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Headteacher's Message

This is the final newsletter for this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. I hope you all have a happy, healthy summer holiday. There are a lot of key dates and information in this edition about how students can be organised for the end of term and for the beginning of the new school year. Please pay particular attention to uniform, the last day arrangements and the start dates for each year group in September.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 15th July: Year 10 Spanish Speaking Mock Exams
Wednesday 17th July: Year 10 Germany Trip Leaves
Friday 19th July: School Closes for Summer Holiday
Monday 22nd July: Year 10 Germany Trip Returns
Thursday 22nd August: Year 11 Results Day
Monday 2nd September: INSET Day – School Closed to Students (see below)

What Timetable

Week Is It?

W.B. 15/7/24 =
WEEK A

W.B. 2/9/24 =
WEEK A

Key Dates and Times for the End of This Year and the Start of Next Year

As we reach the end of another academic year it's important to note that school finishes for summer for all students on **Friday 19th July, with an early finish time of 12.30pm**. There is an INSET Day on our calendar for Monday 22nd July, but this is for staff only.

During the summer holidays, the **GCSE Results Day for Year 11 is Thursday 22nd August. This takes place from 9.30am-12.00pm in the Main Hall** (not the Sports Hall, as previously advertised, so students and parents/carers should come to the main school entrance.

Finally, when we return after the summer holidays, school will be open to staff only for an INSET Day on Monday 2nd September. Following this, **school re-opens to Years 7 and 11 only on Tuesday 3rd September**. This allows our new students and those students in their final GCSE year to get a strong start. **School is then re-open to all year groups on Wednesday 4th September**.

All key term dates for the next academic year can be found on our website by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.carnforthhigh.co.uk/key-information/term-dates/>



In Memory of Mrs Reeves

As you will be aware, Mrs Tracey Reeves, our Head of Year 10, sadly died suddenly and unexpectedly recently. Mrs Reeves was a valued and respected member of staff at Carnforth High School for over 20 years, as well as a loving and devoted wife and mother. Her funeral took place last week and it was amazing to see the huge turnout to pay respects to such a wonderful woman. Mrs Reeves' family were overwhelmed by number of cards and messages received by students, staff and parents, remembering and celebrating Mrs Reeves' life. If you would like to share a message, the online Book of Condolence is still open here: <https://rememberancebook.net/book/tracey-reeves/>

In school, Art students in Mrs Reeves year group have created the beautiful piece of work shown below in memory of her.



Buses for the Last Day of Term

Given our **early finish time of 12.30pm on Friday**, it's important to know about the bus times for that day. There will be rewards assemblies for all years as part of the morning, and when students leave school at 12.30pm the buses will operate as follows:

- **51 Silverdale** – Departs at 1.20pm from the railway station
- **5 Overton** – Departs 12.39pm at Highfield Road (Mighty Bites)
- **755 Morecambe via Bolton-Le-Sands/Hest Bank** – Departs at 1.07pm outside the vets
- **555 Lancaster** – Depart at 1.08pm from the A6 next to the vets
- **55 Lancaster** – Departs at 1.18pm from the A6 next to vets
- **445** – Departs at 12:30pm from outside of school

Where students are required to walk into town to get a bus they will be accompanied by members of staff.



Student Books

Due to regulations around the handling of data (GDPR), the school is unable to throw away school books containing protected data (such as student names) at the end of the year. Students are asked to take their book home before we break up. This is a great chance for you as their parent/carer to see the work that they have been completing. In some cases, such as with GCSE classes, students may have been told to store their books safely for future use, e.g. revision for their GCSE exams.



Year Leaders for School Year 2024/25

Year 7 Leader - Mrs Rogerson
Year 8 Leader - Mr Wellwood
Year 9 Leader - Mrs Cleasby
Year 10 Leader - Miss Murtagh
Year 11 Leader - Mrs Rigby

Uniform for 2024/25

As you will be aware from previous communication, some changes are being made to our uniform policy from September and over the coming years. Please see below for a reminder from Mrs Newson.

In September 2024, the uniform for Year 7 will consist of:

- School blazer
- Black trousers or black pleated skirt
- Black leather or leather-type shoes (not black trainers)
- Blue shirt
- School tie

In September 2024, for Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 the uniform will consist of:

- School jumper OR blazer
- Black trousers or black pleated skirt
- Black leather or leather-type shoes (not black trainers)
- Blue shirt (Years 8 & 9) or white shirt (Year 10 & 11)
- School tie

If any Year 10 pupils need to replace a school jumper, we would recommend that they replace it with a blazer, as these will be compulsory for ALL years in September 2025.

Please note: black Nike 'Air Force One' trainers or similar are not acceptable as school shoes.

