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Headteacher's Message

As you will all be aware, I have taken the decision to retire in the summer. After 35 years in the profession and 10 years leading at Carnforth I am looking forward to the next stage of my life. It has been a privilege to be a part of such a great school and a community that wants the best for their children. I know you will be very supportive of the new Headteacher, Paul Staniforth, who comes into post in September. Until that point, we remain focused on ensuring our students are fully prepared for the challenges ahead.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 24th March: Year 9 Options Week Begins

Tuesday 25th March: Year 9 Options Evening

Friday 28th March: DofE Award Silver Group Expedition Departs

Sunday 30th March: DofE Award Silver Group Expedition Returns

Monday 31st March: Year 10 Mock Exams Begin

Tuesday 1st April: Year 9 Options Returns Deadline

What Timetable

Week Is It?

W.B. 24/3/25 =
WEEK B

W.B. 31/3/25 =
WEEK A

Year 10 GCSE Mocks

Now that the Year 11s have completed their final mock exams we turn our attention to Year 10! We recently held our Year 10 Parents' Information Evening to support this. Many thanks to those who attended. We hope you found the evening useful.

GCSEs are a two-year course, so it's important to prepare students from this early stage. Students in Year 10 will have mocks in the week before and the week after the Easter holidays. Their teachers should now be preparing them for these exams in their usual lessons, letting them know the content of the exams, what to revise and how to revise. You can see the plans for both weeks on the next two pages to support your child.

Year 10 Mock Exams



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Year 10 Summer Exam Timetable

WA: Monday 31st March — Friday 4th April

	Monday 31 st March		Tuesday 1 st April		Wednesday 2 nd April		Thursday 3 rd April		Friday 4 th April						
	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time			
P1	9.20am	Triple Biology Trilogy Biology	1hr 45 1hr 15	9.20am	Maths paper 1H/F (Non-Calculator)	1hr	9.20am	English Language : fiction reading & writing	1hr45	9.20am	Food Drama H&S(IT room)	1hr45 1 hr	9.20am	English Literature Macbeth & In- spector Call	1hr45
P2	10.20am			10.20am			10.20am				10.20am				
BREAK TIME															
P3	11.40am			11.40am			11.40am				11.40am		11.40am		
P4	1.25pm	History : Superpower and Cold War	1 hr	1.25pm	Geography paper1&2	1hr25 mins	1.25pm	Computer Science	1hr15	1.25pm	Maths 2H/F (Calculator)	1hr	1.25pm	PE: Health & Performance Paper	1hr15 mins
P5	2.25pm			2.25pm			2.25pm				2.25pm		2.25pm		



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Year 10 Summer Exam Timetable

WB: Tuesday 22nd April — Friday 25th April

Monday 21 st April			Tuesday 22 nd April			Wednesday 23 rd April			Thursday 24 th April			Friday 25 th April		
Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time
P1	9.20am		9.20am	Triple Chemistry	1hr 45	9.20am	Spanish Reading	1 hr	9.20am	Triple Physics	1hr 45	9.20am	DT	2hr
				Trilogy Chemistry	1hr 15		Spanish writing	1hr		Trilogy Physics	1hr 15		Business	1hr 30
P2	10.20am		10.20am			10.20am			10.20am			10.20am	Hairdressing	1hr
BREAK TIME														
P3	11.40am		11.40am			11.40am			11.40am			11.40am		
P4	1.25pm		1.25pm	RE :Christianity Media	1hr 1hr30	1.25pm	Maths Paper 3 H/ F (Calculator)	1hr	1.25pm	History : USA	1hr25	1.25pm	Catch up	
P5	2.25pm		2.25pm			2.25pm			2.25pm			2.25pm		



Year 9 Options Process – Including Options Evening

As you'll be aware, the Year 9 Options process is now underway. A key part of that is this week, which is 'Options Week.'

On Tuesday we have Options Evening. This is an event at which students and their parents/carers are invited to attend school for a talk about the Options process as well as the chance to attend four presentations about the choices available to students. This is a very important event as many subjects that are open to the students are not taught at KS3, so you will get to hear from the teachers what the courses are all about! Mr Malone will also be able to share the 'options blocks' at his time, allowing you and your child to understand what combination of subjects they can choose.

