

July 2025

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LIFE AT CARLTON



I cannot believe that 11 months have passed and we have reached the end of the academic year. I have really enjoyed my first year as Head of School. Writing this newsletter filled me with pride for the excellent events that our students have taken part in throughout this term. They have once again excelled and demonstrated themselves to be brilliant representatives of the school.

There have been huge sporting successes, great engagement with the world of work, brilliant examples of endurance and excellent community developments. And in every one of these events, students have acted as excellent role models and ambassadors.

As you can see, students have continued to gain achievement points for their exceptional behaviour and attendance. Thousands of golden tickets have been awarded in preparation for the end of term prize draw too.

I hope that you enjoy reflecting on these events as much as I did. Have a great summer break.

Mr Hillyard

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

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CARLTON Learner achievement
points have been awarded

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pupils have 100% attendance



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH



During the weekend of the 14 and 15 June, 61 Year 9 students successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Throughout the process they have completed a variety of activities to complete their physical, skill and volunteering sections. All the students involved showed strong commitment and effort throughout all the elements, in particular during both the training day and the expedition weekend. The students worked well in their teams and showed great leadership, perseverance and resilience especially throughout the high temperatures and when some took a more scenic route on their journey. We look forward to seeing some of them begin their Silver Award next year.

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh students recently took on their practice expedition in the rugged landscape of the Dark Peak, Derbyshire, and it was an experience to remember!

Over several challenging days, the group worked hard to develop their navigational skills, learning to read maps and use a compass using bearings across demanding terrain. They braved a full range of weather conditions, from heat and sunshine to wind, rain, and even low visibility: all part of the adventure and a true test of resilience.

Despite the tough conditions, the students showed great determination and teamwork throughout, gaining valuable experience that will stand them in good stead for their final assessed expedition in the Lake District this September. A big well done to everyone involved: you should be proud of your efforts!

PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS...

Daisy Pulls It Off

DAISY MEREDITH IS THE FIRST SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT TO ATTEND THE GRANGEWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. THE PRIVILEGED STUDENTS ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE DAISY LOOK BAD IN THE EYES OF THE ADMINISTRATION. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ITS OWN PROBLEMS, FINANCIAL ONES. DAISY WINS OVER HER CHUMS AND SAVES THE SCHOOL WHEN SHE CRACKS A SECRET CODE, FINDS A TREASURE AND SAVES THE LIFE OF HER CHIEF NEMESIS ALL ON THE SAME NIGHT!

On the 1 and 2 July, TCA proudly staged its first summer production, Daisy Pulls It Off, which was a fantastic success.

This lively comedy, set in a 1920s boarding school, gave students, particularly those in the lower years, the opportunity to take on lead roles and showcase their impressive talent. Despite the challenging nature of the play and a relatively short rehearsal period, the cast rose to the occasion with enthusiasm, commitment, and a great sense of humour.

The students were outstanding in learning their lines and bringing their characters to life, and the result was a thoroughly entertaining performance that was met with laughter and applause from a very appreciative audience.

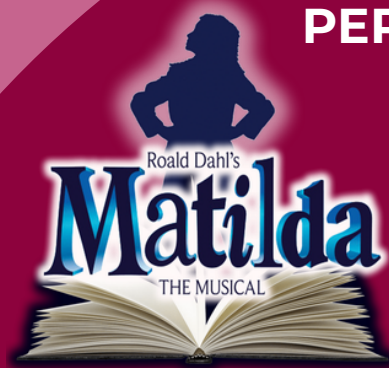
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**Well done
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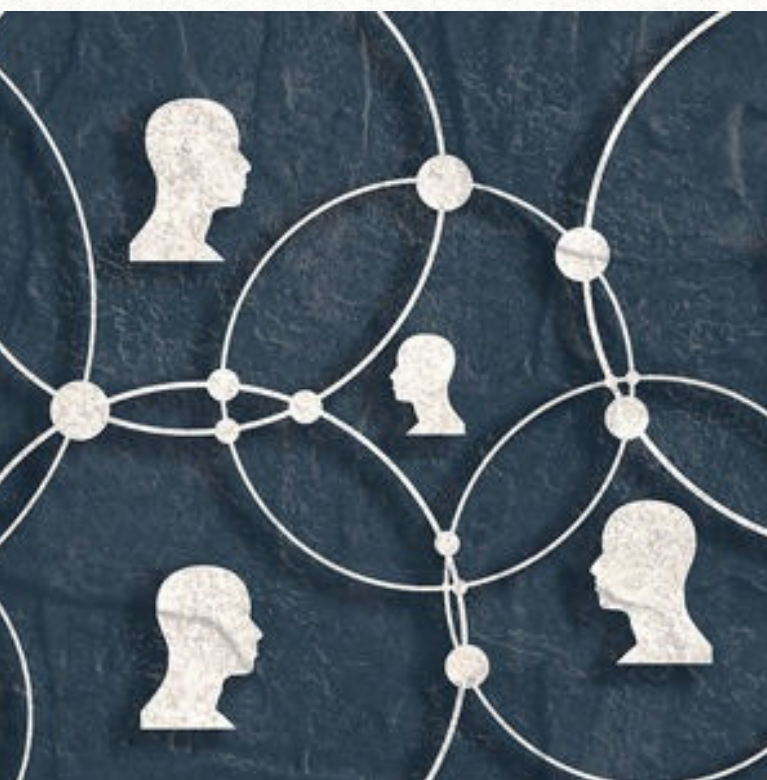
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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Social Sciences faculty consists of Psychology, Sociology, Childcare and Health and Social Care. These are popular subjects at both GCSE and A-Level.



SOCIAL SCIENCE LEADER

KS3 Social Science Club

In Social Science, this half term, we have been very excited to announce the launch of a new initiative to empower our KS5 students — Social Science Leaders. This new leadership opportunity invites enthusiastic and committed students to take charge of our KS3 Social Science Club, helping to shape its direction and lead engaging activities for their peers.

