Carre's Grammar School



NEWSLETTER

July 2021

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Useful Dates:

Autumn Term

Thursday 2 September

Years 7, 11, 12 and 13

Friday 3 September

Years 8, 9 and 10

Friday 10 September

School Photographer – all year groups

Thursday 21 October

End of Term 1

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New Look

Foreword by Mr Law, Headteacher

It has been some year! As it draws to a close it is time to reflect upon and celebrate the many successes that students and staff have achieved at Carre's Grammar School throughout the year. Normally we would have done this at St Denys' Church for our annual Junior Prize Giving with guests, governors, and parents...but this year has been anything but normal. The tragic loss of life for some, the isolation from loved ones, the mental stress, the complete disruption to work, online lessons, navigating Teams, one-way systems, zones, grab and go in The Chill, self-isolation, vaccinations, face masks, sticking cotton buds up our noses and down our throats, PE kit morphing into casual attire on days when students had PE...the list goes on.

Today we held assemblies to recognise the students who have made an immense contribution to our school and to give due regard to our values and morals like resilience, discipline, compassion, and zeal for learning. Our students have exhibited such qualities that will not only help them in achieving their goals but stand them in good stead in all areas of their lives.

This year we have done our best to provide students with a healthy and safe environment to help them grow in every sphere of activity, be it academics, music, sports, or any other extracurricular role, the latter of which has been disappointingly limited by the pandemic and enforced measures in the school. I am always pleased to see our students performing and excelling in their respective areas of interests and hopefully next year this can be more often the case.



You will know that I feel that schools are shaped by people. The opportunities Carre's Grammar School offers to its young people are the consequence of the commitment of members of staff to giving generously of their expertise and talents in all areas of school life. We need to thank all the staff for their hard work, professionalism, and support throughout this most difficult of year, and I am grateful to those of you have taken the time to acknowledge the efforts of staff as it has lifted morale and given added value to what we do.

I would like to offer my appreciation to those who will be leaving us at the end of this term:

Mrs Pauline Warhurst is retiring after 22 years with us in the Learning Support Team, of which she has been a part since 1999.

Mrs Clare Almond, our Senior Science Technician, is retiring after 14 years with us.

Mrs Teresa Mallinson, the Cover Manager, has left after 13 years in that role, having also been a Teaching Assistant for 5 years before that.

Mrs Jackie Hull, the Data Manager and our longest-serving member of staff is retiring this summer after 29 years with us.

They are all part of the staff team, but their work often goes unrecognised and yet they epitomise the crucial role that all staff play in the school as they quietly go about their business, supporting students and making the job of the teachers a little easier.

Mr Phil Crossley has retired after 39 years as a Maths teacher, 16 of them with us. He has helped countless students over the years to realise their ambitions in going to some of the country's top universities and has always been one to keep others on their toes.

Mr Dan Roberts is leaving to become Head of Maths at the Robert Pattinson Academy in North Hykeham in September. Many students will have appreciated his idiosyncratic style of teaching and the time that he has given up for countless students since he has been with us.

So that you are aware, Mrs Livsey will be stopping her teaching in September and taking over as the school's Data Manager. This means, unfortunately, that we shall no longer be offering Food as a curriculum subject.

Miss Lucy Ward and Miss Shannon Collishaw, Active Schools Co-ordinators both leaving for pastures new.

And finally...

We finish this academic year just as all Covid restrictions are lifted and yet Covid is still very much about, but we look forward to September being a time for us to re-set and move forward, once again opening the doors to our parents and our community. We should not forget some of the changes imposed by Covid have given us an opportunity to reflect and forge new practices which will stay with us and we should seek to take some positives from the past few months.

To the students I will leave you with this. Succeeding in life is as simple as being a good student. All you must do is pay attention, work hard and give it your best shot.

And to everyone, thank you for your support during this most difficult of years. I will wish you all a very restful and relaxing summer.