Most of the above-mentioned uniform (including our new blazers) is **available to purchase in our online uniform shop**, which can be found via our school website here:

<https://www.carnforthhighuniform.com/>

As always, if your family is facing financial hardship and you need assistance with purchasing school equipment and/or uniform, please get in touch, as we can offer help. The first point of contact is via your child's Year Leader.

The screenshot shows the website header for Carnforth High Uniform. The navigation menu includes HOME, INFORMATION, UNIFORM, STATIONERY, and GCSE ART. A banner for 'ALL UNIFORM' features a photo of students and text stating: 'We are always receiving new stock and updating this website so please keep checking back for items that are currently out of stock. Click here to get in touch with us if you have any queries or questions.' Below the banner is a grid of four items:

Item	Price	Availability
Black Pleated School Skirt	£11.00	New Arrival
Carnforth High Badged Sweatshirt	£19.50	Required
Carnforth High Tie	£8.00	Required
Carnforth High Water Bottle	Out of stock	Additional

Equipment for 2024/25

As you will also be aware from previous communication, ensuring that all students have the right equipment every day is a key focus next academic year. Please see a copy of the letter previously sent to all parents by Mr McGauran about the equipment that your child will need for next year:

Ensuring that all students are ready to learn in every lesson will be a key priority at the start of the next academic year. **Please could you ensure that at the start of school in September your child is equipped with:**

- A **scientific calculator**. The specific calculator required is the 'Casio Classwiz fx-991 CW.' If your child already has the older, previously required 'Casio Classwiz fx-83GT X' this is fine.
- An appropriate **school bag** of a backpack or holdall style, which they have with them every day, and which is large enough to carry their equipment as well as any books (which can be up to A4 in size).

Other essential equipment is required every day, as students are expected to write in **black or blue pen** (as they have to in the exams that they will complete for their GCSEs), to draw in **pencil**, to respond to teacher feedback in **green pen** (to show their improvements) and to underline all titles using a **ruler** (to ensure that they can easily use their books for revision before assessments). In addition, teachers regularly use assessment in lessons to quickly ensure that the class understands the key learning and is ready to move on – **mini white boards** are a required piece of equipment to support this.

To support the students and yourselves with this, **we will be providing all students in every year group with a 'ready to learn' pack at the start of the next academic year.** The pack will contain:



- Black pen
- Green pen
- Purple pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- White board
- White board pen
- White board wipe
- Plastic wallet

After this, it will be the responsibility of every student to ensure that they have all the necessary equipment for every lesson. **There will be daily equipment checks in form time every morning** to support them with this.

All of the above-mentioned equipment is **available to purchase in our online uniform and equipment shop**, which can be found via our school website here:

<https://www.carnforthhighuniform.com/>

Equipment can also be purchased at any other retailer.

Normandy Trip 2024

As reported in our last issue, the recent Year 8 trip to Normandy was a huge success. Mrs Rogerson, who organised the trip, asked some of the students who went along to write their own reports about what they saw and did. Below you can find some photos from the trip as well as two reports.



On Thursday 27th June, 47 excited Year 8's climbed aboard the coach and started a very long journey to Portsmouth to catch an overnight Ferry to Normandy, France. On the way there we made a stop at the National Arboretum in Birmingham. On arrival I noticed it was very beautiful and very well kept. Mrs Rogerson gave us the task of finding a special name, 'Anthony Ferguson' on the stone memorial. It was a sad but thoughtful task as we thought about the people who had sacrificed their lives for the lives we live today.

After a good night's sleep and breakfast at the hotel, we travelled to the markets at Honfleur. We enjoyed a bit of free time to explore the shops and stalls.

During our stay in Normandy, we experienced a lot of wonderful things. We visited The Bayeux to see the Bayeux Tapestry. It is shockingly big and is breath-taking at how long it is.

We also went to the American cemetery where there was a white cross for every American soldier that died on D-day alone. Over 9000! It was situated at 'Bloody' Omaha Beach because there was a lot of mist when the allies were bombing the high defence bunkers meaning it was very hard for the Americans to rush the beaches. It was a very moving experience because when I saw the 9000 crosses it was more than I had ever imagined.

Evening entertainment whilst we were away included an exciting game of 'Bongo Bingo' and a visit to a local bowling alley where I dominated my lane and won!

My trip to Normandy was an amazing experience that I will never forget. It was a journey through history and a grave reminder of all those people who showed great courage and sacrifice for our freedom.

By Harry



My Normandy Trip 2024 highlights were:

1. The American war cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer was certainly a sobering experience. We started off with a walk to the memorial where Mrs. Rogerson explained the events of D-Day and we looked at the names carved into the stone, the names of men whose bodies were never found. We were lucky enough to see the flag being lowered and then we took a small walk around the cemetery, taking a look at the thousands of graves that lay around us.