The Social Science Leaders have been working closely with staff to plan and run sessions covering a wide range of topics from Psychology and Sociology to Child Development and beyond. Students attending the club will not only deepen their own understanding of key social issues but also help foster a space where curiosity, critical thinking, and discussion thrive.

The leaders are hoping to build confidence, leadership skills, and a love for the social sciences at an early stage, while creating a vibrant learning community outside of the classroom. Congratulations to our first cohort of leaders - we can't wait to see the exciting projects and conversations you inspire!

READING UPDATE

DREADLOCK ALIEN

On Thursday 17 July, we proudly took some of our most enthusiastic Year 7 readers to our Trust's Performance Poetry event at Redhill Academy. Prior to the event, they created heartfelt poems around the theme "one thing they would change about the world." Their work was deeply moving, showing compassion and creativity. Each student performed with confidence and grace in front of an audience from across our Trust schools, truly shining on stage. Miss Hannah and Mrs Langham were delighted by how our students represented our school values, showing character, courage and kindness throughout the day.



REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST BIG READING QUIZ 2025

Our reading quiz team of five had a long and tricky journey to get to the stage where they represented The Carlton Academy for the nail-biting Redhill Academy Trust Big Reading Quiz Final. Tutor rounds, House rounds and then a school final saw Amaia and Sophie in Year 10 and Maria, Emma and Georgia in Year 9 represent us at Bolsover School where we went as defending champions. Our team did brilliantly and were an absolute credit to us. They finished in second place overall but it was incredibly close. Congratulations to the team from South Notts who were crowned as overall winners.

It was a fantastic day hosted by Mr Hillyard – we had quiz rounds read out by authors Simon James Green, Ben Davis, Lucy Strange, Tom Palmer and Lucy Ann Unwin. Our Trust Patron of Reading, Lisa Williamson, hosted two workshops throughout the day and a reading-based puzzle page booklet kept everyone busy between rounds.

A huge thank you to Mr Hillyard for compering the quiz, to Bolsover School for hosting with a fabulous lunch provided, to the authors who helped the day go with a bang and to the Trust Librarians for helping to write the quizzes.





PE Update

We have had an absolutely amazing term in terms of sport. Here is our round-up...

Cheerleading

Our cheerleaders took part in a cheerleading showcase at the East Midlands Cheerleading Academy on 12 June. There were 7 schools in attendance, with pupils from KS1-4, and our pupils were a credit, cheering other schools on and working together so well. They performed their routine perfectly twice and were all confident athletes. Our cheerleading team is a mixture of Years 7-9 and their teamwork is outstanding. Well done girls!



Gedling Area Athletics Championships – Years 8, 9 & 10

On Tuesday 13 May, over 40 students took part in the annual area championships at Harvey Hadden. This event covers schools in the Gedling area (6 schools in total). TCA students behaved impeccably, and it was a real team effort – some students stepped into events at the last minute just to earn team points and we finished in 4th place overall.

The first 2 placed athletes qualified to represent the borough at the County Champs in June and we were pleased to see a number of TCA students earning their place. Well done to:

- Calum
- David
- Isaac
- Jenson
- Christian
- Dexter
- Leo
- Sophia
- Sadie
- Isabelle

Due to a clash with a DofE expedition, only one student was able to compete – well done to Isabelle for competing against the best 300m runners in the county and doing herself proud!



Year 7 and 8 Gedling Athletics

On June 16 it was the turn of our Year 7 and 8 athletes to perform at Harvey Hadden. Again, we took over 40 students to compete and their behaviour and attitude were fantastic. This was TCA's best year at the event to date, finishing in 3rd place overall with a few podium placings for individuals too.

Well done to the following students who placed in the top 3 in their events:

- David (Y7 100m AND Y7 shot)
- David (Y8 100m AND Y8 shot)
- Amiyah (Y7 100m AND Y7 discus)
- Isabelle (Y8 100m)
- Jonah (Y8 300m AND Y8 javelin)
- Leo (Y8 800m AND Y8 discus)
- Zach (Y8 1500m)
- Jessica (Y7 1500m)
- River (Y7 javelin)
- Bettie (Y7 javelin)
- Talisha (Y8 long jump)
- Sorenne (Y7 shot)
- Lydia (Y8 shot)



Year 7 Netball CVL Finals

After qualifying as (unbeaten) winners of the local CVL league, the Year 7 netball team went on to play in the County CVL Finals at the High School on a really hot day in June!

Scores were:

- TCA 8-1 Bramcote
- TCA 1-9 High School
- TCA 8-7 Joseph Whitaker
- TCA 4-16 Rushcliffe
- TCA 8-8 George Spencer

Overall, the team finished in 4th place - just missing out on a bronze medal by goal difference! As has been the case throughout the whole tournament, the girls played really well together, showed great sportsmanship and were just brilliant - 4th in the County CVL isn't bad at all!

Squad: Allana, Faye, Orla, Hannah, Paisley, Lara, Felicity, Cattaleya, Ellouise, Annabel.



Year 7 and 8 Trust Games

60 TCA students attended the Key Stage 3 Trust Games at Tupton Hall School and had a wonderful time in the sunshine. Students competed in a friendly environment in the following sports; rowing, rounders, athletics and tug of war.

All students worked really well together showing strong communication and teamwork to achieve their best in the events they were chosen for with respect for other schools, teachers and students. One outstanding achievement was the performance of Nash who achieved the highest score in the individual rowing challenge in our Trust. Well done all involved!

Year 7 Touch Rugby

14 Year 7 students took part in a Touch Rugby festival over at Nottingham Rugby Club in West Bridgford on 8 July. Students had access to first class coaching from England Touch Rugby coaches during rests in between matches and took part in fixtures against Rushcliffe and Christ the King schools both as single gender and mixed. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, worked really well together and left the venue much better players compared to when they arrived. Well done all involved!

REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST HANDBALL COMPETITION



➤➤➤ HUGE SUCCESS FOR TCA AT THE TRUST HANDBALL COMPETITION

Last academic year, our Trust held its inaugural handball competition, with TCA entering multiple teams in both Year 8 and Year 10. Building on last year's success, where our Year 10 girls were crowned champions, the Year 10 boys earned bronze, and both Year 8 teams placed fourth out of ten Trust schools, we aimed to secure another podium finish this year with our talented cohort.

The competition followed the same format, with schools divided into two groups, followed by semi-finals and finals for those progressing. All four of our teams advanced comfortably through the group stages to reach their respective semi-finals, bringing our goal of additional podium finishes within reach.

Our Year 10 girls fought hard but were narrowly defeated in both their semi-final and the third-place playoff, finishing fourth. The Year 8 boys lost their semi-final in a tense penalty shootout but responded with a dominant performance in the third-place match to secure our first podium finish of the tournament. Meanwhile, the Year 8 girls and Year 10 boys delivered commanding semi-final victories to reach their respective finals. Facing strong opposition from South Notts Academy, both teams rose to the occasion, showcasing their talent and securing two championship titles for TCA, bringing our total to three podium finishes.

All students represented TCA with distinction, but several delivered standout individual performances. Leo and Finlay were both physically dominant and technically outstanding throughout the day. Orla displayed remarkable resilience, playing up a year group and continuing in goal despite a finger injury. Alanna, also playing up, was a defensive powerhouse for the Year 8 girls, proving impenetrable at the back. Special recognition also goes to David and Talisha, who were prolific in front of goal, each scoring over 25 times.



Sports Day 2025

Our annual Sports Day at Harvey Hadden was a brilliant celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit! Year 7, 8, and 9 students took to the track and field, competing across a wide range of events—from sprints and long-distance races to long jump, javelin and more.

Representing their six houses, students gave their all in every event, with outstanding performances and plenty of personal bests on display. The atmosphere was electric throughout the day, with cheers from teammates, encouragement from the sidelines, and plenty of healthy competition.

A huge congratulations to Messent House, who emerged as the overall winners of the day—an incredible achievement in a closely contested competition!

We also had some standout individual performances, including:

- David (Y8) clocking a lightning-fast 12.11 seconds in the 100m sprint
- Isabelle finishing her 100m in a fantastic 13.93 seconds
- Sophia powering through the 200m in an impressive 30.35 seconds
- David (Y7) delivering a superb 9.03m in the shot put

A special shout-out goes to our brilliant Sports Leaders from Year 10 and 12, who played a vital role in helping the day run smoothly. Their empathy and encouragement didn't go unnoticed—many even ran alongside students during long-distance events, offering motivation and support when it mattered most.

A massive thank you to all the staff who helped make the day such a success, particularly Mr. Hope and Mr. Dickinson for their legendary spreadsheet wizardry in tracking the results, and to the entire PE team for their fantastic organisation in the lead-up to the event.

A wonderful day full of energy, effort, and enjoyment—well done to everyone involved!



Overall Results

1st - Messent

2nd - Grove

3rd - Cavendish

4th Hollinsclough

5th - Hutchinson

6th Carnarvon



YEAR 11 COUNTY CUP FINAL

TCA's Year 11 footballers made history this season by reaching the County Cup Final for the first time—a monumental step forward for a team that had become perennial semi-finalists in both the County Cup and South Notts Cup.

Fielding a strong side despite missing a few regulars due to the Year 11 already completing their time at TCA, the boys came out with purpose and intensity. From the first whistle, TCA laid siege to the South Notts' goal, creating a flurry of early chances. But an inspired performance from the South Notts goalkeeper kept the scoreline level, producing a string of outstanding saves that defied belief.

Despite dominating the first half, TCA found themselves trailing just after the break due to a defensive lapse from a set piece—a rare moment of vulnerability. Yet the setback didn't rattle them. They continued to push forward, and their persistence paid off when Marley Parr-Pearson was brought down just outside the area by the South Notts centre-half. The referee deemed the foul worthy of only a yellow card, sparking some questionable looks from the TCA following as to why it was not red.

What followed was a moment of magic. Parr-Pearson dusted himself off and curled the resulting free-kick into the top corner—a strike that wouldn't have looked out of place on a Premier League highlight reel. With the scores level at 1-1 and TCA in the ascendancy, they pushed for a winner but couldn't find the breakthrough. As the final whistle blew, the match headed into a nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out.

Five brave TCA players stepped forward to take on the responsibility from the spot. Unfortunately, the South Notts goalkeeper, who had already enjoyed a man-of-the-match performance, produced two more excellent saves to give his side the edge. Jack Waldron, TCA's own penalty-saving expert, kept hopes alive with a fine stop of his own, and even got a strong hand to another effort that cruelly ricocheted off the post and into the side netting. Despite converting their remaining penalties, TCA ultimately fell 4-2 in the shootout, their fifth taker left unused.

It was a heartbreaking end to a remarkable campaign, but one that coach Mr Greer could only look back on with pride. Taking charge of this group four years ago, he reflected on a journey filled with unforgettable moments, unwavering support from the passionate "TCA Ultras", and the growth of his players not just as athletes, but as young men.

Although they fell just short of lifting the trophy, this group of Year 11s leave behind a lasting legacy—and memories that will stay with them long after the final whistle.

YEAR 8/9 GIRLS' FOOTBALL COUNTY CUP FINAL

For the third consecutive year, our incredible Year 8/9 girls' football team reached the County Cup Final—a remarkable achievement in itself and a testament to their talent, teamwork, and determination.

Facing tough opponents Beckett School, and battling extremely windy conditions, the girls started brightly, taking a well-earned 1-0 lead early in the game. Despite the challenging weather, they showed great composure and control.

