



Life to the Full

SEPTEMBER 2026 - WELCOME
BACK!

Carmel College



LIFE ON THE ROCK Building firm foundations in faith, learning and life

- A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
- STARTING THE YEAR STRONG
- LIFE ON THE ROCK
- FAITH & CATHOLIC LIFE
- CELEBRATING GCSE & A LEVEL SUCCESS
- WELCOMING OUR NEW CARMELITES
- YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING
- ENRICHMENT: LIFE TO THE FULL
- TEAM CARMEL SUCCESS
- SIXTH FORM & FUTURE PATHWAYS
- READING, LANGUAGES & COMMUNITY
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER 2026

WE ARE IN THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME

Table of Contents

03	Key Dates & Spirituality Reflections
04	A Message from the Principal
05	Starting the Year Strong
06	Faith & Catholic Life
07	Remembering PC Matthew Blades
08	Welcome Back, Team Carmel!
09	Celebrating Academic Success: Results Days 2026
10	Results Days 2026: Celebration Gallery
11	Year 6 Open Evening
12	Enrichment at Carmel: Life to the Full
13	Fun House Friday & Life Around Carmel
14	Team Carmel: Sporting Success & PE Enrichment
15	Amazing Achievements
16	Once a Carmelite, Always a Carmelite!
17	Reading, Languages & Community
18	Looking Ahead
19	Carmel Sixth Form Open Evening
	Support the Carmel PTA Lottery



**CARMEL
COLLEGE**
DARLINGTON

LIFE TO THE FULL

KEY DATES

2026 – 2027

SEPTEMBER

21 September	Year 12 Diagnostic Assessments begin
23 – 25 September	Year 8 Retreat
24 September	Reading Festival
25 September	Year 12 UCAS Apprenticeship Fayre, St James' Park Reading Picnic Macmillan Coffee Morning

OCTOBER

1 – 2 October	Year 7 Ethos Days
3 October	Silver Duke of Edinburgh, Year 10
5 October	Duke of Edinburgh return at lunch
7 October	Year 11 SEND Information Evening, 4.00pm – 5.00pm Year 11 Parents' Evening, 5.00pm – 6.00pm Senior Maths Challenge, Years 12 & 13
9 October	PD Day – School closed for students
12 October	Assessment Window opens, Years 7 – 10
14 October	Year 10 Art Trip
22 October	PTA AGM
23 October	ESports Tournament
26 – 31 October	Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

6 November	Years 7 – 10 Data Deadline Duke of Edinburgh departure at lunch
7 November	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, Year 10
9 November onwards	Year 11 Mock Examinations
12 November	Christmas Fayre
16 November onwards	Year 11 Mock Examinations continue
20 November	Carmel Does Stars in Their Eyes
23 November	A Level Speaking Mock Examination
24 November	Sixth Form Open Evening
26 November	La Molina Ski Information Evening, 5.00pm

DECEMBER

3 December	Christmas PTA Event
8 December	Year 11 Parents' Evening Year 12 Psychology & Sociology Parents' Evening
14 – 15 December	Christmas Liturgy
18 December	College closes at 1.30pm
21 December onwards	Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

4 January onwards	Year 11 Mock Interviews begin
-------------------	-------------------------------

Life to the Full

LIVE LEARN GROW



Week Commencing Monday 21st September 2026
Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Theme: Generosity

“Do you begrudge my generosity?”

Matthew 20:15

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus challenges the way we sometimes compare ourselves with others. Those who worked for only a short time received the same generosity as those who had worked all day.

Jesus reminds us that God's love is not something we earn or compete for. His grace is freely given, and every person is precious in His sight. As we continue our year of Life on the Rock, we are challenged to build our lives on that same generosity. Rather than asking what we deserve or comparing what we have with others, we can choose compassion, gratitude and generosity.

This week, may we notice the gifts of others, celebrate their successes and look for opportunities to give without expecting anything in return. How can I reflect God's generosity to someone this week?

Week Commencing Monday 28th September 2026
Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Theme: Actions Speak

“He changed his mind and went.”

Matthew 21:29

Jesus tells the story of two sons. One says that he will not do what his father asks, but later changes his mind and goes. The other says all the right things, but does nothing.

Jesus reminds us that faith is about more than words. What we believe should be visible in the choices we make, the way we treat others and the way we live each day.

