



Dear Parents/Carers

It's that time of year when we're all looking forward to Christmas and enjoying the festivities, however I also would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the academic year so far. It has been a fantastic autumn term and I am pleased that so many of our students have engaged so positively with the academic, enrichment, chaplaincy and cultural events that are integral to college life.

Our college community, led by our dedicated Student Council, are committed to a range of causes and initiatives; one being the college's first 'Culture Day'. We are proud of all our students and it was fantastic to see such a range of cultures being celebrated on 6th December. It was a truly inspiring and memorable experience which, if you missed it, is documented in more detail in this newsletter and also on our social media.

It has also been an important term for our Year 13 students who are busy thinking about their futures and have been making university and apprenticeship applications. We wish everyone lots of luck with any upcoming interviews and selection processes; please be assured that our dedicated staff will support our young people in any way possible.

I would like, on behalf of all the staff at Carmel, to wish you peace and joy this Christmastime.

Best wishes
Janet Gater
Principal

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Key Dates

Term Begins: Monday 8th January 2024

Year 12 Mock Examinations: Monday 29th January-
Thursday 1st February (study leave Year 12 only)

Friday 2nd February -Year 12 and Year 13
Independent Study Day

Final deadline for UCAS: 31st January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February- Friday 16th
February

Review 1 Consultation Year 12 (online via SchoolCloud):

Thursday 29th February 1.30-7.30pm

Review 3 Consultation Year 13 (online via SchoolCloud):

Wednesday 27th March 1.30-7.30pm

Year 13 Mock Examinations: Monday 4th March- Thursday 7th
March (Study leave Year 13 only)

Friday 8th March: Year 12 and Year 13 Independent Study Day

Interview Evenings for New Applicants: 7th February and 7th March

Open Event: Tuesday 12th March



Staff Spotlight

Helena Hanlon

Personal Achievement Tutor

What I love about working at Carmel?

Each Day is Different!

I am blessed to work within a positive team of caring and nurturing individuals who have the best interests of students at the heart of their role. I have the privilege to support students each day on their academic journey and see them grow holistically and develop from high school leavers to young aspiring adults.

What do I do outside of college?

I enjoy delivering exercise to music, and chair-based exercise to the local community with two community leaders, Pauline and Cathy. The group is called 'Happy Hearts'. It was formed post covid with the premise to improve mobility and wellbeing, as well as reduce loneliness. The class brings older members of the community together in a safe setting where they can have a cup of tea and toast and natter following a structured exercise class.

The group is situated in the town of Dovecot and started off with 6 to 8 participants and now has 40 members all aged 50 plus. Members have different health conditions from diabetes to osteoarthritis. The class is very positive, joyful and testimonies from members are extremely real and uplifting.



All I want for Christmas is ... 100% attendance and ... a £50 Amazon voucher!

During the month of December, we've been encouraging our students to aim for 100% attendance with the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. Here at Carmel students are encouraged to make the most of every opportunity to get the very best out of college life and prepare them for the future. Research shows that missing on average a day of college a week (below 80% attendance) means that students underachieve on average 2 grades across a 3 A level or BTEC programme. We know that excellent attendance is key to our young people achieving their potential.

Parents and carers can support us in ensuring that their young person's attendance remains on track. Text messages are sent out daily to inform parents and carers if students have missed a lesson. Cedar contains information on attendance for every student. Any absences must be reported to Reception via telephone or email. Authorised absences, for example, medical appointments, university open days, should be reported to students' Personal Achievement Tutor (PAT).

We appreciate your support in encouraging our young people to see that attendance matters.

December Attendance Prizewinners:

Year 12 - Katja-Conchita Sinha

Year 13 - Joseph Bantock

Carmel College Celebrates Diversity at Culture Day

Carmel hosted the first-ever Culture Day, a vibrant celebration of our rich and diverse community. The event, driven by the enthusiasm of our students and meticulously planned by the Student Council, showcased the extraordinary tapestry of cultures that make up our college.



We were thrilled to witness both students and staff proudly don traditional attire, expressing their cultural heritage with enthusiasm. The festivities extended into classrooms, where lessons embraced the cultural theme, featuring culinary delights from around the world, Mexican bingo, captivating cultural stories and poems, and discussions on various religious festivals.

