students who have attended more than 30 activities this term. Another highlight was our students' involvement in the High School Musical production. Whether in lead roles or behind the scenes, their professionalism and dedication made the performance a tremendous success, bringing great pride to The Carlton Academy. During the term there has been a number of Trust-wide activities that a number of students have taken part in. A special shoutout to Tia picked up first place for Grove after producing an amazing art piece for the Family of Schools Inter-House Art competition and Shari who won our Trust rowing competition!

To round off the term, we celebrated our students' achievements in a fantastic end-of-term assembly. Each tutor had the opportunity to recognize a student who best represented the Carlton Learner values, making it a truly special moment for all involved. Well done to all our winners!

I am incredibly proud of what Grove students have accomplished this term, and I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in the months ahead. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your Head of House.

Here's to an exciting and rewarding rest of the year!



Charity Update



COMIC RELIEF

£181.83



BAKE SALE

£101.50



READATHON

Update to follow next half-term

£TBC



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ANY OF THESE EVENTS

HAC UPDATES

Bake Sale for Young Minds

During Children's Mental Health Week, on the 12 February, the school council organised a bake sale, during break time, to raise money for Young Minds. We had a huge amount of donations from pupils across the school and managed to raise a total amount of £101.50. Thank you to all who donated and to the House Council for giving up their time to set this up and sell cakes.

Comic Relief 2025

On Friday 21 March, students took part in various fundraising activities for Comic Relief. Students donated cakes for a bake sale and the House Council ran a tombola, with prizes such as free lunches, Amazon vouchers and chocolate eggs. They also ran a 'Guess the Number of Noses in the Jar' game and 'Pin the Nose on Mr. Hillyard', which was very popular! Along with this we also hosted a Beat the Teacher Table Tennis competition. Huge 'Thank You' to everyone that helped to run and set up an activity and to everyone that donated and took part. In total we raised £181.83 for Comic Relief.



Inter-House Rowing Competition

On Friday 14 February, students and staff took part in the first TCA Inter-House Rowing Competition. Well done to everyone who took part and represented their House with pride!

House Results:

1st : Cavendish - 6116 m
2nd: Messent - 5052 m
3rd: Carnarvon - 4053 m
4th: Grove - 3338 m
5th: Hutchinson - 3127 m
6th: Hollinsclough - 2761 m

Girls' Results:

Belle - 285 m
Shari - 282m
Maria - 274 m
Vitalia - 267 m

Boys' Results:

Jack - 345 m
Dexter - 323 m
Darian - 300m
Nash - 302 m
Jason - 290m
Jack S - 268 m

Male Staff Results:

Mr Tromans - 344 m
Mr Harness - 327 m
Mr Sharpe - 312 m
Mr Bali - 311 m
Mr Patel - 310 m
Mr Mears - 310 m
Mr Canny - 290 m

Female Staff Results:

Miss Wood - 258 m
Miss Malone - 250m
Miss Wray - 246 m
Miss Astbury - 244 m
Mrs White - 240 m
Miss Lock - 235 m

World Book Day 2025

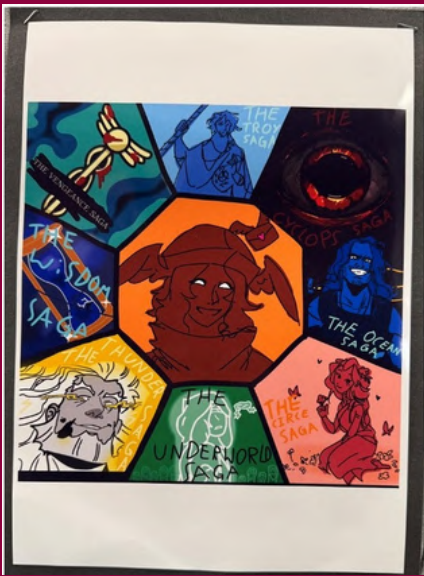
We turned the page on a new 2025 chapter of World Book Day this year – and Where's Wally was the flavour of the day! A huge amount of effort was put in by students and staff alike – a couple of highlights being an entirely homemade costume by Evan Lester, the full Toy Story squad and let's not forget the effort of our sixth formers, who had come with their A-Level texts in mind! A big shout out should go to our fantastic librarian Mrs. Georgeson who always makes the day a success and a particular thanks this year to Miss Hannah and Miss Kaur, who created some wonderful classroom activities and wider school competitions to make the day a success – including door decorating, a Where's Wally hunt and a brilliant book swap in U8, where students were able to share their favourite titles with their peers. Doors were decorated, costumes were celebrated, and books were elevated! Well done TCA!