Building Life on the Rock means having the honesty to recognise when we have got something wrong and the courage to change. Like St Peter, we will not always get everything right, but Christ continually invites us to begin again.

This week, may our actions reflect the values we speak about: compassion, honesty, responsibility and love.

What is one good thing I know I need to stop putting off and actually do?

[Follow the readings at Mass here](#)



A Message From the Principal

Welcome to the first edition of Life to the Full for the new academic year.

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to Carmel and to see the College once again filled with the energy, enthusiasm and sense of community that make it such a special place. Our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled incredibly well, while students across every year group have returned ready to learn, reconnect with friends and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

We began the year with much to celebrate. During the summer, our Year 11 and Year 13 students received excellent examination results, reflecting years of hard work, determination and support from their families and staff. Most importantly, those results have enabled young people to take exciting next steps, whether continuing their journey at Carmel Sixth Form or progressing to university, apprenticeships, employment and other opportunities.

Our theme for this academic year is Life on the Rock. It reminds us that young people flourish when their lives are built upon strong foundations: faith, positive relationships, good habits, resilience, respect and a sense of belonging. These foundations are already visible in the way our students have begun the year.

One of the most encouraging aspects of these first weeks has been seeing students embrace the opportunities available beyond the classroom. Our extensive enrichment programme is underway, sporting activities are thriving and Fun House Fridays have returned. We want every young person to discover interests, develop talents, build friendships and experience the joy of being fully involved in College life.

It was also a privilege to welcome well over 1,000 visitors to our recent Year 6 Open Evening. The atmosphere throughout the College was wonderful. I was particularly proud of the many students who volunteered to welcome families, lead tours and support departments. They spoke about their school with confidence and warmth and were exceptional ambassadors for Carmel.

As we begin another year together, our expectations remain high. Excellent attendance, punctuality, positive behaviour and a commitment to learning provide the foundations upon which success is built. Our phone-free school day is helping us create an increasingly calm and focused environment, allowing students to concentrate on their learning and spend more time talking, laughing and building relationships with one another.

At the heart of everything remains our Catholic mission. Through prayer, Mass, our daily Examen, service and the countless ways our young people care for one another, we continue to place Christ at the centre of our community and encourage every student to live Life to the Full.

Thank you to our students for the fantastic start they have made, to our staff for their continued dedication, and to our parents and carers for your invaluable support and partnership.

There is already so much to celebrate, and much more to look forward to.

Melanie Kane

STARTING THE YEAR STRONG

Every Day Matters. Every Lesson Counts.

A successful year begins with strong foundations. Since returning in September, students have been reminded that the small choices they make every day can have a significant impact on their progress.

Being in school every day and arriving on time means more than simply being present. It means accessing every lesson, maintaining friendships, taking part in enrichment, receiving support when it is needed and being fully part of our Carmel community.

Our message is simple:

BE ON TIME

Start the day the right way.

ATTEND EVERY DAY

Be here. Be your best.

BE READY

Come prepared to learn.

GET INVOLVED

Take part. Make memories.

MAKE PROGRESS

Good attendance leads to success.

Good attendance supports better learning, stronger friendships, more opportunities, better wellbeing and brighter futures.

Every lesson counts. Every day matters.

ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.



Our Learn Expectations

At the beginning of the year, we introduced our LEARN expectations, which set out clearly what great behaviour, learning and character look like at Carmel.



We have been delighted to see students putting these expectations into action. Classrooms are purposeful, students are engaging positively with their learning and our young people are demonstrating kindness, respect and responsibility around College.

Our LEARN expectations are about much more than behaviour. They are about helping every young person develop the habits and character they need to flourish, both academically and personally.