Drew Kent Inspires Future Artists

Former Carmel Student Drew Kent, a successful fashion designer, shared his journey, having pursued the UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Practice and Art Foundation Diploma at Carmel. Drew is currently in his final year at Central St. Martins, specialising in BA (Hons) Knitwear.

Drew's illustrious career includes having his garments featured on celebrities, in Vogue, and being recognized as a British Fashion Council Scholar.



Sporting Trip

A Day at Everton's Finch Farm

An unforgettable experience unfolded for forty of our A-Level PE and BTEC Sport students as they delved into the heart of elite athletics at Everton's state-of-the-art training facility, Finch Farm!



The day kicked off with an exclusive glimpse into the rigorous world of the Everton U21 squad during their dynamic strength and conditioning session.

Our students were impressed by the dedication and precision exhibited by the athletes, setting the tone for an afternoon of inspiration.

A comprehensive tour of the club's cutting-edge training complex ensued, encompassing every facet of Finch Farm's athletic domain. From the high-tech indoor training pitch to the professionally equipped gym facility, academy offices, U18 pitch, and expansive outdoor training pitches, our students were immersed in the unparalleled world of professional football development.

The adventure didn't end with the tour; our students had the privilege of engaging in enlightening seminars facilitated by a diverse array of specialist staff. These experts, hailing from various disciplines within Everton Football Club, shared insights into their roles and illuminated potential career pathways in elite sports.



Inspiring Finance Talk: with Mohammed Amin MBE

Eighty of our students had the privilege of attending a thought-provoking talk on Careers in Accountancy and Finance by Mohammed Amin MBE, a former partner at PWC. Drawing from his wealth of experience, Amin provided valuable insights and answered numerous questions, offering students a glimpse into the dynamic world of finance.

We extend our gratitude to Speakers for Schools for facilitating this enlightening opportunity, and we look forward to seeing future finance leaders emerge from our student body.

Latoya Likambi Shines as Rising Female Leader!

We are so proud of the remarkable achievements of Latoya Likambi, a standout Lower Sixth student at Carmel. At just 17 years old, Latoya has been honored with the prestigious Rising Female Leader award, recognising her outstanding potential and unmistakable promise for future leadership. Juggling her studies in Business Studies, Spanish, and Philosophy, Ethics & Religion at Carmel, Latoya has demonstrated exceptional prowess beyond the classroom.

At the age of 15, she founded Teyes Eye Cosmetics, an organic skincare and haircare business based in Liverpool. Latoya's commitment is unwavering, as she manages her store part-time during term and transitions to full-time operations during holidays. Teyes Eye Cosmetics prides itself on offering 100% cold-pressed, organic, handmade products.

Beyond her entrepreneurial venture, Latoya is a co-founder and mentor at Likambi Global Publishing and holds the distinction of being Liverpool's youngest best-selling author with three published books. A confident and eloquent speaker, Latoya has become a global role model for young minds.

Latoya's recent triumph was at the Global Women's Leadership Summit, hosted by her mother, Dr. Sylvia Likambi. Latoya received the well-deserved Rising Female Leader award. Dr. Sylvia Likambi, a phenomenal role model herself, is a multi-award-winning speaker, coach, best-selling author, and the visionary behind several inspirational businesses. It's clear where Latoya inherits her ambition!



Maths Excellence:

Carmel Triumphs in UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

We are so proud of our students' success in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, a demanding 90-minute competition for students aged 16-18. A total of 126 Upper and Lower Sixth students participated, showcasing their mathematical prowess.

Congratulations to the 59 students who earned bronze awards, the 32 who received silver, and the outstanding six who clinched gold. Special mention goes to Jarukshan Vignesvararajah, Molly Campbell, Matthew Warburton, and Kiera Nicholas, who not only secured gold but also participated in the prestigious 'Andrew Jobbings Kangaroo Round,' with Molly achieving a Certificate of Merit.



Student Performance of 'Exit Stage Left' was a hit!



Performing Arts students captivated the audience in an extraordinary evening of monologues and duologues during their stellar performance of "Exit Stage Left."

The stage came alive with the students' unique scripts, each carefully chosen and passionately brought to life through dedicated rehearsals. The air buzzed with excitement as the performers delivered powerful and engaging performances, leaving the audience in awe.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event, showing unwavering support for our talented students and revelling in the magic they created on stage.

But the show doesn't stop here! Brace yourselves for another spellbinding performance in January as our students take on the timeless classic, "Dracula."

  
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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR