



WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers

It's with a real sense of mixed emotion that we say goodbye to our Year 13 students. It doesn't seem five minutes since they joined us in September 2022, yet so much has happened since then; trips, visiting speakers, competitions, mock exams, interviews, work experience and lots more! As a college, we are extremely proud of the progress and development of all of our Year 13 students and are also extremely excited for the opportunities that lie ahead of them. Our college community extends far beyond current students and we ask that Year 13 students do please stay in touch once they leave us for pastures new, as they will always be an important part of the Carmel community and we value links with all of our college alumni.

For our current Year 12 students, it's hard to believe that they have nearly completed a full academic year with us and we hope that it has been a year filled with new experiences, challenge and opportunity. When we return after the half term break, the focus for Year 12 will be on next steps; whether that be Higher Education, apprenticeships or employment. With this in mind, there is a fantastic opportunity to start researching progression routes at the UCAS Discovery Liverpool 2024 event when we return after the half term break.

I would just like to end by thanking all of Year 13 students for choosing Carmel College and allowing us to have the privilege of guiding, supporting, and learning from them during their time here. They have been a valuable addition to the Carmel community and we wish each and every one of them luck and success – in both their upcoming examinations and their future plans.

Best wishes

Janet Gater
Principal

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Key Dates

College Closes for Half Term: Friday 24th May

Term Begins: Monday 3rd June

UCAS Discovery at ACC Liverpool: Friday 14th June
(Year 12 off timetable to attend)

Summer Examination Series Ends: Friday 21st June

Year 11 Applicant Taster Day: Monday 1st July
(Year 12 study leave)

End of Term: Friday 5th July

Staff Spotlight

Julie Erica Saunders
Work Experience Coordinator

What I love about working at Carmel?

I like working with the students at Carmel who are often an inspiration in terms of their motivation to succeed. I really enjoy watching them progress to amazing degree apprenticeships and university. I like the Carmel Alumni's commitment to inspiring our current students.

Little known facts about me...

I have worked in the creative industries since graduating in Fashion Textiles, have been a lecturer in Fashion Textiles, had my own business and was lucky enough to work in Toronto and New York throughout the 1990s. Career highlights have been working with NASA and the astronaut Tim Peake, being a key note speaker at the V&A and The Design Centre in London. My style icons are PJ Harvey, Michele Lamy and Siouxsie from the band Siouxsie and the Banshees. I'm an ex-punk who loves music and dancing and enjoy going to London every time we break up for a holiday.





Staff Spotlight

Jo Billington
Careers Manager

What I love about working at Carmel?

Our amazing students, who are always surprising me with their career plans. It's great to see them all succeed and progress onto fantastic university courses and degree apprenticeships. I'm also lucky to work with great colleagues both at Carmel, and our local universities and employers who are committed to supporting our students to succeed.

Little known facts about me...

After leaving University, I spent two years working on a ranch in West Virginia, USA, so I can move a herd of cows and have tremendous lassoing skills!

Loudspeaker Inspires Confidence In Year 12 Students

On Monday 20th May, the amazing Calvin from Loudspeaker took over the Dalton Theatre as our Year 12 students learned to be proud to be loud!! Loudspeaker are an innovative and exciting company who work with young people and are focused on developing a world in which all young people can 'confidently speak out'.

The key mission of Loudspeaker is to instill vital public speaking skills and develop confidence. Calvin treated our students to an interactive workshop aimed to boost their self-confidence, public speaking, creativity, networking and enterprise skills. It was amazing to see our students take on board the tips and advice Calvin gave them and watch them take the floor to speak confidently about their challenges and successes. The workshop was full of inspiring and moving discussion with Calvin sharing a very important message to all students to speak out, tell their story and live life to the fullest! We are excited to work with Loudspeaker and cannot wait for further workshops in the Autumn term.



Dominique Walker Shares Inspirational Journey



We had the pleasure to welcome Dominique Walker to our Dalton Theatre. Dominique is a lecturer in Policing and Criminology at Liverpool John Moores University, founder of The Goddess Project, and chair of the Anthony Walker Foundation which works to promote racial harmony through education, music and sport. She shared her inspirational life story, discussing how she has combatted loss and grief by rediscovering her joy for life.