FAITH AND CATHOLIC LIFE

Life on the Rock

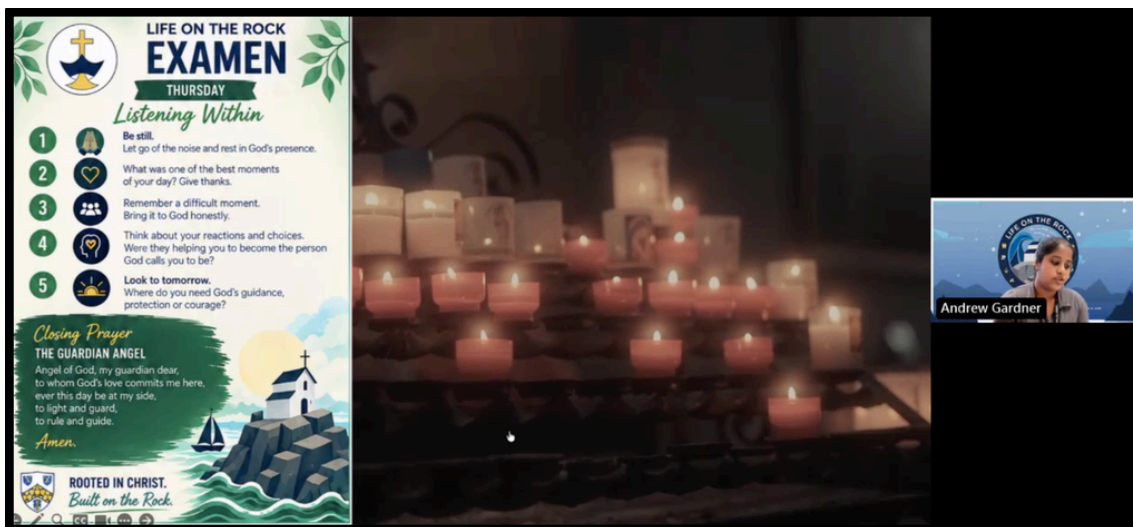
Our Catholic faith is at the heart of daily life at Carmel. Our theme for 2026/27 is Life on the Rock, inspired by Jesus' words to St Peter:

"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."
Matthew 16:18

Throughout this year, we will encourage every member of our community to think about the firm foundations upon which we build our lives: faith, relationships, learning, character, service and hope.

Ending Each Day Together

Every day at 3.25pm, the whole Carmel community comes together through our livestreamed Examen Prayer. For a few minutes, Carmel becomes still. We pause, reflect on the day, give thanks, recognise where we could have done better and place everything into God's hands. It is a precious opportunity to be still, find peace and end each day together in prayer, before going home ready to begin again tomorrow.



Treasures in Jars of Clay

Mass continues to be celebrated in Carmel every Wednesday at 12:30pm to which all parishioners are warmly invited. Students from 11R and 11M prepared and celebrated Mass together on the Memorial of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian.

We were delighted that Fr Henry and Fr Kevin concelebrated the Mass. The beautiful first reading reminded us that although we may sometimes feel fragile, God's extraordinary power continues to work within us:

"We have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."

Thank you to 11R and 11M for preparing the readings, prayers and ministries so reverently.

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, pray for us.



REMEMBERING PC MATTHEW BLADES

September also brought great sadness to the Carmel family as we mourned the death of former Carmel English teacher and form tutor PC Matthew Blades.

Matty was remembered with enormous affection by colleagues and former students as an excellent teacher, wonderful role model and someone who cared deeply about the young people entrusted to him.

Mass was offered at Carmel for the happy repose of his soul, and it was particularly moving to welcome so many former students back to College to pray together and pay their respects to a teacher and form tutor whose kindness and encouragement they still remember many years later.

Our prayers remain especially with Matty's wife, two sons, family, friends and colleagues.

***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.***



WELCOME BACK, TEAM CARMEL!

September brought the noise, laughter and energy of our students back into the corridors of Carmel.

Our Year 7 and Year 12 students returned first, giving them an opportunity to settle into new routines before the rest of Team Carmel joined them.

Our newest Carmelites made a fantastic first impression.

From the moment they arrived, students demonstrated wonderful manners, excellent behaviour, pride in their uniform and fantastic engagement with their learning.

Their first assembly with Mrs Kane introduced Life on the Rock and encouraged them to consider the strong foundations upon which they will build their years at Carmel.

Every student also received a special Light of Hope badge to wear proudly on their blazer, connecting last year's journey of hope with the next chapter of their Carmel story.

Welcome to the Carmel family!

The following day, the whole College was back together. Students gathered for assemblies with Mrs Kane, spent time with their form groups, took part in PSHE and got straight back into learning.

Our Year 7 students also took part in their Stepping Up to Carmel workshop with Mr McCann, exploring respect and our Carmel expectations.

And, after ending the day together with our Examen, the phones were finally released!

