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End of term letter

Dear families,

As we reach the end of another academic year, and as I sit back and reflect upon all of the amazing things our students have been involved in this year, I look back with deep pride. Our students have again showed great enthusiasm, resilience and commitment to our community which marks them out as great Carlton learners. They have pulled together in celebration with each other but also to support each other in times of challenge and difficulty. When our community comes together, as it has this year, it is truly humbling as a Head.

Our Carlton Celebrates newsletter is due out on Friday and, as always, it contains all of the amazing successes and events which our students have been involved in over the last term and a half. Highlights for me have included Alice in Wonderland, which saw inspired performances by the Mad Hatter and Dormouse, our Year 6 Induction days and our Culture Week in March.

I want to extend a massive thanks to our staff too. In the run up to Thank a Teacher Day we had lots of messages sent to staff in all roles thanking them for the support they have offered our students throughout the year. This praise is well received – I am supported here by a truly excellent group of staff and am very thankful for that. The end of the year means we have to say a sad goodbye to some staff. Thank you to Mr Banning, Miss Drozd, Miss Wynn and Miss Bull for everything they have done to support us during their time at The Carlton Academy. I also want to thank Mrs Chambers for her dedication, hard work and support as the Head of Carnarvon House. Mrs Chambers is stepping down from this role although she will remain at the school as teacher of Maths. Hundreds of students have benefitted from her pastoral support over the years and I know she will be missed in this role.

A few weeks ago, I had my first parent forum. It was a really positive meeting and I want to thank those who attended for their openness, honesty and support. The next meeting will be in the Autumn term, and I will share more details nearer the time. On a wider note, I want to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. Working together to support our young people navigate through school life is essential for their continued success.

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Equality and Achievement

We will be breaking up for the summer holidays at 12:30pm on Friday 24 July. Students will follow this timetable on Friday:

- 8:40-9:55am – Period 1
- 9:55-11:10am – Period 2
- 11:10am-12:00pm – Extended break
- 12:00-12:30pm – Tutor time including whole-school celebration assembly

In September we will have a staggered return for students. Arrangements for our return to school are:

Thursday 3 September 2026

- **Year 7 will return at 8:35**
- **Year 11 will return at 9:10**

Both year groups will have an assembly when they arrive, so need to go straight to the theatre.

Friday 4 September 2026

- **Years 7-11 should arrive at 8:35am.** All students should go straight to their tutor room.
- **Year 12 should return at 8:35am.** Students should go straight to the Dance Studio.
- **Year 13 should return at 10:30am.** Students should go straight to the theatre.

I attach below a summary of our uniform expectations to help ensure a smooth start for all students.

Finally, I wish you all a superb and well-deserved summer break. I hope that you are able to spend some quality time together and I look forward to seeing everyone back in September. Have a great summer!

Yours sincerely,



Gary Hillyard
Head of School



Uniform Expectations

Daily Uniform:

Blazer: Black school blazer with House badge in House colour (you will be informed of your child's House during the transition process and the first badge is provided free of charge. Replacements are charged at £1 each available from the House office).

Trousers: Grey school trousers with the Academy logo embroidered and purchased from our uniform suppliers. These are available for everyone. A Black belt for trousers is recommended. Trousers should be worn around the waist and not in a slouched-style.

Skirt: Grey school skirt with the Academy logo embroidered, purchased from our uniform suppliers. Skirts should not be rolled up and the logo should be on show at all times.

Shirt: Plain white with a collar and top button, appropriate for use with a school tie. Soft collared sports shirts are not acceptable i.e. polo shirts. No T-shirts are to be worn. There should be no badges or motifs on shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

School Tie: All students in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear a school tie. School ties need to be in immaculate condition; ties that have threads pulled or ink marks on it will need to be replaced.

Jumper: Only the official school jumper may be worn. This is an optional uniform item.

Socks or Tights: Plain black socks or tights – socks can be ankle or below knee length only.

Shoes: Plain black shoes. The wearing of fashion shoes, particularly those without backs or with high/stiletto heels is not permitted. Boots, trainers or trainer-like shoes should not be worn. Canvas /suede is not permitted. We suggest shoes which can be easily polished and which are leather/leather look are most suitable (for example Nike Air Force trainers are not permitted).

PE Kit:

Academy PE top with Academy logo (can be purchased from our uniform suppliers).

One of black panelled shorts, skort, leggings or academy tracksuit trousers with school logo (can be purchased from our uniform suppliers) or plain black non-branded shorts/skort, sports leggings (not made of a jersey material or partially transparent fabric) or tracksuit trousers (can be purchased from our uniform suppliers or a retailer of your choice). Any logos should be plain black.

Plain black sports socks.

Footwear should include appropriate trainers for indoor and outdoor activities; football boots are required for some activities.

There is also a warm PE top available from our suppliers which is a non-compulsory item but is recommended for cold weather.

Students who are unable to participate in activities (through illness or injury) must still bring and change into PE kit even if they are unable to perform and will be asked to help support the lesson in other ways. Students who do not have kit with them are expected to borrow kit from school in order to take part and this is logged on the school behaviour system.

General requirements:

School Coat: Students may wear plain coats or jackets. Hoodies, tracksuit tops, fashion coats such as leather/denim jackets are not permitted and will be confiscated if worn at school.

Jewellery: Jewellery can be a safety hazard; it also gets lost easily. Students may wear one stud in each ear. Any other piercing is not permitted. Students are also not allowed to wear rings, bracelets or necklaces in school.

Hairstyles: We expect hair styles to be neat and tidy and not extreme in any way. This includes tramlines or dyes (hair should be a natural colour). In the interest of student safety, long hair must be tied back in PE and other practical lessons and headbands are not permitted.

Headwear: Any headwear worn due to religious belief should be black.

Make-up: Make-up should not be seen. Nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are not permitted at any time.

Piercings need to be removed for PE lessons. We advise that students do not have piercings done during times when this will cause issues for them taking part in PE. Students who do not remove piercings will be asked to wear PE kit and take on different roles within the lesson as well as putting tape over their piercings.