The **timings on the evening** are:

Time	Activity
5pm	Options presentation for parents in the assembly hall
5.20pm	Parents move to first option subject presentation
5.35pm	Parents move to second option subject presentation
5.50pm	Parents move to third option subject presentation
6.05pm	Parents move to fourth option subject presentation
6.25pm	End of presentations

Additionally, Year 9 will be in assemblies every day this week. Each day there will be presentations from teachers who deliver options subjects, so that students can better understand the new courses available to them, including Media Studies, Drama, Computer Science, iMedia, Health & Social Care, Business Studies and Hairdressing.

If you can't attend the Options Evening event, or need an additional copy of the Options Booklet or Options Subjects Returns Form, you can find them here on our website:

<https://www.carnforthhigh.co.uk/school-life/options/>



Advanced Mathematics
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Advanced Mathematics Support Programme Visit

On Wednesday 26th February we had an external guest come into school from AMSP (Advanced Mathematics Support Programme) to deliver an interactive session to some of our Year 9 and 10 students.

The session was called "Pizza Palaver," which is a fun look at statistics, post-16 maths and careers.

This enrichment event was designed to inform our students about how maths is used in different careers and to develop and explore mathematical problem-solving skills in real life and fun scenarios.

Students commented on how much they enjoyed the "real-life stories" told and how maths relates to everyday life, such as the statistics and data behind what people pay for their car insurance and why it differs from person to person. They also found it useful to look at "different careers that use maths, that you wouldn't normally think of", and the different options available if you go on to study further maths after GCSE. This included looking at job opportunities, comparing salaries and qualifications available.

The students were very engaged in the session and the external guest commented on the exemplary behaviour and focus across both groups.



WORLD BOOK DAY®

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World Book Day 2025

Carnforth High School celebrated World Book Day this year in a variety of ways. We thought about how we enjoy reading our way. We enjoy audio books, graphic novels, comics, podcasts and even books! We decorated our form room doors reflecting how we enjoy reading and won prizes for the most engaging and informative. Although most staff weren't wearing costumes, they wore clues for students to win prizes for spotting. There were form time quizzes and 'my favourite story' fortune tellers.

The prizes for clue spotting went to 8R and 10N in KS3 and KS4 respectively. Angel in Year 11 was a standout clue spotter! Well done all clue spotters!

The Science Department used their doors to show reading their way most effectively. Excellent work Science!

Staff are sharing how they enjoy reading by using posters on their classroom doors, keeping the reading conversations not just for World Book Day.

We will now spend the remainder of the year enjoying and sharing how we like reading our way.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

In the middle of March, 18 CHS students from Years 10 and 11 headed to Barley, Pendle to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition. Despite sub-zero temperatures, the students were a real credit to themselves and the school. They practised a range of skills including camping and cooking, as well as doing a lot of team building. We look forward to the qualifying weekend in the Lake District!





Road Passenger Safety Assembly

On 17th March our Year 9 students all had a special assembly with Lancashire County Council around road safety. The '#YOLO' passenger safety workshop was presented in a theatre style. Students explored the consequences of a road traffic tragedy and were encouraged to examine their own attitudes and behaviours and how this would impact on the people they care about the most.

The key objectives of the session for students were to understand the effect their attitude and behaviour has on a driver, their safety and the safety of those around them, to develop greater knowledge of the consequences of anti-social driving, to understand the importance of wearing a seatbelt at all times within in a car, to develop strategies for managing their own behaviour and understand they are never 'just a passenger,' and to equip students with coping strategies to become a powerful and responsible passenger.



CHS Spotlight Showcase

Carnforth High School Drama Club proudly presents the Spotlight Showcase! An evening of performances, poetry, dancing, acting and singing from a whole host of plays, musicals and much more. Tickets are available from the main reception, £2.00 per person. From the Lion King to the Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, come along and join in the fun!

CARNFORTH HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



**PERFORMING
SINGING
DANCING
ACTING
POETRY**

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 30TH
DOORS OPEN
AT 5.15PM
SHOW BEGINS
5.30PM**

THE SPOTLIGHT SHOWCASE

TICKETS ON SALE AT RECEPTION – TICKETS ARE £2 EACH!

PLANS IN PLACE

Year 10 Work Experience Update

A massive well done to our Year 10 students (and their parents/carers, of course!) for organising their Work Experience placements.