A whole day without phones... and they survived!



CELEBRATING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

RESULTS DAYS 2026

The summer brought plenty to celebrate as our Year 11 and Year 13 students received their examination results. Behind every grade is an individual young person, years of learning, perseverance and the support of families and staff.

SIXTH FORM SUCCESS

100% pass rate across 25 A Level subjects
 21% of A Level grades at A*-A
 73% of A Level grades at A*-C
 100% pass rate across applied, technical and vocational courses
 Average Distinction across applied, technical and vocational subjects
 Most importantly, our students are now progressing to exciting destinations including university, apprenticeships and employment.



GCSE SUCCESS

Our Year 11 students also achieved an excellent set of results. English and Maths outcomes remained well above national figures, while 38% of students achieved grades 7-9 as their best English grade. Across all GCSE entries, 27% achieved grades 7-9, while an outstanding 74% of grades within our creative subjects were at grades 7-9. Students also achieved exceptional results across vocational subjects, while performance across English Baccalaureate subjects remained significantly above national levels. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!



CELEBRATING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

RESULTS DAYS 2026

Here are some joyful photos from both A Level and GCSE Results Days!



WHAT AN OPEN EVENING!

OVER 1,000 VISITORS TO CARMEL!

We were absolutely delighted to welcome well over 1,000 people to Carmel College for our Year 6 Open Evening.

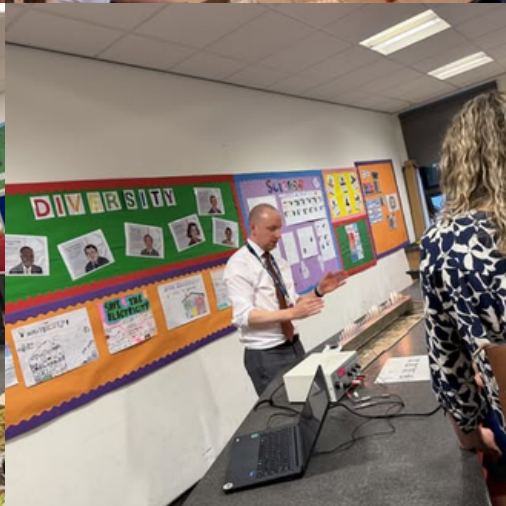
There was a real buzz around Carmel as families discovered what makes our school such a special place to learn, grow and live Life to the Full.

From Mrs Kane's presentation to science experiments, school lunch tasters, departmental activities and tours, there was so much to see and experience.

A huge thank you goes to our amazing students who gave up their evening to welcome families, lead tours, help in departments and share what they love about Carmel.

They were outstanding ambassadors for our College.

WE CANNOT WAIT TO WELCOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF TEAM CARMEL!



ENRICHMENT AT CARMEL

LIFE TO THE FULL!

At Carmel, education is about much more than what happens in the classroom.

Our extensive enrichment programme gives students opportunities to discover new interests, develop talents, make friends, build confidence, have fun and thrive.

Every student in Years 7–11 has had the opportunity during form time to sign up for activities, and our expectation is that every student participates in at least one enrichment activity each week.

Whether it is sport, creativity, STEM, music, reading, faith, service, games or something completely new, there is something for everyone.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
John 10:10

CARMEL COLLEGE DARLINGTON
Life to the full

ENRICHMENT & CLUBS
AUTUMN TERM 2026

DISCOVER • DEVELOP • BELONG • FLOURISH

BREAK TIME (EVERY DAY)
LRC / Library Open
Homework Help, Chat & Relaxation
Emmaus

BEFORE COLLEGE 8:00 – 8:30am
Breakfast Club
Emmaus

AFTER COLLEGE 4:00 – 4:30pm
Homework Club
LRC

MONDAY
8:00 – 8:30am
Badminton
Chess Club
Duke of Edinburgh Silver
Emmaus Lego Club
House Captains Meeting
Junior Choir (12:45–1:10pm)
K33 Netball
Library Leaders Meeting
STEM Club (Y12–13)
World of Magic & Mayhem
Year 8 Boys' Football
Politics Club (KS4 & KS5) 12:45pm
Y42