2. On the last full day of the trip we headed to the Bayeux tapestry, one of the most well-known tapestries in the world made over a thousand years ago. It was commissioned by Bishop Odo, William the conqueror's half-brother and it is a marvel, a tribute to handicraft.

3. One of my favourite trips was visiting the Merville battery, where a bloody battle ensued between the British paratroopers and the German garrison, who fought furiously to defend the gun stationed there, key to stopping the British 3rd division, who would be storming the beach below in a few short hours. We stopped outside for a brief history lesson by Mrs. Rogerson on what happened that fateful day 80 years ago, before heading in to marvel at the c-47 stationed outside. We went to look inside the bunker and were lucky enough to see the immersive experience inside the firing chamber, where every 20 minutes a screen, speakers and built-in shakers that shook the floor recreated the battle at Merville battery.

Overall, it was an amazing experience and I'm very glad I went on this trip. I would definitely recommend this to another student if they got the chance.

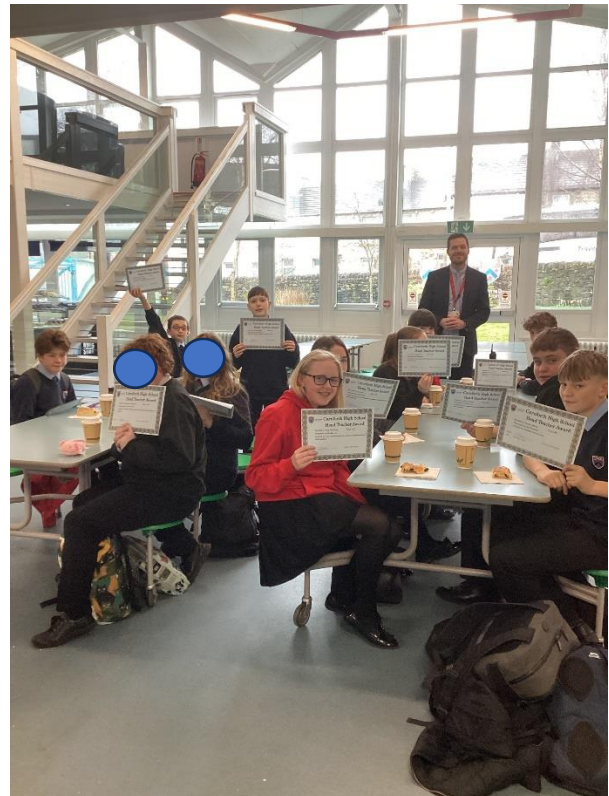
By Samuel





Breakfast with the Head

A total of 183 students have been invited to have breakfast with Mr Iddon this year. These nominations come from members of staff who feel a student has gone above and beyond in displaying our school values or who has shown perseverance and commitment to their learning. Some of our nominations have included showing great sportsmanship on the field of play, creating a children's book, helping to run primary sports events, help and support with charity events and representing the school at events outside of the normal school day. Many congratulations to all students.





CARNFORTH HIGH SCHOOL GCSE ART 2024 PRIVATE VIEW

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

The Art Department would like to invite you to a private view of the wonderful artwork our GCSE students have produced this year on

Tuesday 16th July 4.30pm – 5.45pm

GCSE Art Private Viewing Exhibition

Please see the poster above for details of our annual artwork exhibition, in which you are invited to come and see some of the wonderful artwork create by this year's GCSE students.



**C.H.A.T.S Parent Support Group
(Lancaster and Morecambe area)
on Facebook**



Who is it for?

Any **parent/carer** involved in the support of any child/young person struggling with mental, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

What happens?

The Facebook group is a friendly, safe space to talk, listen and help each other, available 24/7.

You don't have to post or comment, sometimes just reading about what others are experiencing is help enough.

We also host **face-to-face meetings, drop-in social meetings, workshops** and **Zoom meetings** during term-time.

Rebecca - 07852297215
Claire - 07494206371
chatsnorthwest@gmail.com

When?

CHATS Social Café (in person) drop-in
First Friday of the month
10am until 12pm

CHATS Face-To-Face meeting
Second Thursday of the month
10am until 12pm

Come along, have a brew and find your people.

**CHATS Workshops
(places need to be booked)**
Third Thursday of the month
10am until 1pm

Where?

More Music - Devonshire Road,
West End, Morecambe, LA3 1QT

**CHATS Zoom meeting drop-in
(login details are on the Facebook group)**
Last Thursday of the month
7pm until 8.30pm

Parent/Carer Support Group

Please see the poster above for details about 'C.H.A.T.S.' This is a parent/carer support group, in association with the NHS.

PLANS IN PLACE

Work Experience 2024

As mentioned last issue, Year 10 recently undertook a week of out of school Work Experience. Last week, the students had a chance to review their placements and to read the reviews left for them by their employers. You can see some highlights below.