As the game wore on, the opposition found their rhythm and managed to equalise before edging ahead to make it 2-1. Our girls pushed hard until the final whistle, showing real fight and spirit, but were unable to find the goal that would have taken the game to penalties. Although the result didn't go our way this time, the team should be incredibly proud of their performance—not just in the final, but throughout the entire competition. Reaching the final three years in a row is no small feat, and their resilience, sportsmanship, and commitment continue to inspire.

Well done to all involved—you've done the school proud once again!

➤➤➤ YEAR 7 GIRLS' FOOTBALL - COUNTY CUP VICTORY

The County Cup Final proved to be a true test of character for our school team, as they staged a remarkable comeback to claim the title in a nail-biting showdown against Ashfield School.

The match didn't begin in our favour, with the opposition racing to a 2-0 lead. However, our team refused to let their heads drop. Showing determination and grit, we clawed one back with a well-taken penalty by Amiyah after she was rugby tackled by the opposition's keeper! Orla then equalised with a brilliant finish that brought the game level at 2-2.

With no extra time, the final went straight to penalties. Our goalkeeper Arabia stepped up to take the first penalty and smashed it into the top corner, setting the tone for the shootout. Her heroics continued between the posts, saving a penalty too.

Our players held their nerve, and Sorenne, Amiyah and Jess all scored their penalties to seal a 4-2 win in the shootout and spark jubilant celebrations.

It was a performance full of heart, resilience, and belief—showcasing the very best of teamwork and school spirit. A huge congratulations to all the players on a truly unforgettable victory!



BATTLEFIELDS VISIT

During our recent school trip to the battlefields of Belgium and France, 45 of our Year 9 students had the great opportunity to explore key sites from World War I. In Ypres, we attended the moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, honouring the thousands of soldiers who lost their lives in the conflict. We then journeyed to the Somme region in France, where we visited the Thiepval Memorial, a powerful tribute to the missing of the Somme. A highlight of the trip was visiting the preserved trenches at Beaumont-Hamel, where students were able to walk through original First World War trenches and gain a vivid insight into the conditions soldiers faced. Throughout the guided tours, students engaged enthusiastically by asking thoughtful questions and confidently answering those posed by guides, showing genuine interest and curiosity. They were exceptionally well-behaved throughout, representing the school with maturity and respect. It was a memorable and meaningful experience that deepened their understanding of the war and the importance of remembrance.

Y7 OXFORD TRIP TO MAGDALEN COLLEGE 18 JUNE

As part of our commitment for students at Carlton to “aim high”, 27 Year 7 students were invited to see the prestigious Magdalen College at Oxford University. They were given the opportunity to explore the grounds, meet a lecturer and have a Q and A with student ambassadors. A wonderful lunch was provided in great surroundings; students engaged well in the museum workshop and taster sessions. Overall, students got to see the University as a realistic future option.

GET WORDING



This year our new Get Wording lunch club has been extremely popular! During this time students have had lots of fun playing noisy word games and building relationships with students they may not have met if it wasn't for the club. We will be running this Curriculum + opportunity next year – so if students didn't come this year, they are more than welcome to join us from September!

Poetry By Heart just got even better! This year, a group of KS3 students memorised a poem and performed it with passion during an assembly and at our Trust final held at The Bolsover School. While we didn't win this time, their enthusiasm and hard work shone through. Each student gave a fantastic performance and should feel incredibly proud. You'll find their names listed below—we truly hope to see them involved again next year. A huge well done to all who took part:

George
Freya
Lizzie
Anya
Dex
Colbie

POETRY BY HEART



LISA WILLIAMSON WRITING WORKSHOP

Some of our top-performing Year 8 Accelerated Reader students took part in Creative Writing Workshops with local author Lisa Williamson. Joined by peers from other Trust schools, it was a brilliant opportunity to collaborate and exchange ideas. The creativity and quality of writing on display were genuinely impressive, and the students embraced every moment. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and talent flourish—we're hopeful they picked up a few extra tips to help them on their writing journeys.

Well done to everyone involved!



STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

The brilliant Mike Payton returned this year to work with a small group of our high achieving Year 7 students. They were a brilliant bunch and came up with some incredible world building for their fantasy stories. This event saw our students designing a fantastical world, pulling on Greek Mythology, creating characters and mythical creatures to inhabit that world, and eventually weaving a short story through their ideas which they performed at the end of the session to the rest of the group. Their enthusiasm and ideas were inspiring, and everyone left with the beginning of some ideas to take on into their creative writing for Year 8. Well done Year 7!

BSL (BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE)

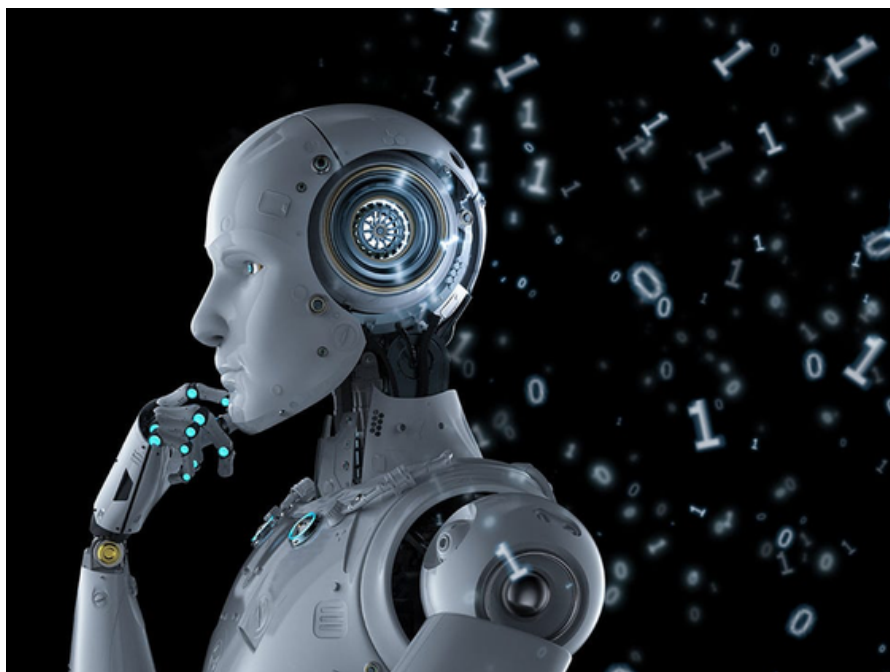
Our BSL group has really taken off this year, with a fantastic group of signing enthusiasts who have learnt a great deal over the past few terms - from talking about holidays and travel, to conversations around their family and hobbies. The group have been inspiring in their ability to pick up so many new signs and have coherent and confident discussions with each other. The quantity and quality of this group's signing is so impressive and they are more than ready to take their signing skills out into the world!