TUESDAY
8:00 – 8:30am
Adam Problem Solving (Y7)
Beyblades Club
Bodywork Stars
Coding Club
Creative Writing Club
Drama / Play Club (Upper & Lower school)
Emmaus
Film Club
Girls' Cricket
Handball
Hockey
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting
Student-led Prayer & Worship
Year 11 Geography Club
Year 7 Boys' Football
Youth Alpha

WEDNESDAY
8:00 – 8:30am
Heart to Heart (Younger pupils)
Seminar Room
CELEBRATION OF MASS
All Welcome
Chapel
Crafting Club
Cricket Club (12:30–1:00pm)
Dance
Dance Studio
Dance Club (Y7–8)
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Y10)
Emmaus
Film Club
Girls' Cricket
Handball
Hockey
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting
Student-led Prayer & Worship
Year 11 Geography Club
Year 7 Boys' Football
Youth Alpha

THURSDAY
8:00 – 8:30am
Staff Prayer Group
Chapel
CELEBRATION OF MASS
All Welcome
Chapel
Cricket Club (12:30–1:00pm)
Dance
Dance Studio
Dance Club (Y7–8)
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Y10)
Emmaus
Film Club
Girls' Cricket
Handball
Hockey
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting
Student-led Prayer & Worship
Year 11 Geography Club
Year 7 Boys' Football
Youth Alpha

FRIDAY
8:00 – 8:30am
Badminton (Before college)
Young Vineyarders / Youth SVP
Art & Craft Club (KS3) 12:30–1:00pm
Bingo (First half of lunch)
Emmaus
Funhouse Friday
Gardening Club
K33 Climbing Club
Prayer and Devotions
Robotics Club
Senior Choir (Y9 up) 12:45–1:10pm
South Form Drama Club
Table Tennis
Translating
Gym

AFTER COLLEGE 4:00 – 4:30pm
Homework Club
LRC

Life on the Rock
More than clubs... a place to belong.

CARMEL COLLEGE DARLINGTON
Life to the full

MONDAY
ENRICHMENT – AUTUMN TERM 2026
DISCOVER • DEVELOP • BELONG • FLOURISH

BEFORE COLLEGE 8:00 – 8:30am
Breakfast Club
Emmaus

BREAK TIME
LRC / Library Open
Homework Help, Chat & Relaxation
Emmaus
Quiet Time with the Blessed Sacrament (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Chapel
Self-directed Football
Self-directed French Boules
Self-directed Skipping
Self-directed Table Tennis
Quad

LUNCHTIME
Badminton
Chess Club
Duke of Edinburgh (Silver)
Emmaus Lego Club
House Captains Meeting
Junior Choir (12:45–1:10pm)
K33 Netball
Library Leaders Meeting
STEM Club (Y12–13)
World of Magic & Mayhem
Year 8 Boys' Football
Politics Club (12:45pm)
Field
H12

AFTER COLLEGE 4:00 – 4:30pm
Homework Club (Mon–Thu)
LRC

TUESDAY
ENRICHMENT – AUTUMN TERM 2026
DISCOVER • DEVELOP • BELONG • FLOURISH

BEFORE COLLEGE 8:00 – 8:30am
Breakfast Club
Emmaus

BREAK TIME
LRC / Library Open
Homework Help, Chat & Relaxation
Emmaus
Quiet Time with the Blessed Sacrament (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Chapel
Self-directed Football
Self-directed French Boules
Self-directed Skipping
Self-directed Table Tennis
Quad

LUNCHTIME
LRC / Library Open
Self-directed Football
Self-directed French Boules
Self-directed Skipping
Self-directed Table Tennis
Quad
Adam Problem Solving (Y7)
Beyblades Club (AS)
Bodywork Stars (AS)
Creative Writing Club (AS)
Drama / Play Club (Upper & Lower school)
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Y10)
Emmaus
Film Club (AS)
Girls' Cricket (KS3)
Handball (AS)
Hockey (AS)
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group (AS)
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting (AS)
Student-led Prayer & Worship (AS)
Year 11 Geography Club (Y11)
Year 8 Boys' Football (Y7 boys)
Youth Alpha (AS)
H12
H13
H14
H15
H16
H17
H18
H19
H20
H21
H22
H23
H24
H25
H26
H27
H28
H29
H30
H31
H32
H33
H34
H35
H36
H37
H38
H39
H40
H41
H42
H43
H44
H45
H46
H47
H48
H49
H50
H51
H52
H53
H54
H55
H56
H57
H58
H59
H60
H61
H62
H63
H64
H65
H66
H67
H68
H69
H70
H71
H72
H73
H74
H75
H76
H77
H78
H79
H80
H81
H82
H83
H84
H85
H86
H87
H88
H89
H90
H91
H92
H93
H94
H95
H96
H97
H98
H99
H100