Mrs Pauline Warhurst

She joined Carre's in 1999 when she transferred with the student she had been supporting at primary school. She saw him successfully through school and he is now working in education, supporting students in a similar role to Mrs Warhurst. She then went on to support a student with Asperger's for his seven years at Carre's. With her support this young man went from hiding in the corner of the staircase at lesson changeover to travelling independently to school and then completing a degree at university in Southampton (very far from home!) followed by his Masters in Creative Writing at Lincoln University.

Drawing on her experience, Mrs Warhurst eventually became the team lead in supporting students with autism and as a school we achieved the Autism Inclusion Mark of Good Practice for our support of students with autism. Mrs W is not easily ruffled and her calm, unruffled approach to her students has stood her and her students in good stead. She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and being able to plan longer visits to their sons and their families who both live in Australia.

We wish her all the best and thank her for her many years supporting our students.

Mrs Rosemary Brooks, SENCO

Happy Retirement Pauline and good luck for the future to all our colleagues leaving Carre's this summer

Senior Student Team 2021- 2022



Congratulations to Jessamy (Deputy Head Girl), Kieran (Deputy Head Boy), Alexia (Head Girl), Matt (Head Boy), Millie (Deputy Head Girl) and James (Deputy Head Boy) on being appointed to the Senior Student Team.

Sixth Form Induction Days

Mr Smith, Head of Sixth Form and Alexia, Head Girl – welcoming Sixth Form students to Carre's for their induction days.











Year 7 Virtual STEM Day

21 June 2021

Support from Grunwald UK Funded by PPMA BEST





BEST Pitch challenges the team to brainstorm and come up with an idea for a new invention or piece of tech, and then present it – which involves creative thinking, product design, branding, and presentation skills.

Eco Factory Roller Loader working together students create a marble run to safely move a product from A to B, which is all about physical construction, stable design, and working to a tight deadline.

The winning teams for both challenges were from 7C.

Mrs Livsey, Teacher of ICT



For the Marble Run Challenge: Alexander, Ben, Benas, Josh and Rupert

For the Innovation Pitch: Alfie, Cameron, Ahmed, Jacob and Riley with their smart glasses.



Music



On Thursday 1 July, 31 students from Year 7 took part in the Virtual Big Sing. The event was transmitted live from Abbey Road Studios and featured stars including MNEK, Becky Hill, Nathan Evans (of Wellerman fame), Aston Merrygold and Gabrielle. We joined in singing 9 songs and heard interviews with each of the celebrity singers. We've now got lots of ideas for songs for the choir next year!









On Wednesday 7 July, all Year 7 students participated in **samba workshops** with a visiting instructor, Tim Brain from 'Louder than Life'. Each class formed a samba batteria playing a variety of different samba instruments. There were some great performances and some brilliant dance routines! It was a very loud but enjoyable event!

Mrs Ruth Quinton, Head of Music







Year 11 Celebration Assembly.

Our Year 11 students returned for a celebration assembly lead by Mrs Millband, Head of Year. Photos and anecdotes of their time at Carre's were shared, to much hilarity. Students enjoyed pizza and cakes during the afternoon.



At the end of the assembly, Alex Clipsham 'braved the shave' in support of Macmillan, a cause close to his heart after his grandad's recent myeloma diagnosis. If anyone would like to sponsor Alex then you can do so via this link: Profile | Brave The Shave (macmillan.org.uk)

8L English

This term, 8L have been studying the play 'The Garbage King'. As part of their study, students created models

of theatrical stages, some of which can be seen in these pictures.

Mrs Millband, Teacher of English









Year 7 English - Props for The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents

Mrs James, Teacher of English









Accessing EBooks



Ebooks are available to all Carre's students, and they are a fantastic way to keep up with your reading over the Summer holidays.

You can access your account by downloading the free ePlatform app for iOS or Android.

Alternatively, you can access it via the school extranet where it can be found under links, website general and CGSLibrary ebooks.

When you open the app for the first time you will have to search for our school library. The easiest way to do this is to type 'carre' - that usually finds it!

When you have found our library, you will need to log on Student usernames/passwords are as follows:

Username – student email address. E.g. <u>Harry.potter@carres.uk</u>
Password will be dependent upon your year group. E.g Year 7s will be LRCLibrary07; year 8 – LRCLibrary08 etc.