Additionally, Dominique spoke about her experiences within the Merseyside Police Protecting Vulnerable People Sigma Hate Crime Investigation Unit. Her talk offered valuable insights and advice to the students and staff in attendance, emphasising the importance of community unity in advocating for social justice and action.

'Her brutal honesty and and can-do attitude really spoke to students. She is an exceptional woman who has shown courage, compassion and integrity against all the odds. She is a shining beacon of love, light and hope for all who are lucky enough to spend time with her.' Staff member

'I like Dominique's honesty and it didn't feel ,like a lecture, it felt like a friend talking and it was a really important discussion about racism' Student

Class of 2024 Celebration: Carmel's Farewell Bash With Football Star Conor Coady!

We celebrated the Class of 2024 in our Dalton Theatre, where we reflected on the past 2 years, enjoyed speeches from both staff and students, and welcomed special guest Conor Coady, a professional footballer for Leicester City Football Club and the English national team.



The celebration continued in the refectory with live music, a DJ, and a photo booth, providing our Class of 2024 with opportunities to create more lasting memories as their time at Carmel comes to a close. Good luck, year 13 – you've been truly amazing.

Chaplaincy News

Chaplaincy have been busy working with students over the last half term. The Carmel Christian Union has been established and members are enjoying their weekly get-togethers in Chaplaincy. This term, topics under discussion have included Corinthians 12:12-13 and the relevance to our group, to our college, to our local community and globally, the nature of Vocation and how we discern our calling and the nature of prayer including where and how we like to pray. New members welcome! Please contact Kath Edmond for further details of how to get involved.

Across college, Chaplaincy led and supported a range of cross college events including teaming up with the Student Council and our basketballers to host a charity match between our current team and basketball alumni. It was a great success raising £88 for CAFOD's Israeli- Palestinian Crisis. Our Lourdes Pilgrimage students ran a literary-themed tuck shop as part of our Literary Festival, selling mocktails such as 'Tequila Mockingbird', 'Huckleberry Gin' and snacks including 'Lord of the Onion Rings', 'Game of Scones' and 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Chocolate Buttons'.

As well as our regular prayers and Breakfast and Reflection on Friday mornings, Fr Dominic Risley from Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Catholic Church joined us to celebrate our half termly Mass in the final week and included students' sitting exams in our prayers.



Carmel Rugby Team Clinches Second Consecutive National Finals Victory!

Congratulations to our Carmel Rugby League Team for winning the National Finals for the second consecutive year! This incredible achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication the team has put into their training.



They have proven that Team Carmel is truly unbeatable. Special congratulations to Coach Clive and to Jamie O'Keeffe, our well-deserved Man of the Match!



Carmel Featured In The Times' Top 50 State Sixth Form Colleges League Table

Seventy-five state sixth form colleges have been ranked by the percentage of students achieving AAB in two+ facilitating subjects. Carmel is placed 19th in the table and is also ranked within the top two state sixth forms in Merseyside!

Principal Janet Gater said; "We are incredibly proud of the achievements and successes of all our young people. This Times ranking is a fantastic accolade for the college and is testament to the hard work and commitment of all of our students and staff."

Year-on-year Carmel students achieve fantastic exam results with a significant number achieving high grades, enabling fantastic progression to competitive destinations, whether that be university, degree-apprenticeships or employment. Last year, five students continued their studies at prestigious Oxbridge Universities and a further twelve students progressed to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science courses.

Exploring Art History: A Taster Event at Liverpool Hope University

Our Year 12 A Level Fine Art and UAL Diploma students recently visited Liverpool Hope University for a bespoke Art History Taster Event. They attended a series of mini-lectures on Early Twentieth-Century Art, Photography in Art History, Contemporary Performance Art, and Otherness in Early Modern Art.