"It was a pleasure to have James with us for a week. We wish him well for the rest of his studies and onward career."

"Josh was a pleasure to have in school, and we always like to welcome back former pupils."

"The students we had were a credit to your school."

"A special shout out to Rhea who was exceptional."



"What a pleasure it has been having Finn with us this week. He has fitted into our workshop incredibly well and produced some really good work."

"Holly absolutely amazed me with her work experience. Over the years we have lots of students and none of them come close to how great holly was!"

"Harmony was enthusiastic and positive from the beginning of the placement to the end, throwing herself into tasks that some previous placements have been wary of."

"Poppy has been an absolute pleasure this past week. Poppy has showcased her maturity when faced with difficult news and this is something we wish to commend."

"Jake's attitude was brilliant; always keen to learn. We soon gave him more challenging roles as he was clearly very competent."



"Tobey was very polite and showed a genuine interest with all the things he was shown."

"Joshua was a joy to have. He was punctual, polite, a good team member, listened to instructions and carried them out in an excellent manner."

"Stephanie has been one of the most impressive work experience students we have had in recent years. There was nothing that she said no to, and she always wanted to learn and was willing to take part."



"Liam has been the best placement we've ever had."

"Isabelle was an outstanding teaching assistant in the classroom, demonstrating exceptional initiative and a strong aptitude for teaching. Her proactive approach and ability to anticipate needs without direction have significantly contributed to the smooth operation of the class."

"Angel had a fantastic natural warmth that made the children love her!"

Well Done Year 10!



Cricket

The Year 7 and 8 boys cricket teams took part in two cricket tournaments this half term. The first was a softball tournament, vs a number of primary schools and Morecambe Bay Academy. The teams played a softball format called Dynamos cricket. It was a very successful fixture with lots of students getting the chance to bat and bowl. Carnforth won the secondary school final vs Morecambe Bay Academy. The following week the team took part in a hard ball tournament at LRGS. The first game was vs LRGS B, with Carnforth winning the toss and electing to field. LRGS scored 61 from 12 overs, Bobby was the pick of the Carnforth bowlers. Carnforth scored 50 from 12 overs in reply, with Daniel top scoring. The second game was a defeat to Ripley. Ripley scored a huge 110 from 12 overs. In reply Carnforth struggled to build batting partnership and found themselves all out for 60 runs.

The under 15 cricket team, made up of students from Years 9 and 10, played some outstanding cricket in their hard ball tournament. The first of three games was a last ball victory with Carnforth needing 4 runs to win from one ball. With QES spread out on the boundary, year 10 student Toby opened up his shoulders and launched the ball high into the air. The ball bounced once before flying over the boundary rope for four winning runs. The second game was a 8 run defeat to LRGS. LRGS scored 110 from 12 overs and Carnforth scored 102 runs from 12 overs. Theo M retired on 30 runs, whilst being well supported by Liam, Kenzie and Charlie with the bat. The third game was another narrow defeat, this time to Ripley who hit the winning runs with just 3 balls remaining.





District Athletics 2024

On Wednesday 10th July, the district athletics event took place at Salt Ayre Sports Centre. The event is one of the highlights of the summer term. The day started with a persistent light rain, but by midday it had cleared and dry weather for the remainder of the day allowed for some outstanding athletics to take place.

There were some excellent performances from Carnforth athletes, who placed inside the top 3 performers for their event for their year group, continuously throughout the day. The year 7 boys finished in 5th place with the year 7 girls in 7th. The year 8 boys in 3rd place and the year 8 girls in 6th. The year 9 boys in 4th place, with the year 9 girls also in 4th. The year 10 boys in 3rd, with the girls in 4th place.

There were many outstanding performances on the day from individual pupils, mentioned here are just a few. Year 7 Girls team: Miya jumped 3.26 and came 2nd in the long jump. Year 7 Boys team: Reece threw 7.79 in the shot put and came 3rd. Year 8 Girls team: Eden jumped 1.14m in the high jump and came 3rd. Year 8 Boys: Kenzie ran 200m in 29.1 gaining 3rd place. Year 9 Girls team: Bali came 1st in the 300m with a time of 50.4 seconds. Katie came 2nd in the long jump with a jump of 3.81m. Olivia came 3rd in the 800m with a time of 3.02 minutes. Erin came 3rd in the 200m with a time of 32.3 seconds. Zach Wright came 1st in shot put with a distance of 10.05. Robert came 2nd in long jump with a distance of 5.22m. Steven came 2nd in 300m with a time of 45.60 seconds. Tom came 2nd in 100m with a time of 12.50 seconds. Liam came 2nd in 300m with a time of 43.5 seconds. Well done also to each and every student who represented school at the event.

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