YEAR 8 STEM ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 8 July, 7 girls from Year 8 represented the Carlton Academy in a Robotics Challenge at The Bolsover School. The girls competed in a series of challenges during the course of the day against 16 other teams representing all the other schools in the Redhill Academy Trust. The girls had a short presentation from two representatives from the TechSheCan charity about careers in technology for women, before starting the challenges.

Our girls were required to program a MicroBit computer connected to a mini buggy. Our teams got off to a great start winning the first challenge, but due to problems with the robot buggies, fell away from the lead. Sadly, the teams finished behind the overall winners of Tupton and Brookfield Schools.

Well done girls!



WHAT AN IMPACT WHEN THE CARLTON ACADEMY WERE TREATED BY DRAMA IMPACT!

Carlton Academy students have recently been given the opportunity to watch the Drama Impact theatre group perform a shortened rendition of two of the texts they study for their GCSEs! Each play was an hour long, and allowed students to develop their understanding beyond the language used on paper by observing their physical aspects, particularly when they were invited on stage to act in and direct a scene of the play! On the Drama Impact website, it states that they “aim to allow the audience to 'connect' with the plays and boost the examination grades of [their] audience”. Following on from their brilliance, I am sure that this will be achieved!



Students tend to find Macbeth particularly hard due to the language used, as well as its highly eventful plot. This performance is particularly beneficial as it can make the characters and their relationships more apparent through the physicality of certain scenes. Both performances also gave an opportunity for us to truly engage with the text; after the play was performed, students were given the opportunity to direct and act in scenes, which fostered a more in-depth knowledge of Shakespeare's intentions to help students develop better responses in the classroom. A significant amount of the atmosphere and tension was felt by the audience brought about by staging and costume, rather than language alone, which means that watching this performance was a brilliant way to appreciate the play in its original form.

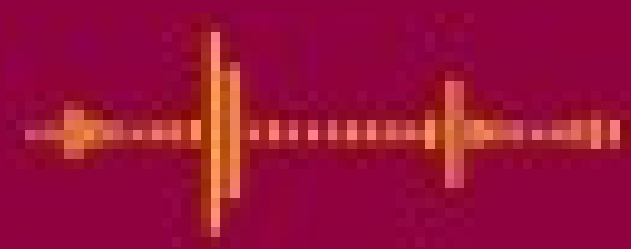
An Inspector Calls is often seen as the easiest of the texts, due to its accessible language. However, as highlighted during the Drama Impact Workshop, the play relies heavily on subtext to understand the nuanced relationships within the play. One particularly beneficial part of the workshop was exploring and staging one of the removes in the play (an event that is mentioned, but not shown), namely the factory strike. This, along with the recreation of the opening scene, is a brilliant beginning to our study of Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls' and is sure to advance students' appreciation of the characters and their individual complexities.



CHECKING OUT ME LITERATURE



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Checking Out Me Literature - a brand new podcast coming soon to the Carlton Academy. Designed to assist students in revising for both English Language and Literature GCSE exams. A fantastic resource accessible through Student SharePoint and from any smartphone or internet powered device. Plug in, tune up and get ready to ace your exams!

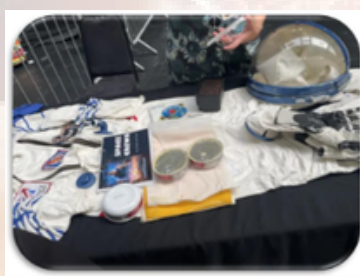
THE CARLTON ACADEMY'S BIG BANG FAIR EXPERIENCE!

BY ALICJA

This June, a large selection of TCA's Year 8s visited the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham. The Big Bang Fair is labelled as the UK's largest STEM celebration and is DEFINETELY worth a visit. The fair was full of booths from different sponsors, and some of them even gave you some nice freebies to take home. Some sponsors included the BBC, Samsung and even Specsavers! While they were there, we got to see a trainee astronaut uniform, and with it were 2 cans of food that's edible in space. My friends and I were also shown how a vacuum works.



About every hour at the fair, there is a theatre show where some fair staff showed some cool experiments, and even reptiles. They use volunteers from the audience to take part in the experiments and to pet the animals that they bring on stage. This year they brought a hissing cockroach, lizard and a 'copycat' snake (a snake that mimics the pattern of another snake to seem venomous and dangerous). 3 of our students were invited on stage to take part in different activities, and at the end of the show, we were all allowed to stroke a snake!



Another part of the show that we really enjoyed was the bang test. Scientists used three chemical gases in balloons to see which gas would make the loudest bang! They also released beach balls into the audience and we all used them to recreate the three states of matter: solids, gases and liquids. We held the balls still but slightly shook them to become solids, moved them down the rows of seats to recreate liquids and threw and bounced them around to make gases. We thought that the Big Bang Fair was extremely fun and I'm sure our school would love to go again! The Big Bang Fair is well worth a visit!