By the initial deadline of 28th February, 75% of students had entered placement details onto Unifrog, and by the extended deadline of 21st March that was up to 83%. This is the best we've ever seen from a year group!

Mr McGauran will now work with remaining students over the next couple of months, trying to help secure placements for the 20 students who do not have details on Unifrog, as well as chasing up paperwork (including proof of insurance and risk assessment) from placements that have agreed to take students.

A reminder that students can check the progress of their placements themselves by logging into their Unifrog accounts and checking the 'placements' tool.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This acknowledges that

YEAR 10 2024/25

Have been the best year group ever
at organising their Work Experience placements

E. McGauran

Careers Leader

24th March 2025

Date

Year 11 Post-16 Applications Update

Last week we spoke to all Year 11 students that attended school to collect their final 'intended destinations' information. This means that we asked students where they *intend* to be in September next year, such as at sixth form, college or on an apprenticeship, and, most importantly, whether they have applied! There are only a few students that have not yet applied, and we will be working with them over the coming weeks. On results day in the summer holidays, we will have this information with us to see if the intended destinations are the same or have changed after the students have seen their results. We will be there to support students on the day if any additional applications are needed.



T Level Information Event for Parents/Carers & Educators



Scan the QR code to register today!



Join us on for our 'Spill the Tea on T Levels at Tea Time' Webinar Live on Microsoft Teams, Tuesday 13th May, 7-8pm

Learn more about T Levels in Health and how they could support your child's bright future! An opportunity not to be missed - aimed at parents and school staff.

With testimonies from Health T Level students and NHS and Social Care staff plus a 15 minute Q&A!



NHS and British Army Careers

'T-Levels' are an increasingly popular choice for our Year 11 leavers, and the NHS (one of this area's largest employers) offers a very popular 'Health' T-Level for those interested in careers in this sector. Please see the details above about an upcoming information event from the NHS about their T-Level courses, or click here: [NHS T-Levels Event](#).

Additionally, the NHS send out a regular newsletter about NHS careers more broadly. This has been emailed to all Year 9, 10 and 11 parents last week. Finally, the British Army is another large local employer. They also have a careers newsletter that they distribute to schools, which has also been emailed out to parents at the same time. Please do speak to your children if they are interested in careers in these sectors. If you are a parent of a Year 7 or 8 student and would like to be included in emailed newsletters about the NHS and Army careers, please let Mr McGauran know at: emcgauran@carnfrothhigh.co.uk.



Year 10 Girls Cricket Tournament

The Year 10 girls netball team travelled to Lancaster Girls Grammar to compete in the District netball tournament last week. Every player put in maximum effort and some even played in positions that were brand new to them during this tournament (due to injury). CHS played MBA to begin, which was a very close match to call. During both halves it was even, with CHS scoring followed by MBA. However, CHS were victorious in their efforts by the end of the second half as they increased their lead by 2 goals in the last two minutes. Final score 7-5 to Carnforth; Player of the Match (POM) Matilda. The next two games were a challenge against RST and LGGS; two players had become injured and unable to play by the end of the second game and therefore this meant 2 players had to switch their positions. CHS missed their GD Lexi and their C/GS Amelia and unfortunately conceded more goals than they would have in both matches; both matches resulted in a loss. With the POM for the Ripley game given to Amelia (pre-injury) and the Girls Grammar game POM to Matilda again. The Year 10 girls came 3rd in the District Tournament, and I look forward to seeing the team playing in next year's tournament when the team is back to their full strength.





Year 9 and 10 Girls Cricket Regional Finals in Bolton

The Year 9 and 10 Girls cricket team attended the regional finals of the ECB Girls U15 schools Indoor Cricket competition last week. This took place at the well-equipped facilities at Bolton Arena. As we arrived and were briefed by the Lancashire cricket coach; were made aware of which school teams we would play in our group and were also very aware of the competitive nature of the tournament and what the next round would hold if CHS made it to National Finals. (The top 2 schools went forward to Nationals).

The girls started extremely well playing against AKS (a Lytham based school) in which CHS won 81-51. Some highlights from this game were: Erin bowling a player out, Maisie catching a player out, Erin hitting a 6, Lexi hitting a 4, and both Erin and Jowita retiring at 15 runs each before they got out, and Erin returning to bat again.