Once logged on you will be able to search for a book to borrow. Please note that books that seem to be greyed out are out of stock, but you will be able to place a reservation on them.

You can borrow up to 3 books at a time.

Books are borrowed for 2 weeks - the platform will email you when the books are due. You can then choose to renew if you wish.

You can change the font, page colour, etc of the books to suit you. If you come across any new words you are also able to find their definition by selecting the word.

Hopefully you will enjoy using this facility. Any questions, please ask. Happy reading! ©

Year 7 Castle Competition - History

The winners of the competition were:

7B Luke (wooden castle in the garden)

7C Henry (sandcastle)

7L Mark (painted castle)

7W Dan (plasticene castle)

Everyone who took part will be receiving a History Award certificate and the castles will be on display in Miss Mills' room.









The four form winners received a key ring and the overall winner received a trophy.

Miss Mills, Teacher of History







Year 8 Art



This term we have been focusing on the work of Antoni Gaudi and his style of bright, colourful and detailed sculptures and buildings. First, we had to draw from a photograph of a greyscale staircase designed by Gaudi. This was quite difficult for all of us as you had to form all the different shades with one pencil.

Next, we had to research images of Gaudi's work and choose our favourite image to draw a colour pencil

study, focusing on colour blending techniques.
These images ranged from lizards, chimneys,
mosaic sculptures to the very pinnacle of the
Sagrada Familia's spires, Gaudi's famous Cathedral
in Barcelona.

Using our research and drawings as inspiration, we

then created design ideas for a clay tile. We had to consider the patterns, textures and colour palette. The designs could be any shape, but they had to be in the style and colours similar to Gaudi.



The final part of the project was to actually make our tiles out of clay. We had to keep the clay damp when sculpting and carefully form it

into our design. Once they had dried, the tiles were very fragile. Then we painted them using watercolours. Here are some of our designs.

William Simpson 8L

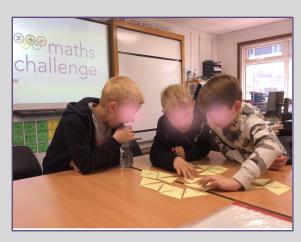






Year 5 Taster Days







In June we welcomed 250 Year 5 students to spend the day at Carre's for a taster day. The students took part in a maths challenge, a computing task, PE, Science and 11+ taster session. It looks like they had a great day!



The Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions



Eleven expeditions this season at Bronze,
Silver and Gold.

I am proud of them all but utterly exhausted after seven expedition weekends back to back!

One campsite owner supplied a TV for the football endorsed by the Assessor for the Year 10 Silver boys.

Well done to all participants and volunteers.

Mrs Mel Walker, DofE Co-ordinator

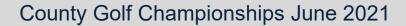








Sporting Achievement



Nelson Gilbourne finished 3rd in his event with 35 points and his team also finished 3rd with a combined 66 (Nelson and Henry Saunders).

Other scores/positions:

Oliver Sneath 31pts/6th

Liam Robinson 31pts/7th

Henry Saunders 31pts/8th

Araon Cepelak 28pts/12th

Tom Gibbons 22pts/18th

Giacomo Morgan gross 88/10th

The 29th edition of the popular Sleaford Schools Golf Championship was held on 5 July at a sunny Sleaford Golf Club. 25 students from across the town's three secondary schools competed and mostly enjoyed the challenge presented by a tough layout! The event was won by one of our own, Year 7 student Oliver, with an impressive 40-point haul. Fellow Carre's Year 7 Liam finished solo second and Year 8 Dylan was in a tie for third place. It was a





dominant display from a very promising group of

emerging golfers at Carre's.





Less than two weeks later, a Carre's golf team consolidated a successful (albeit brief!) season by beating St George's 2-1 in a brilliant Friday evening match at the same venue. Giacomo and Henry won their match 2 up, winning the 17th and 18th holes in a tense finish. Liam and Aaron won 2 and 1 in another close match and Dylan and Oliver lost 5 and 3. They obviously knew their point wasn't needed!