PERFORMING ARTS AMBASSADORS

Back at the start of May we had our final Performing Arts Ambassador Performance in the Theatre. This is an annual event which celebrates the achievements of the students that have been part of the Performing Arts Ambassador programme this year, either as mentors or mentees.

The programme is a year-long programme where students in KS4 and 5 Music and Drama can apply to become an ambassador. If successful they are paired up with a KS3 student with similar skills. Each pair meets weekly in a time that suits them to work on anything of their choice: duets, classroom performances, upcoming events etc. We have 3 informal performance events throughout the year where students can showcase what they have been working on to an audience of their choosing. This was started after Covid to encourage performance in a safe environment where students feel supported and able to raise confidence levels.

This all came together in a formal concert where families, staff and students were able to come and listen to some incredible performances of all styles and ensembles.

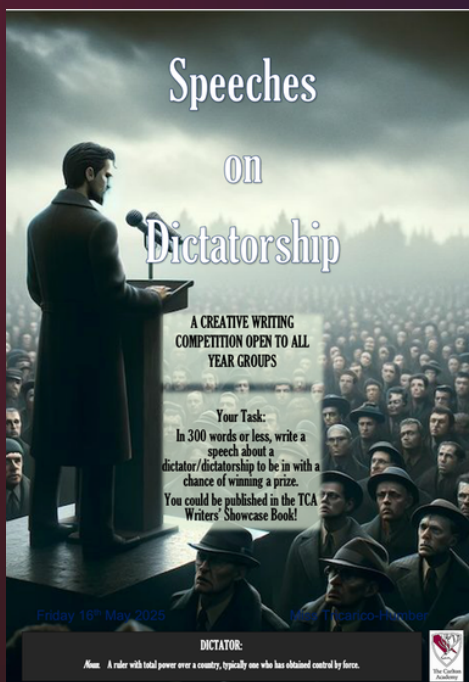
We had musical theatre, scenes from films, duets, solos and small bands – all of which were organised completely by our students! What an absolute joy to behold!





CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

This year our creative writing enthusiasts have been working on a number of different pieces of extended writing. Spanning multiple genres, young writers from our student body have been working together, and against each other, to create thrilling pieces of fiction and non-fiction using the same prompt but engaging their unique imaginations to put their own spin on it.



It has given students ample opportunity to connect, express, and create, resulting in excellent writing and artwork. Next year this club will be adventuring to the great outdoors to engage in some thrilling ghost-related writing workshops from acclaimed professors. If writing is something you love or want to get better at, this club is for you!

COPIES OF THE LAST TWO YEARS' WORTH OF WRITING CAN BE FOUND IN OUR LIBRARY.



ART FACULTY NEWS

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The Carlton Academy End of Year Art Show: Tuesday 1 July

**Winners of 'Best work on Show'
First, Second and Third
nominations:**

Year 11 Fine Art - Maddie, Edie & Jack

Year 11 Graphics - Eleanor, Amelia & Corbyn

Year 11 Photography - Precious, Ellie & Harrison

Year 13 Fine Art - Summer

Year 13 Graphics - Luca

Year 13 Photography - Arthur

The fabulous work of our GCSE and A-Level Fine Art, Photography and Graphic Communication students filled the exhibition where visitors were treated to a colourful showcase of imaginative ideas - a visual delight full of paintings, graphics, sculpture and photography. The private viewing held on Monday 1 July saw approximately 100 visitors including the students who joined the Art team to celebrate their creative successes. Our special guest, local professional artist and sculptor Richard Janes joined us to present certificates and awards for the prestigious 'Best in Show' nominated by the whole Carlton Academy staff. We couldn't let any student leave the event without recognition and celebration of their attainment and hard work, so everyone left with an achievement certificate

'Very proud' from the Art team: Miss Dyer-Ince, Mr Hodgkinson, Miss Slack and Mrs Topham.



We are not permitted to share any full images of work until post-results day.



Year 10 Photography Trip

This half term, Year 10 Photography students had the opportunity to visit Gedling Country Park to gather photographs of landscapes, textures, natural forms and wildlife to use in their upcoming project related to Surrealism. We were lucky enough to have fantastic weather as we walked around the park looking for exciting photos to shoot. Students especially enjoyed photographing the ducklings!

Year 10 Graphic Design students took part in a Risograph Zine making workshop this term with Nottingham Printing company Dizzy Ink. Students learned the history of Zines and the process of Risograph Printing from Dizzy Ink's Craig. This workshop supported students' Graphics Portfolio. Students created drawings and collages inspired by Nottingham and turned them into brightly coloured Risograph Prints that we then bound together at the end of the day to form a collaborative Zine. We had a fantastic day and can't thank Craig and Iona from Dizzy Ink enough for all of their guidance throughout the day!



**YEAR 10 RISOGRAPH
PRINTING
WORKSHOP**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S FIRST MEMORIAL TO CELEBRATE QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S REIGN UNVEILED

On Friday 13 June, Year 9 students, Mrs Dyer-Ince and Miss Evans attended a special unveiling ceremony at Gedling Country Park. We had been waiting in anticipation for this very special event following a sculptural workshop delivered to our Year 9 students back in March by the talented artist and sculptor Richard Janes. Richard was commissioned to create a permanent memorial to the late Queen, Elizabeth II, to be placed in Gedling Country Park. Rather than a statue, two bespoke benches were selected as memorials, to reflect the practical nature of the former Queen.

How honoured we felt to have been chosen as a school to collaborate in the planning and design elements for the memorial benches. Back in March, Richard's workshop not only focused on the history of sculpture but celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's reign; our longest serving British monarch. A symbol of stability, strength, resilience and dedication, these qualities were remembered and celebrated during the workshop event, qualities for the students to aspire to as they remembered and reflected.