Unfortunately, the next game, which looked to be plain sailing took an unfortunate turn when our first 2 batters got out within the first over, and our third batter was out not much further behind them. Despite this the girls gave it their all, and the following batters knew they had to play it a bit safer and try to gain as many runs as possible. Highlights of this match were Erin bowling the first batter out on her first bat, Lizzie bowling another of their players out, and Erin bowling another player out on the last over. There were also some very good wickets taken during our time fielding. Overall, however the final score was a loss to CHS 68-49.





Year 9 and 10 Girls Cricket Regional Finals in Bolton Continued

The final game in Carnforth's group was against St Michaels school, and we knew this was going to be the hardest game to play so far as they were leaders of the group. The girls went into the match with their game plan in place, batting order and fielding strategies; knowing they had to play it safer when batting than the previous game. Highlights of this match were both Erin H and Erin W hitting a 4, Erin W had to retire after gaining 15 runs, and the communication between CHS fielding was exceptional. Unfortunately, the final score was a loss to CHS 36-78.

At this point CHS initially started packing away ready to return to school, assuming we had not made it to one of the two finals; once all the games in the group stages had been played. However, it was revealed we had made it through to the finals stage/game as we had scored more runs than the other teams and therefore progressed through in second place. This meant that CHS who had come second in our group, played the team that came first place in the other group. This news came with its own challenges, as we had watched this team play, and knew that every player of their team was a club cricket player, and two players played at county level. The girls got stuck in, again had a game plan and stuck to it. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be in the final for CHS. The team (from Bishop Rawsthorpe school) were very experienced and drilled and had very little room for error. CHS played excellently, with some excellent fielding, and batting from all players in our squad. The final score was 34-60 to Bishop. Therefore, we did not progress onto National Finals this time. I would like to congratulate the team for getting to the regional finals, you all played excellently and were positive throughout every match.



Year 9 Bots Football – Lancashire Cup Quarter Final

The Year 9 boys travelled to Burscough Priory Academy for the quarter final of the Lancashire Cup. The game was played at the home of Burscough FC, with both teams getting to play on a fantastic 4G surface with superb facilities. This added some real prestige to what a big game was already.

Carnforth got off to a flying start with captain Theo scoring from inside the area to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. Burscough drew level on the stroke of half time with a strike from the edge of the area fired into the bottom corner. The first half was an even affair with both teams forcing saves from the opposition goalkeeper. Carnforth goalkeeper, Archie, stood up tall twice to make saves from the Burscough attackers. The second half got off to a slow start, with both teams fatiguing under a hot February sun. Mid way through the second half Burscough scored two goals in quick succession to take 3-1 lead. Carnforth fought back and Theo rounded the goalkeeper and slotted coolly into an empty net.

Carnforth threw bodies forward and created three more glorious chances but were unable to find the leveller. Burscough capitalised on this and were very clinical, scoring twice on the break in the final 5 minutes. The final score line was 5-2 to Burscough, and we wish them well in the semi-finals. A tough lesson to learn for the year 9 boys, who were rightly disappointed with the result but will learn and grow as footballers from the experience. Well done boys, quarter finalists of the county cup is a fantastic achievement and one that we will try to better next season.



Year 11 Boys vs Morecambe and Ripley

The year 11 boys travelled to Morecambe Bay Academy to play against both Morecambe and Ripley in the district league. In the first game Morecambe beat Ripley 4-2. The second game was a 4-2 victory for Ripley vs Carnforth. The game was 1-1 at half time, with Tom C scoring from close range for the Carnforth equaliser. Ripley went 4-1 ahead in the second half with an electric 10 minute passage of football. Oliver scored with a superb half volley for Carnforth from the edge of the area to make the final score line 4-2 to Ripley. The final game of the night was a repeat of last year's final, Morecambe v Carnforth. Morecambe took the lead at the end of the first half, scoring a penalty following a handball inside the 6 yard box. Carnforth rallied and were much better second half and scored the goal of the day after full back Harley beat his man with a neat bit of skill, before whipping in an undefendable cross which was met by Oliver who volleyed into the corner of the goal. The final score of the game was 1-1, and both teams shared a point each.