This event provided a valuable opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge and awareness of key cultural and academic issues in Art History and related studies while experiencing university-style learning. We extend our gratitude to Dr. Amelia Yeates, Dr. Lynn Hilditch, and Dr. Kathrin Wagner for inspiring our students.



A Journey Into Understanding British Sign Language

During Deaf Awareness Week, we welcomed a guest speaker from the Deafness Resource Centre. They spoke to our staff and students about deaf awareness, the deaf community, and its language, culture, and history. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn basic skills in British Sign Language. We are incredibly grateful to the Deafness Resource Centre for taking the time to educate and engage both staff and students and look forward to working with them in the future



Look To The Future

The summer term is an exciting time for our Year 12 students as they start thinking ahead and planning their next steps when they leave Carmel next year. As always, we are committed to challenging and supporting students to achieve their very best and develop as well-rounded individuals fully prepared to take the next steps to a successful future.

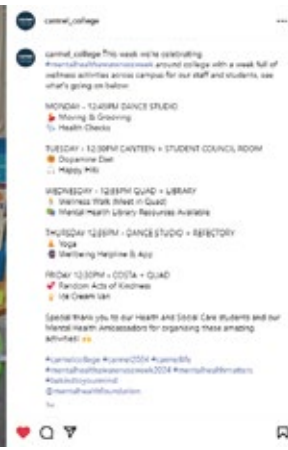
In the coming weeks, they will be researching and exploring opportunities to move on to a range of destinations including university, apprenticeships or employment. We have already been privileged to welcome a number of guest speakers into college to prepare students for the future including Edge Hill University, Lancaster University, ASK Apprenticeships (the government hub for apprenticeship opportunities in the North West), and United Utilities. In addition, all students are invited to attend the UCAS Discovery 2024 Liverpool event at ACC on 14th June.

Here are some of the destinations of our current Year 13 students. The future is looking bright!

- Oluwakemi Akeredolu has been offered a place to read Law at University of Cambridge
- Esther Ajeniya has been offered a place to study a Foundation Year in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at University of Cambridge.
- Mia McAllister worked with one of our employer stakeholders, Zoe Wallace at Agent, and was delighted to secure a prestigious apprenticeship with the BBC in Manchester.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Both staff and students celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week with a variety of wellness activities across campus. As our mental health is closely connected to our physical, emotional and social wellbeing, we had fun boosting serotonin through dance and music, indulged in nutrient dense foods available on the Cafe menu, got the heart pumping with a group walk and ended the week with ice cream! Head over to [carmel_college](#) Instagram to see more pictures!



Wellbeing Helpline and App

We are excited to launch our student Wellbeing Helpline and App, a 24/7 service for Carmel College students to provide advice and information on the following common issues:

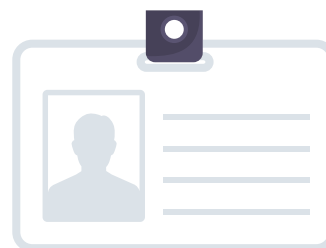
- Stress and anxiety
- In the moment help
- Family issues
- Bereavement
- Financial wellbeing
- Bullying and harassment
- Exam worries
- Medical information
- Alcohol and drug issues



Student can call the helpline direct on 0800 028 3766 or download the Wisdom app.

Site Security

We are an open campus with a very warm and welcoming atmosphere. Please encourage your young person to remember to wear their ID and lanyard to college proudly on display so all staff can identify our students.



Staying Safe Online

Recently, information was sent home via Parent-mail to raise awareness of the recent rise in reporting of financially motivated sexual extortion (a type of Online blackmail often known in the media as 'sextortion'). Children and young people worldwide are being targeted. This type of crime involves an adult offender (often from an organised crime group based overseas) threatening to release nude or semi-nude images and/or videos of a child or young person, unless they pay money, or meet another financial demand, such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card. Victims of any age and gender can be targets, however a large proportion of cases have involved male victims aged 14-18.

A child or young person is never to blame if they have been a victim. Offenders will have tricked, groomed and/or manipulated them into sharing an image.



Find out more about Online blackmail on CEOP Education's parents and carers website