We were really excited to be invited to the unveiling ceremony, to coincide with the Queen's official birthday weekend. We joined the King's Lord-Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire, Veronica Pickering, along with her Deputy Lord-Lieutenant Jean Pardoe as they unveiled each bench. Also in attendance were the Mayor of Gedling, Cllr Kyle Robinson-Payne, Sarah Benedek and representatives of the Friends of Gedling Country Park, staff of Gedling Borough Council, Cllr David Brocklebank, representatives of Sherwood Forest Trust, Richard Janes and Notts TV.

Students were thrilled to see how their commemorative pieces had been incorporated into the beautifully sculptured regal benches. A credit to our school, they were commended for their impeccable conduct: true ambassadors. We've even got a mention on the interpretation board! Please do visit the Queen's Green Canopy area of Gedling Country Park to admire the benches and craftsmanship yourself. What a fitting tribute to our late Queen, known for her strong sense of duty and devotion to public service. This was such a rewarding, memorable, and lasting experience for everyone involved and one we're extremely proud to have been a part of.



HUTCHINSON HOUSE

Head of House: Mr Sharpe

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SLT Link: Mrs Mullen

DREAM BIG, LEARN BIGGER

As another year draws to a close at The Carlton Academy, we celebrate our House activities and it is Hutchinson House's turn to show off the amazing personalities and the achievements that our students reach on a daily basis. House life at The Carlton Academy and, in particular, in Hutchinson House gives students a strong sense of belonging where we celebrate successes and guide our students through challenges through positive role modelling and mentoring. Our motto of "Dream big. Learn bigger" has really shone through and we have some excellent successes to report. The tutoring system allows all students to shine with weekly sessions on Oracy, DEAR and the House Challenge.



Congratulations to HTG who have won the tutor conduct points competition this year with a massive total of 1100 points, blowing away their competitors by regularly having the top achievement points in the House and the fewest behaviour points. Well done all involved! Their reward is on the way.

Our House Council has done a wonderful job of mentoring our new (now not so new!) Year 7 students this year, which has really aided their transition into secondary school life. Like an older sibling, these students have discussed their previous weeks' targets and set new ones moving forward to the end of the process. All students have engaged with this really well and developed positive relationships within the House.



Congratulations to our newly elected House Council! Elsie and Belle have secured Captain and Vice-Captain roles for next academic year with a really strong House Leadership group below them. Thank you for everyone who applied for roles: it was an extremely difficult decision to make. Thank you to this year's House Council who have excelled themselves and set a very high bar.

Some recent successes outside of school include Ava in Year 9 who attends Nottingham Theatre and Dance School and achieved an excellent IDTA mark! Jess in year 7 has achieved amazing success with Notts County this term winning both the Saturday and Sunday Leagues. Also congratulations to Marley in Year 11 who has been awarded a full scholarship at Sheffield United moving forwards.

This year's Sports Day at Harvey Hadden was a day to remember for Hutchinson House. From the moment students stepped onto the track, there was an atmosphere of determination, teamwork, and House pride. Whether it was sprinting for victory, leaping for distance, or cheering from the sidelines, Hutchinson students gave it their all. Special mention goes to those who tried events for the very first time, showing courage and a true team spirit. Our House proved that success isn't just about winning races—it's about participation, resilience, and supporting one another. Well done to everyone who represented Hutchinson with pride!

Congratulations to the Year 11s and farewell (but maybe not goodbye!) following the culmination of their exams. The year finished with an excellent end of year assembly and a prom to remember for all. Many thanks to all who attended and to the House Team for organising.

Here's to a lovely summer break for all Hutchinson students. Come on the Orange!

Get Caught Reading Summer 2025

Send in a photo of yourself reading in an unusual or creative location for our annual **Get Caught Reading** competition and start the year with extra house points!

All photos to L.georgesona@theacademycarlton.org before the end of August.



#ThisTrustReads



YEAR 12 BIOLOGY FIELDWORK

Our Year 12 Biologists conducted some excellent research at Wollaton Hall as part of their practical endorsement qualification on the 7 July. Students had to design their own research project, plan how they would analyse their results and conduct the research themselves. The park itself is an excellent day out for anyone interested in wildlife or history with 500 acres of land, amazing zoological exhibits and the beautiful mansion at the centre.

The day started with darkening skies and looming rain but thankfully the weather held out for us to complete our investigations in the woodland and pond areas and have lunch in the beautiful scenery near the old courtyard of the park where students got to see the iconic red deer first-hand. Throughout the day, students had first-hand experience in the identification of species using keys and dealing with the realities of field research projects like changing weather and navigating unmanaged woodland.

Some of our students became adept bug-hunters. With pooters in hand, they collected an array of insects which you can see proudly presented by Scarlett to the right. Everyone worked fantastically in small teams to collect their data with real care to ensure that their results were accurate and with care for the local environment and its inhabitants.



Overall, the students had a great day in the sun and experience working as an ecologist to determine the effect of abiotic factors on the distribution and abundance of species in an ecosystem.



Commendation Evening



We were proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students at this year's House Commendation Evenings.

From exceptional academic performance to reach Club Class (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum) to academic excellence across all subjects and year groups, our students have truly excelled.

Special congratulations go to our Tutees of the Year, who have demonstrated remarkable dedication and personal growth, and to those recognised for their unwavering commitment to each House.

A heartfelt well done to all award recipients, especially our Students of the Year, whose all-round excellence and leadership have set an inspiring example for the entire school community.

On Thursday 10 July we had our first...



.....AND WHAT AN EVENT IT WAS!!!!

We had 8 different, fantastic food stalls, House events and games, craft stalls and incredible musical performances for the 2-hour spectacular!

Year 12 student Gwen dazzled us with her crazy talent of singing and song writing. Keep your eyes open for her in the future – she is sure to go a very long way. We also saw our first ever Sixth Form band in their debut performance, again, displaying superb levels of talent and professionalism. The singing group and Anything Goes Band entertained us with a mix of summer vibes. Some of our current and future Year 10 GCSE Music students also put wonderful songs together – thank you to all those students that participated.