HAC UPDATES

Inter-House Art Competition

Every term the House Achievement Co-ordinators will create opportunities for the students to gain Loyalty Points through events and competitions. The Loyalty Points collected will allow students to be selected for special treats at the end of each term. This year all Key Stage 3 students were set Art homework titled "This is me", with chosen pieces being showcased in the Family of Schools Annual Exhibition. We decided to give all students who completed the homework a Loyalty Point. Not only did students receive a Loyalty Point as well as a participation point, the task was also turned into an Inter-House competition for the most impressive pieces where prizes were given!



Top left: Daniel, Year 7

Top right: Emily, Year 8

Middle left: Year 8

Centre: Eva, Year 10

Middle right: Anya, Year 9

Bottom left: Georgia, Year 9

Bottom right: Tia, Year 7

Well done to everyone who took part!

FLAMENCO - ART OF ANDALUCÍA

The experience, by Philip Parkos.

On the 31 January, la Señorita Hermida Vidal and la Señorita Delgado took us, “la familia española” del año 12 y 13, to watch a Flamenco show at the Albert Hall in Nottingham, called the *Art of Andalucía*. Initially, we had no idea what to expect besides what we had been taught in lesson regarding the art of flamenco dance and music; however, we never could have anticipated the intense rollercoaster of cultural enrichment we were about to embark on in the expressive forms of taconeo, guitarra y palmas.

Being able to attend the show has allowed us to gain an insight into this central part of Spanish culture, learning more about it's rich, fascinating history.

Thank you to our teachers for taking us.

The reflection, by Señora Hermida Vidal

As a Spanish national, who has embraced the British culture, it is very important that in my department we expose our students to some different experiences from other countries. Learning about the culture is as important as learning how to communicate in a language.

The show started with low lights and the power of a single dancer, then a single guitar and a rhythmic clapping to finish with a combination of all them. As Spanish teachers, we immediately turned around, waiting to see the first reaction of our students, which was priceless. Faces of surprise, almost amused at the explosive, passionate and unexpected start of the show. As the intensity increased goose bumps appeared and students started focussing on the lyrics.

“Quoting our students, “We got our money’s worth”; I think not just monetarily, but culturally.”

Gracias Art of Flamenco, we will see you soon!



PE UPDATE

NETBALL UPDATES

40-50 students have regularly been attending netball club every Tuesday and Wednesday after school. It has been lovely to see some new faces since Christmas. Please remember we always welcome new players regardless of year group or experience.

This term, the Year 7s with the help of a few Year 8s played their first friendly matches against Carlton le Willows. The red team won both matches and the blue team won one and lost one. Year 7 have their CVL tournament at the end of April and we are expecting them to do really well.

Two Year 8 teams also played a friendly match away against Carlton le Willows. One team won and one lost! Both teams played really well. Year 8 also have their CVL tournament coming up at the end of March.

Year 10s took part in one of the two CVL fixtures last week, winning one game and losing two against some really tough opposition. The girls managed the team themselves, demonstrating fantastic organisational skills and making sure everyone played an equal number of minutes. Well done, girls, for an excellent display of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Good luck to Years 7 and 8 at the CVL tournaments!

NETBALL NEWS JUST IN...

We have just received an update about our Year 8 netball team and their CVL league matches. They played 7 games against local schools and played really well. Their teamwork and cheering each other on was amazing! I especially loved the matching hairstyles each week. Special shout out to Eliza for getting the most goals and to Lily for playing Goal Attack and Goal Defense in different games! Results are below:

- TCA 3 - CLW A 9
- TCA 5 – Minster 6
- TCA 8 – CLW B 2
- CFS 5 – TCA 1
- TCA 4 – Joseph Whittaker 3
- CTK 7 – TCA 2
- Arnold Hill 5 – TCA 3



MORE BREAKING NEWS - TRUST HANDBALL COMPETITION RESULTS

As we went to press, news from the Redhill Academy Trust Handball competition has just come in. Here are the results (we'll cover this in more detail in the next edition of Carlton Celebrates):

- Under-15 boys - Trust Champions
- Under-15 girls - Fourth place.
- Under-13 boys - Third place
- Under-13 girls - Trust Champions

It was an amazing event - every student contributed amazingly and Mr Hillyard was a very proud Head of School. Well done to all involved!