AFTER COLLEGE 4:00 – 4:30pm
Homework Club (Mon–Thu)
LRC

WEDNESDAY
ENRICHMENT – AUTUMN TERM 2026
DISCOVER • DEVELOP • BELONG • FLOURISH

BEFORE COLLEGE 8:00 – 8:30am
Breakfast Club
Emmaus

BREAK TIME
Heart to Heart (Younger pupils)
Seminar Room
CELEBRATION OF MASS
All are welcome
Chapel
Cricket Club (12:30–1:00pm)
Dance
Dance Studio
Dance Club (Years 7–9)
Emmaus
Film Club (Y7–8)
Girls' Cricket (Y7–8)
Handball (Y7–8)
Hockey (Y7–8)
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group (Y7–8)
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting (Y7–8)
Student-led Prayer & Worship (Y7–8)
Year 11 Geography Club (Y11)
Year 8 Boys' Football (Y7 boys)
Youth Alpha (Y7)

LUNCHTIME
Cricket Club (12:30–1:00pm)
Dance
Dance Studio
Dance Club (Years 7–9)
Emmaus
Film Club (Y7–8)
Girls' Cricket (Y7–8)
Handball (Y7–8)
Hockey (Y7–8)
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group (Y7–8)
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting (Y7–8)
Student-led Prayer & Worship (Y7–8)
Year 11 Geography Club (Y11)
Year 8 Boys' Football (Y7 boys)
Youth Alpha (Y7)

AFTER COLLEGE 4:00 – 4:30pm
Homework Club (Mon–Thu)
LRC

THURSDAY
ENRICHMENT – AUTUMN TERM 2026
DISCOVER • DEVELOP • BELONG • FLOURISH

BEFORE COLLEGE 8:00 – 8:30am
Breakfast Club
Emmaus

BREAK TIME
LRC / Library Open
Homework Help, Chat & Relaxation
Emmaus
Quiet Time with the Blessed Sacrament (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Chapel
Self-directed Football
Self-directed French Boules
Self-directed Skipping
Self-directed Table Tennis
Quad

LUNCHTIME
LRC / Library Open
Self-directed Football
Self-directed French Boules
Self-directed Skipping
Self-directed Table Tennis
Quad
Adam Problem Solving (Y7)
Beyblades Club (AS)
Bodywork Stars (AS)
Creative Writing Club (AS)
Drama / Play Club (Upper & Lower school)
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Y10)
Emmaus
Film Club (AS)
Girls' Cricket (KS3)
Handball (AS)
Hockey (AS)
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group (AS)
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting (AS)
Student-led Prayer & Worship (AS)
Year 11 Geography Club (Y11)
Year 8 Boys' Football (Y7 boys)
Youth Alpha (AS)
H12
H13
H14
H15
H16
H17
H18
H19
H20
H21
H22
H23
H24
H25
H26
H27
H28
H29
H30
H31
H32
H33
H34
H35
H36
H37
H38
H39
H40
H41
H42
H43
H44
H45
H46
H47
H48
H49
H50
H51
H52
H53
H54
H55
H56
H57
H58
H59
H60
H61
H62
H63
H64
H65
H66
H67
H68
H69
H70
H71
H72
H73
H74
H75
H76
H77
H78
H79
H80
H81
H82
H83
H84
H85
H86
H87
H88
H89
H90
H91
H92
H93
H94
H95
H96
H97
H98
H99
H100

AFTER COLLEGE 4:00 – 4:30pm
Homework Club (Mon–Thu)
LRC

FRIDAY
ENRICHMENT – AUTUMN TERM 2026
DISCOVER • DEVELOP • BELONG • FLOURISH

BEFORE COLLEGE 8:00 – 8:30am
Breakfast Club
Emmaus

BREAK TIME
LRC / Library Open
Homework Help, Chat & Relaxation
Emmaus
Quiet Time with the Blessed Sacrament (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Chapel
Self-directed Football
Self-directed French Boules
Self-directed Skipping
Self-directed Table Tennis
Quad