Our final total raised from the stall holders and House events was over £200 which will go to a charity chosen by our student leadership team.

Due to its success, this, along with our Christmas Festival, are now annual events and we can't wait for them next academic year!



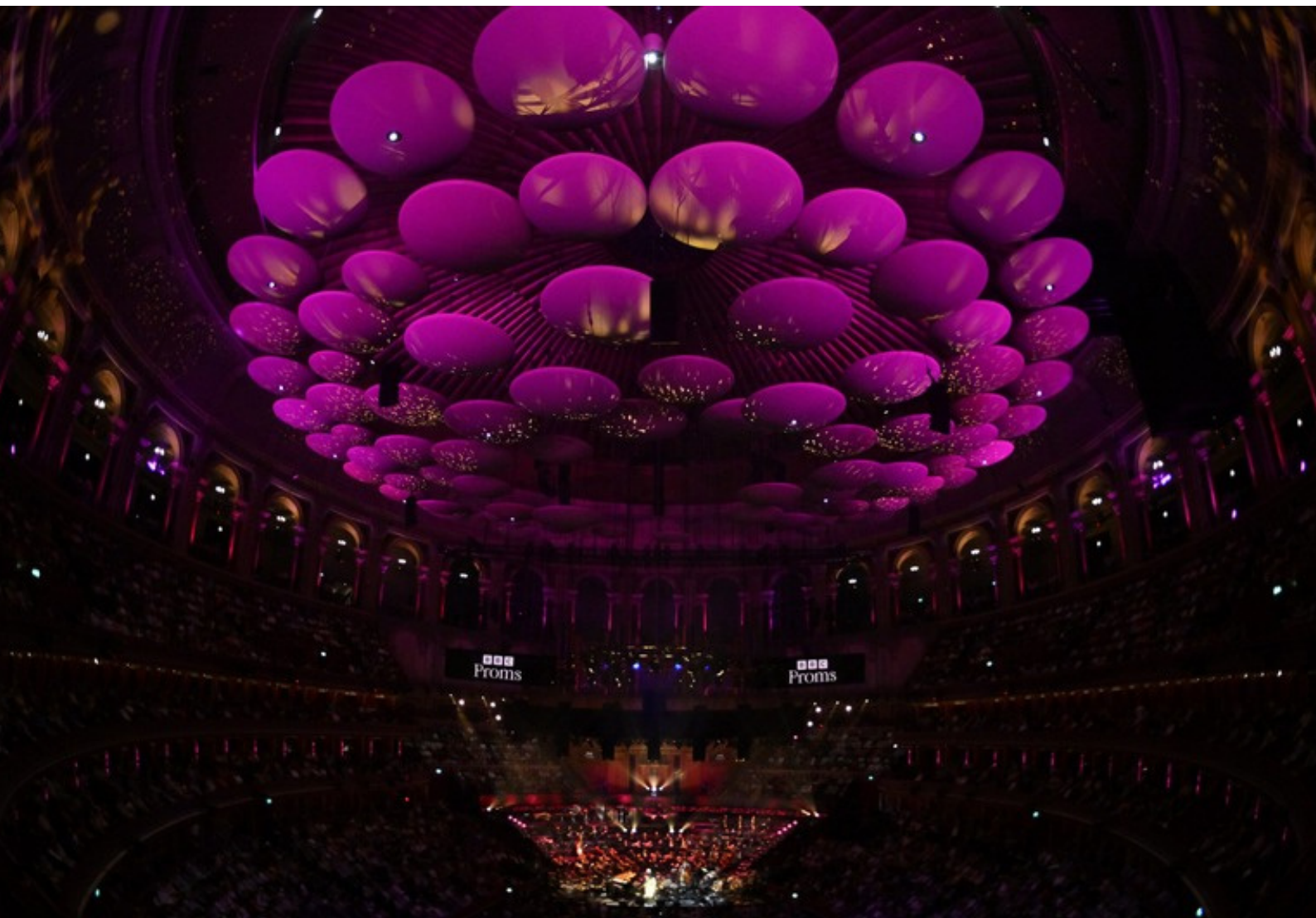
Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event!

CARLTON GOES TO THE PROMS

On Tuesday 22 July, Mrs Moroziuk and Ms Eglin drove down to London with three Year 12 students to experience a 'once-in –a-lifetime' experience! We went to see a BBC proms concert at the world famous Royal Albert Hall.

The concert was the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra playing three pieces of music: Strauss 'Death & Transfiguration', Berlioz "Symphonie Fantastique (which the Year 12 Music A-Level students are studying) and a world premiere of Mark Simpsons 'Zebra' performed by the world-renowned Scottish guitarist, Sean Shibe.

The concert was amazing with standing ovations throughout. The Berlioz Symphony had musicians strategically positioned around the auditorium to create an almost 'surround sound' effect which really helped make the music so much more immersive. This was an inspirational experience which we will all remember forever. The concert, along with all the BBC proms concerts, are available to listen to again on BBC iPlayer.





SKI TRIP

Zell am See Ski Trip: Easter Adventure on the Slopes!

This Easter, a group of excited students and staff headed off to the stunning resort of Zell am See in Austria for our annual ski trip, and what a fantastic week it was!

We were incredibly lucky with the weather, enjoying clear skies and sunshine throughout the trip, which made for perfect skiing conditions. Everyone made the most of the excellent skiing opportunities, with beginners growing in confidence and experienced skiers tackling more advanced runs, even skiing on the breathtaking Kitzsteinhorn Glacier!

Our accommodation was first-class, with an amazing hotel that provided a warm welcome and great food.

The behaviour was exemplary throughout the trip, a real credit to the school. As well as skiing, one of the highlights was a thrilling visit to the mountain roller coaster, where students enjoyed high-speed twists and turns with incredible alpine views.

Thank you to all staff and students for making it such a memorable trip. Here's to Passo Tonale in 2027!