Years 7, 8 and 9 Football Host QKS

On St Patrick's Day, the Year 7, 8 and 9 boys hosted The Queen Katherine School for a round of friendly football fixtures. The year 7s, who are still in the early stages of their Carnforth football careers and developing as a team, made good progress and looked much more organised but fell to a 3-0 defeat. The Year 8 boys lost 4-0, trailing 1-0 at half time in a close first half, but QKS were the stronger side second half and added a further three goals. The Year 9 boys took part in a competitive game, played with good spirits from both sides. Zak gave Carnforth the lead mid-way through the first half, scoring from 25 yards high into the top of the goal. QKS equalised before the stroke of half time, with the QKS centre forward capitalising on a mix up in the Carnforth defence to tap into an empty goal. QKS probably edged the second half, but neither team made a clear-cut chance. With only minutes left on the clock Zak played a defence splitting pass to send through centre forward Kenzie who finished well, under pressure, sending the ball past the QKS goalkeeper into the bottom corner to win the game 2-1 for Carnforth.

Year 10 Boys Football vs Ripley and Year 9 vs Bay Leadership

Year 10 continued their good form with a 6-1 victory at home to Ripley St Thomas. The hosts stormed into an early lead with goals through Alfie B and two from Tom B. Ripley got one goal back just before half time but there was no stopping the Carnforth boys who scored three more times without reply. With goals coming from Alfie, Dan and Nat.

The year 9 boys travelled to Bay Leadership Academy for their second game in two days. Kenzie scored the first goal of the game, mid-way through the first half, heading into a Blake corner at the back post. Carnforth doubled the lead with George finishing off an excellent team move, with a neat left footed finish into the far corner. On the stroke of half time Keyan added a third goal, tapping in at the back post from a deep free kick. Credit to Bay Leadership who continued to pose a threat and scored two quick goals at the start of the second half to make the game 3-2. Both teams missed good chances before Bay Leadership equalised with 10 minutes left on the clock. The final score was 3-3 which means that both teams take a point.



Biggest Football Session Ever

Carnforth High School took part in the biggest football session ever, in collaboration with Barclays, which took place across schools up and down the country on Friday 7th March. The school wanted to see a continuation of the hugely successful sessions that have taken place for the past four years and contributed to record-breaking increases in women's and girls' participation. Taking place, the day before International Women's Day, it will build on last year's success which saw a record-breaking 475,000 girls from 5,000 schools across the country taking part. The week after launching our new women and girls' campaign, 'Made For This Game,' this year's Biggest Ever Football Session will still encourage schools up and down the country to get as many young girls playing football on the same day. Carnforth High School managed to collate 25 girls coming down on Friday 7th March after school, it was great to see so many girls taking part in the session from Years 7-9.

Extra-Curricular Sport Payment

The PE department is offering the opportunity for parents to make a one-time electronic payment of £25 to cover their child's annual extracurricular transport payments. Currently the PE department charges £1 for home fixtures and £2 for away fixtures; this covers a percentage of cost for transport and competition fees. Parents will be able to make the payment on the School Gateway. It is hoped that parents find this a preferential method of payment, for those students who are regular team members, rather than paying in cash on the day of the fixtures. Letters with further details can be acquired by your son/daughter from the PE department.



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PE Department Extra Curricular Timetable March - April 2025

	<u>LUNCH 12.45pm - 1.15pm</u>	<u>AFTERSCHOOL 3.30pm - 4.30pm</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>		Y7-11 Girls Football - Field (GLC) Y7-9 Boys Football - Field (JW & JD)
<u>TUESDAY</u>		Staff Meetings
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		Y7, 8, 9 Netball - SH/Astro (NS/GLC) Y7-11 Cricket - SH/Astro (JD)
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Y7-11- Indoor Athletics - Sports Hall (NS)	Y10 & 11 Girls Netball - SH/Astro (NS) Boys District Fixture Afternoon (JD & CC)
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Y10-11 HRF - Fitness Suite (HW) Y7-9 Gymnastics - Dance Studio (GLC)	Yr 11 GCSE PE Intervention (With CC in Sports Gallery)

Boys & Girls Y7-11 if you are a regular team member, please look on the fixtures board for this half term's fixture list.

Look out for Future Issues!

This year our school newsletter will be released **every two weeks** via Schoolcomms email and the school's website. Look out for future issues for all the latest information about what's going on in and around Carnforth High School and the local community.

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