A couple of weeks ago Miss Mason and Mr Greer took 15 of our GCSE PE pupils to a PGL site to partake in some adventurous activities and important revision. The group enjoyed laser tag, zip wire, ambush, axe throwing and canoeing with Max and Drew deciding to take a dip in the lake whilst canoeing. They also completed a revision question hunt, completed personalised knowledge organisers they used to create their own quiz questions to ask their peers, competed in competitive revision questions against each other and labelled bones and muscles of their peers. The pupils were brilliant throughout the whole trip and received multiple compliments from different PGL staff members for their manners and behaviour.



YEAR 11 PE PGL RESIDENTIAL



STUDENT LEADERSHIP IN PE

16 students across Years 8, 9 and 10 were selected to attend a leadership training morning with the Gedling Schools' School Games Organiser (SGO) before half-term. The students were trained to set up the equipment and score each activity in preparation for the main event after half-term involving primary school children from across Gedling.

On Wednesday 26 February, the students led the sports hall athletics event with confidence and supported the visiting students in a range of different activities such as long jump, throwing, sprinting and speed bounce. All 16 students were a credit to TCA! Well done to all of them and we hope you will be able to use the new skills you have gained to lead similar events in the future.

These sports leaders included: Belle, Isaac, Maiya, Maria, Mia, Destiny, Melissa, Jake, Alex, Isobel, May, Charlotte, Ewan, Jenson, Ben.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

The boys and girls Year 7 sports hall athletics teams both finished 2nd out of 4 teams in a recent competition, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the county event. The event was won by Carlton le Willows, but we did beat Redhill and Colonel Frank Seely in the event. Stand out performers on the track events were:

- Allana - winner of 2 lap race
- Orla - winner of 2 lap race
- Eli - winner of 2 lap race, winner of 8 lap parlauf

Excellent effort by all involved and a really good team spirit, cheering each other on in every event.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

What a term it has been for our girls' football teams. Our Year 7 girls beat South Notts 6-3 in the County Cup, progressing into the semi finals! A hat trick each for Amiyah and Orla, and a shoutout to Maisie for being brilliant in goal for us.

Our U16 girls travelled to Hall Park to compete in the South Notts Cup. We held a 1-0 score line (Ellie charged through to score), until the very last 2 minutes when they equalised. We went straight to penalties where we unfortunately lost. The girls were so resilient through the rain and the hail!! Girl of the game went to Carly, who was phenomenal in goal...I lost count of the amount of saves she made. She kept us in it! This was the last TCA game for our Year 11 girls as we are now out of both cups. They've been a pleasure to take on fixtures and have always represented the school so well, from Year 7 right through to now.



A 3-0 win for our U14 girls v Chilwell means they progress to the quarter finals of the South Notts Cup. There were goals from several students including Cerys. A talented group of students who played lovely football.

Our Year 7/8s beat Hall Park to progress into the quarter finals of the South Notts Cup. There were goals from Amiyah (x2) and Orla. Special shout out to Cattaleya who volunteered to go in goal for us! A brilliant performance on a very muddy pitch.

Finally, our Year 8/9 girls are also through to the Quarter finals of the County Cup. They played Rushcliffe and won 5-3, with goals from Sofia, Isabelle with a header and Ella with the 5th.

NOTT ALONE EVENT

A small group of students from TCA had a great day out on Wednesday 6th February at the Nott Alone annual event held at the YMCA Newark! Our students had the opportunity to take part in a unique event involving inspirational key note speakers, workshops, mental health service stalls, entertainment and exciting performances.

This event connects schools, young people and community mental health services to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. The students who attended were a credit to the academy, participating in all activities and sharing their own thoughts and ideas.



They particularly enjoyed gathering resources from the variety of mental health stations and taking part in each stall's activity. One of the favorite activities was making bumble bees and learning about the self-care technique called "The Humming Bee". Mrs Widdison would like to thank all the students for a positive day, with special thanks to Madison, Year 11, who supported the younger students during the day, proving to be an excellent role model!

MEET OUR SCHOOL EARLY INTERVENTION OFFICER

Meet PC Amie Whitehouse. She is our School Early Intervention officer and it's her role to work with young people and help them stay safe.

PC Whitehouse has worked in policing for over two decades, but she now spends her weeks working alongside young people to help them make the best choices they can.

She's our school's first point of call when a young person needs some help or advice. PC Whitehouse provides one to one and group workshops with our young people in school covering a wide variety of subjects.

PC Whitehouse is really passionate about her role because she believes intervention work with young people is a far better outcome for everybody in the community.





POST-16 UPDATE

Year 13 Mocks and Exam Preparation

Back in January our Year 13s sat their final mock examinations in preparation for the final exams in the summer. Their approach was exemplary, demonstrating focus, resilience and determination.