Active Lincolnshire held a Multi-Sport festival for Year 7 students from across the county. Carre's sent a team - Kyran, Charlie, Alfie, Mark G, James and Mark S - to learn some new skills. The boys had a great time and represented their school beautifully. Their favourite activity by some way was wheelchair basketball! The boys also loved the golf, cricket and kickboxing sessions and even practised some great street dance moves!

Mr Newell, Teacher of PE



U13 Lincolnshire Schools Cricket Champions

The U13 cricket team were crowned Lincolnshire Schools champions on Wednesday 14 July when they beat Queen Elizabeth's High School, Gainsborough.

On a sunny afternoon at Fulbeck Cricket Club, the boys limited QEHS

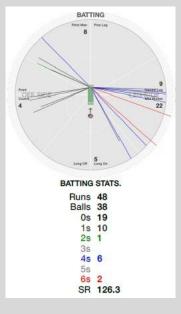
to a total of 71-7 from their 20 overs, with Daniel enjoying the most success with figures of 2-13 from his 4 overs.

The Carre's chase got off to a shaky start, losing the season's top scorer William in the first

over and Oliver and Thomas soon afterwards. It took a superb

innings of 48 not out from Dylan, ably assisted by Viraj's 13 not out, to wrestle back the initiative and allow Carre's to reach their target with more than 6 overs to spare.





Results

- Won by 13 runs against St. Hugh's School, Woodhall Spa
- Won by 2 wickets against The King's School, Grantham
- Won by 9 wickets against Spalding Grammar School
- Won by 7 wickets against Queen Elizabeth's High School, Gainsborough.

Squad: Daniel, Charlie, Aaron, Dylan, Freddie, Charles, Joseph, Viraj, Thomas, George, Oliver, Thomas, William and Jake



Netball



It has been great to be able to play some games at the back end of the year, having had so long not being able to play. We played against Boston College, the Sixth Form boys, LSST and the past students. We managed to win all the games which, whilst pleasing, was not the most important thing. We have been able to develop a really strong full-court defensive system that should enable us to develop our attacking game from September.

Mr Offer, Head of Sport

Pictures taken from match versus Boston College







Carre's Outreach





A New Look Student Support



After feedback from the students and the opportunity to have time to reflect and review our service over the last few weeks, I am pleased to announce that our support service is going to have something of a new look in September.

We will be known quite simply as Student Support. We feel this more aptly embraces the breadth of support we offer to our students. Many students felt that "Learning Support" carried a negative message that sometimes put them off seeking support. Student Support is also the preferred title of many support services at universities.

Our team titles are also going to change to be more in keeping with the new name: Support Officer and Support Assistant. Mrs Millband will also be joining our team as Deputy SENCO, having so successfully deputised for me during my medical leave.

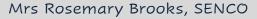
Our student support suite will also look different with our rooms around The Hub being named after famous Yellowbellies or a key county connection. Each room will also feature biographies of former students we have supported who have gone on to achieve success. We will also include biographies of people from beyond our county borders to reflect the diversity of our 21st century society. We want all of our students to be able to aspire to a career path that will be fulfilling and challenging. We hope that they will be inspired, however they might identify themselves, by the biographies featured.

The Hub is at the centre of our suite and houses the first line of support available to students during the school day – the team member of the duty desk. For me, The Hub neatly sums up our philosophy of support. The hub at the centre of a wheel carries all of the different spokes that gives the wheel its strength. Each spoke makes its individual contribution to that strength as indeed do all of us at Carre's regardless of our gender, additional need, identity or status. The spokes also help to keep the wheel functional and I believe that everyone is of value in our society and can be an agent that can make a difference in whatever function we might find ourselves.