LUNCHTIME
LRC / Library Open
Self-directed Football
Self-directed French Boules
Self-directed Skipping
Self-directed Table Tennis
Quad
Adam Problem Solving (Y7)
Beyblades Club (AS)
Bodywork Stars (AS)
Creative Writing Club (AS)
Drama / Play Club (Upper & Lower school)
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Y10)
Emmaus
Film Club (AS)
Girls' Cricket (KS3)
Handball (AS)
Hockey (AS)
Language Leaders (KS4) 12:30–1:00pm
Music Ministry Group (AS)
Newspaper Club (Y7–8)
Photography Club (Y8)
Spiritual Depth Meeting (AS)
Student-led Prayer & Worship (AS)
Year 11 Geography Club (Y11)
Year 8 Boys' Football (Y7 boys)
Youth Alpha (AS)
H12
H13
H14
H15
H16
H17
H18
H19
H20
H21
H22
H23
H24
H25
H26
H27
H28
H29
H30
H31
H32
H33
H34
H35
H36
H37
H38
H39
H40
H41
H42
H43
H44
H45
H46
H47
H48
H49
H50
H51
H52
H53
H54
H55
H56
H57
H58
H59
H60
H61
H62
H63
H64
H65
H66
H67
H68
H69
H70
H71
H72
H73
H74
H75
H76
H77
H78
H79
H80
H81
H82
H83
H84
H85
H86
H87
H88
H89
H90
H91
H92
H93
H94
H95
H96
H97
H98
H99
H100

AFTER COLLEGE 4:00 – 4:30pm
Homework Club (Mon–Thu)
LRC

Life on the Rock
More than clubs... a place to belong.

FUN HOUSE FRIDAY & LIFE AROUND CARMEL

FUN HOUSE FRIDAY IS BACK!

More than 40 students battled it out in our first Inter-House Quiz of the year.

From general knowledge and movie emojis to geography, sport and Carmel history, there was plenty to get the brains working. And there was definitely no Google cheating because every phone was safely locked away in its pouch! There could only be one champion...

The following week, Mr Tighe welcomed our chess players to the JC Hall for another lunchtime packed with strategy, competition and some very satisfying checkmates.

FUN HOUSE Friday! AUTUMN 1 2026		
FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor FEAST	THE ULTIMATE INTER-HOUSE QUIZ! 12:30PM
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	Feria	CHECKMATE! INTER-HOUSE CHESS CHALLENGE 12:30PM
FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	Feria	CARMEL DOES COUNTDOWN! 12:30PM
FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	Feria MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING	THE GREAT CARMEL BAKE-OFF! 12:30PM
FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER	The Holy Guardian Angels FEAST	CAFOD HARVEST CHALLENGE! 12:30PM
FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest, Doctor FEAST	PD DAY - FUN HOUSE FRIDAY AT HOME! Enjoy your day!
FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER	Feria	PEAK PURSUIT: ROCK-CLIMBING CHALLENGE 12:30PM
FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER	Feria	CARMEL MINUTE TO WIN IT! 12:30PM

BETTER TOGETHER

Our Year 7 students have also been developing coordination, communication, trust and teamwork through partner balances in PE.

Learning new skills and making new friends at the same time. That is what being part of Team Carmel is all about!

WORK HARD. GET INVOLVED. HAVE FUN. LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL.



AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

OLIVER JOINS NEWCASTLE RED BULLS ACADEMY

We are incredibly proud that Year 10 student Oliver has been selected for the Newcastle Red Bulls Academy.

His commitment, determination and hard work have earned him a fantastic opportunity. Congratulations, Oliver!



A PROUD MOMENT FOR KIAN

At just 14 years old, Kian Hutton scored a composed 28 runs in the NYSD Premier League, facing an attack featuring Durham's Scott Borthwick and Luke Symington alongside Yorkshire's Yash Vagadia.

To make the occasion even more special, the match was watched by England captain Ben Stokes. A fantastic achievement!

DARLINGTON 3K CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Lucy Hellewell and Oli Curran.

Lucy won the Junior Girls' 3K, while Oli won the Junior Boys' 3K at the Darlington 3K. Another brilliant achievement for Team Carmel!