UCAS Applications

Over 70% of our Year 13 students have applied for courses at university and many have already accepted offers. Our students have applied for a wide range of courses ranging from primary teaching and child nursing to cybersecurity and politics. Parents and students recently took part in an online student finance talk, organised by the Redhill Academy Trust, to find out more about making applications and how university financing works.

World Book Day

In support of World Book Day our Sixth Formers dressed up as a range of characters from literature. Our committee also organised a book swap to share novels with other students in the Sixth Form.

Post-16 Curriculum+

Our Year 12 students have all committed to Curriculum enrichment opportunities to develop self-confidence, build resilience and feel a sense of belonging. Some of the opportunities offered include buddy reading, lesson support, debating and Sixth Form band. Participating in these experiences in addition to their academic studies will elevate students' applications for university places, apprenticeships and employment.

HE+ Trip

A selection of Year 12 students attended a trip to Peterhouse College in Cambridge. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to visit a university campus, view the facilities and continue their super-curricular subject work.

Sprit Week

Our Sixth Form committee launched The Carlton Academy's first Spirit Week in March. This was a week of daily themes to celebrate the diversity of our Sixth form community. Events included St Patrick's Day, dress as your dream job, culture day, dress from the decades and sportswear for Comic Relief. Our Sixth Formers embraced this event and it was wonderful to see so many of them taking part.

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Applications for September 2025 are still open (see next page).



CALLING YEAR 11

POST-16 APPLICATIONS FOR 2025 ARE STILL OPEN



Following our successful Post-16 Open Evening in October we are delighted with the number of applications from our current Year 11 students to study at our Sixth Form in September. We are still accepting applications and we urge students to not miss out on receiving an offer by completing their applications using Applicaa.

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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 22 April 2025 - All students return to school, 8:35am.
- w/c 22 April - Year 10 mock exams (for 2 weeks)
- Friday 25 April - Year 11 Walking, Talking Mock p4 and 5
- Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 - Year 11 Art/Art Graphics practical exam
- Thursday 1 and Friday 2 May - Year 11 Photography practical exam
- w/c 5 May - Year 11 MFL speaking exams
- Tuesday 6 May - Performing Arts Ambassadors Showcase, 7pm
- Wednesday 7 May - Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
- **Thursday 8 May - main GCSE exam window begins**
- w/c 12 May - A-Level Art/Art Graphics, Photography practical exams
- w/c 12 May - A-Level MFL speaking exams
- **Tuesday 13 May - A-Level exam window begins**
- Tuesday 13 May - Year 7 and 8 Gedling Athletics event
- Friday 16 May - Year 12 Drop-Down Day
- w/c 19 May - Year 9 Reading Tests
- Tuesday 3 June - Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
- w/c 9 June - Year 8 Exam Week
- w/c 16 June - Year 12 mock exams (for 2 weeks)
- Monday 16 June - Years 8, 9 and 10 Gedling Athletics Event
- Tuesday 17 June - Big Bang Fair (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 18 June - Year 7 Oxford University visit
- Wednesday 18 June - KS3 Trust Games
- w/c 23 June - Year 10 MFL mock speaking exams
- w/c 23 June - Year 7 Reading Tests
- Monday 23 - Wednesday 25 June - Battlefields visit
- Tuesday 24 June - Sports Awards, 6pm
- Friday 27 June - INSET Day
- Tuesday 1 July - Year 11 and Year 13 end of year Art show
- Thursday 3 July - Year 11 Prom
- Friday 4 July - PE Rewards trip
- Friday 4 July - Year 12 Induction Day (current Year 11 students)
- Friday 4 July - Year 13 Prom
- Friday 7 July - Year 12 Biology visit
- Tuesday 8, Thursday 10, Friday 11 July - Year 10 Geography field visits
- Wednesday 9 July - Sports Day
- Wednesday 9 July - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
- w/c 14 July - Year 12 Work Experience
- Monday 14 July - Carnarvon and Cavendish House Celebration evening
- Tuesday 15 July - Year 12 Taster Day (for current Year 10 students)
- Tuesday 15 July - Year 12 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 16 July - Grove and Messent House Celebration evening
- Thursday 17 July - Hollinsclough and Hutchinson House Celebration evening
- Friday 18 July - Year 10 Mock Interview Day
- Monday 21 - Thursday 24 July - Year 12 Geography Residential
- Thursday 24 July - Attendance Rewards trip
- Friday 25 July - school closes for the summer break