My recent stay in hospital (as something of a hospital phobic) was made all the more bearable by lots of different people "just doing their job" but doing it well: the lady delivering our drinks with a smile and sympathy; the Health Care Assistants who provided personal care that I would dread having to do(!); the night nurse whose name in South Africa meant Angel who was truly an angel in the long hours of the night; the catering team trying everything they could to find something to tempt our appetite; the cleaning teams doing all they could to protect us from infection; the surgeon who rose to the challenge my surgery presented; the consultant who took time to listen to me and eventually allowed me to escape and go home; the specialist nurses at the end of the phone who dealt so patiently with another call from that "woman in Lincoln"... and countless others who have "just done their job" and encouraged me along my path of recovery. Carre's is not unlike a hospital, in that everyone, whatever their role, can make a difference for the better to our students. I recognise that it is not just the student support team who support our students and it is great to be part of a staff team at Carre's that is committed to doing their jobs well and to enhancing the experience of our students. It has certainly helped to get us all through the challenges of the last 18 months.

Whilst our name may be changing, our commitment to the young men and women we support will remain unchanged. We operate an open-door policy to both our students and their parents. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any concerns about your son's or daughter's wellbeing or learning needs. You can contact us on our new email address: studentsupport@carres.uk

I am looking forward to returning to school in September which I hope will look much more like the Carre's we knew pre-pandemic. In the meantime, I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break.





Careers

The Lincolnshire Health and Care Careers Event is back for its fifth year taking place Tuesday 23 November 2021 in The Engine Shed, University of Lincoln, Brayford Pool, Lincoln.



This event is a great opportunity for students to discover careers in the Health & Care sector through inspirational activities and interactive workshops. This will help raise awareness of the different career pathways and job opportunities available.

Health and Care Careers Market Place - The Engine Shed, University of Lincoln
The Market place will consist of various career stations from across our Stakeholder group
consisting of mini activities and career
guidance.

Inspirational Practical Workshops – Sarah Swift Building, University of Lincoln The practical workshops will be running throughout the day for year 10 and above held in the University simulation suites.

The workshops will be led by NHS, Care and University staff and will allow students the opportunity to undertake hands-on activities within a simulated clinical setting.

University of Lincoln Campus Tours

Pre-bookable tours of the University campus so you can plan and get the most out of your day with us.

The University will also be providing mini talks on the Lincoln Medical School, UCAS process/applications, finance and 'Life as a University Student..........'

Next Step

Save the date and look out for our email at the beginning of September with more information and how to book your place.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Lincolnshire Talent Academy.





Listen to Episode 1



Episode 1 of the Parent Perspective podcast is out now! In this opening episode we'll hear from special guest speakers on the topic of 'How to support your child with their options this summer', including...

- Nicola Hall Director of Education, Careers and Enterprise Company
- George Anderson Wellbeing Coach, Gen. Healthy Minds

In this episode we hear from Nicola Hall, Director of Education at the Careers and Enterprise Company, talking about the **current careers landscape** and her **5 top tips on how to support your child when exploring options**. We'll also hear from George Anderson, a health and wellbeing coach, addressing the **anxieties parents have** right now and the **practical solutions** to help. We are also joined by a brilliant panel of **parents and carers**, who will be asking questions and discussing our speaker topics throughout the episode.



You can listen to episode 1 and subscribe to the full series by <u>clicking here</u> or on the image above.

Share your perspective

Want to ask a question? Got some feedback? Submit

your thoughts for expert careers leader and advisers to discuss on an upcoming episode - we would love to hear your perspective! You can record yourself asking a question or giving feedback here or can email us here.



COMING NEXT WEEK

Presented by Amazing Apprenticeships' Anna Morrison CBE and Steve Keith from The Branding Man, Episode 2 of The Parent Perspective Podcast looks at the experiences of young people and ways in which they can stand out when applying for competitive schemes.

In the second episode of the series we hear from a young graduate and apprentice about their own career journeys, what paths they took and how their parents supported them to pursue their chosen careers.

We'll also hear from Mark Smith, Resourcing Specialist – Early Careers, at the BBC, who shares his hints and tips for young people applying for competitive schemes and his insights on careers opportunities at the moment.

Don't miss a single episode!

We're on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google podcasts – and all the usual podcast channels.

Make sure you subscribe on your preferred platform!