ONCE A CARMELITE, ALWAYS A CARMELITE!

FROM CARMEL TO VETERINARY MEDICINE

We received a wonderful message from former Carmel student Tasha Redpath, now a veterinary surgeon and owner of Ironstone Veterinary Clinic in Middlesbrough.

Tasha recently welcomed fourth-year veterinary student Olivia Gowland on placement and, as they got talking, they discovered something rather special: they are both former Carmel students, 13 years apart!

The pair reminisced about their time at Carmel and the support they received here, even discovering that Miss Newbould's Maths lessons were a favourite for them both. Olivia also successfully completed her first solo cat spay, with Tasha scrubbed in alongside her. Two generations of Carmelites meeting in the workplace, supporting one another and putting their talents into practice.



READING, LANGUAGES & COMMUNITY

ONE SCHOOL. HUNDREDS OF STORIES.

On Thursday 24 September, Carmel will celebrate the joy of reading with our Reading Festival.

Students can look forward to themed activities, interactive workshops, book-related stalls and an Open Mic in the LRC at lunchtime.

In the afternoon, we are especially excited to welcome members of our local care home community for Pages Through the Ages Afternoon Tea, bringing generations together through books, stories and conversation.

The celebrations continue on Friday 25 September with our Reading Picnic on the field.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Bonjour! Hola! Ciao! Hallo! Cześć!

The official European Day of Languages falls on Saturday 26 September, so Carmel is celebrating throughout the whole week.

Students can look forward to European food, lunchtime MFL activities and competitions, celebrating the many languages spoken within our Carmel community, designing the official European Day of Languages T-shirt for 2027 and taking part in our whole-school Language Challenge. Languages open doors to new people, cultures and opportunities. They also remind us that, whatever language we speak, we belong to one human family.

LOOKING AHEAD

YEAR 8 RETREAT

From 23–25 September, Year 8 will travel to the Emmaus Youth Village for their retreat.

The three days provide an opportunity to strengthen friendships, have fun, explore faith and step away from the busyness of everyday life for prayer and reflection.

We wish Year 8 a wonderful retreat!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25 September

10.00am–12.00 noon

JC Hall

Tickets £2

Parents, carers, grandparents and families are warmly invited, and Year 7 students may attend with a parent or carer.

Donations of homemade or shop-bought nut-free cakes and raffle prizes are very welcome.

Come together with the Carmel family for a cuppa, a slice of cake and the opportunity to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.



CARMEL DOES STARS IN THEIR EYES!

Friday 20 November

St Augustine's Parish Centre

Tickets £20, including homemade curry

Some very familiar Carmel faces are preparing to step through the smoke in support of our students travelling to Lourdes with HCPT.

With a licensed bar, tombola, raffle and games, it promises to be a brilliant evening for a brilliant cause.



LA MOLINA 2027

Preparations are gathering pace for our 2027 Ski Trip to La Molina, Spain.

Students have now been allocated their ski lesson groups and Silksworth sessions are beginning.

Ski Information Evening

Thursday 26 November | 5.00pm | John Caden Hall

The countdown is on!



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for the Carmel Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 24 November 2026
at 6.00pm

Keynote presentations from the Principal and Director of Sixth Form
Meet staff from all subject departments
Explore our outstanding facilities
Chat with current students

Collect your copy of the Prospectus 2026/27
We welcome applications from students of all schools!

OPEN EVENING



TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 6.00PM

WE ARE OPEN TO APPLICATIONS
FROM ALL SCHOOLS

Support the Carmel PTA Lottery

The Carmel PTA works tirelessly to enhance the experience of our students, funding opportunities and resources that make a real difference to life at the college. One of the easiest ways to support this work is by joining the Carmel Parents Lottery.

For every £1 ticket purchased, 60p goes directly to the PTA, helping to fund projects and initiatives that benefit our young people. These contributions support a wide range of activities, including the purchase of books and literacy resources, equipment for breaktime clubs such as table tennis and badminton, enrichment activities and performances, and special events and rewards for students.

By taking part, you will not only be supporting the college community but will also have the opportunity to win prizes through the weekly lottery draws.

To join the Carmel Parents Lottery, please click the image below.

Every ticket purchased helps us continue to provide the extra opportunities, experiences and resources that enrich the lives of our students. Thank you for your ongoing support.