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Careers - Can you help?

At Carre's we are always looking to expand on Careers advice and what better than to hear it from people working in different professions? We would like to provide you with the opportunity to share your wealth of knowledge and experience with our students if you feel that you have the time to do this.

Please find a link https://forms.office.com/r/w4mxCMPAkW to a survey that I would be grateful if you could complete about assisting in Career Advice for students. The survey is quite short and will provide us with an insight of the opportunities we can explore throughout the coming years.

Thank you.

Mr Scholefield Work Related Learning Co-ordinator

Following the success of our Inspiration and Experience programmes, Speakers for Schools is delighted to announce a brand-new programme to support your students: Youth Card.

WHAT IS YOUTH CARD?

<u>Youth Card</u> is a free mobile app that provides a one-stop shop for 11-25-year-olds for self-led discovery of educational, career and personal development opportunities in a safe environment.

Youth Card is uniquely placed to help your students by offering:

- Free access to UK-wide work experience placements and workshops with leading employers, including: Spotify, Bentley Motors, bp, Google, NHS, Virgin Atlantic, The Financial Times, Santander and the BBC.
- Free access to UK-wide financial and enterprise programmes.
- Free access to a UK-wide network of 7,000 youth organisations.
- Free access to inspiring podcasts, broadcasts and short films by heads of industry and high-profile speakers like:
 - Nick Ross (TV broadcaster)
 - Rich Waterworth (GM of TikTok)
 - Shai Weiss (CEO of Virgin Atlantic Airways)
 - Gareth Southgate (England football manager men's team)
 - Roger Federer (professional tennis player)
 - Dame Kelly Holmes (former Olympic athlete)
- Free access to a wide range of youth-friendly discounted services in the UK and Europe.

With your help, we aim to improve the social mobility of 1 million young people through <u>Youth Card</u> by August 2022-2023.

ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO DOWNLOAD THE YOUTH CARD APP TODAY!

To find out more about Youth Card, visit www.youthcard.org or





The National Careers Service is delivering a series of webinars for parents and carers whose children are receiving results this August.

It has been a challenging year for students and the National Careers Service want to equip parents and carers with advice to support their children on the day. Click the links below to sign up to one of the webinars and get:

- tips on how your child can prepare for results day
- advice about their options
- advice about leaving education and exploring careers
- signposting to useful sources
- an opportunity for Q&A

Book your free place now:

Choose one of the dates below and click the 'book your place' link to sign up.

Friday 30th July 12pm – book your place

Tuesday 3rd August 4pm – book your place

Wednesday 4th August 12pm – book your place

amazingapprenticeships.com

Fundraising



Oscar Heald took part in the 7 in 7 Challenge raising money for Motor Neurone Disease whilst in Year 12. Oscar has spent 4-6 hours every Sunday afternoon for 7 weeks baking over 400 different types of cakes to sell weekly in the Art Department to students and staff. Many other years groups have been doing lots to raise money too. Well done Oscar!

Joseph from 7B took part in the Holkham Hall Future Outlaw's 2.4 mile (3.75km) run on Saturday 3 July. He ran really well and completed it in 17.01 minutes.

Super running Joseph!





Charlie won the Lincolnshire Under 16 class at Hykeham in the Lincolnshire Sailing Regatta.

Well done Charlie!

Notices

PE Kit and School Property

Please label all PE kit and school clothing/property.

ParentPay - School Dinner Money

Please ensure your son/daughter has sufficient funds on their ParentPay account ready for September, to pay for any food/drinks purchased in The Chill.

Parent/Carer Cars on Site

For safety reasons only staff and visitor cars are allowed on site during the day. We would ask that you do not drop your son/daughter off in the school car park at the beginning or end of the day unless you are collecting a poorly student.

Free School Meals

If you receive any benefits, you should tell your school as they can get extra funding called the Pupil Premium grant. This includes:

- Universal Credit your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly can also get free school meals.

To apply for Free School Meals, please navigate to the Lincolnshire County Council website and click on the Schools and Education link.



Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

See you in September.

