



WEEK COMMENCING 29TH SEPTEMBER - 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025  
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# LIFE TO THE FULL FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

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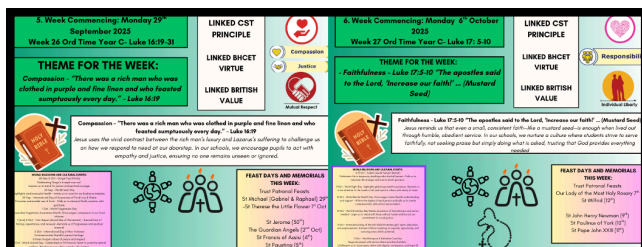
- [Click here](#) for more information on the importance of good attendance
- Please remind your children that chewing gum is prohibited at Carmel College.

### **Carmel Parking Pledge – Keeping Everyone Safe**

Please park safely and respectfully around Clare Avenue and Hillclose Avenue, keeping driveways, junctions, and crossing points clear, avoiding double parking, and helping students cross safely.

When using the Carmel College One-Way System, enter from the Hummersknott end, park on the left facing downhill, use the nearside door for students to exit, and avoid parking on 'School Keep Clear' markings, driveways, verges, or pavements—exit via Carmel Road. [Click here](#) for more information.

## CATHOLIC LIFE



### **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – Compassion Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

"There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day."

Jesus uses the vivid contrast between the rich man's luxury and Lazarus's suffering to challenge us on how we respond to need at our very doorstep. True discipleship demands that we see, care, and act—our faith is lived out in compassion and justice. In our Catholic schools, we encourage pupils to open their eyes and hearts to those who are overlooked or struggling, ensuring no one is left unseen or ignored. Compassion is not just a feeling but a way of life, shaping a community where everyone is valued as a child of God.

### **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – Faithfulness**

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10- "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ... (Mustard Seed)"– Jesus reminds us that even a small, consistent faith—like a mustard seed—is enough when lived out through humble, obedient service. Faith is not about impressive words or grand gestures, but about daily trust in God and doing what is right without seeking recognition.

In our Catholic schools, we nurture a culture where students learn that faithfulness is shown in the ordinary: in kindness, in commitment, and in doing their best even when it goes unnoticed. By encouraging students to serve faithfully and trust that God provides, we echo Christ's call to live out our discipleship with steady hearts.

Follow the Sunday Mass readings [here](#).



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## KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
29th Sept – 1st Oct	Year 9/10 Retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village
1st Oct (Wed)	Confirmation Preparation Session
2nd & 3rd Oct	Year 7 Ethos Days at St Augustine's Parish Centre
3rd Oct (Fri)	Year 7 Welcome Mass, 1:30pm, St Augustine's RC Church
7th Oct (Tues)	Year 11 Parent's Evening
8th Oct (Wed)	Confirmation Preparation Session
8th Oct (Wed)	Year 12 Photography/Art Trip to Newcastle
10th – 12th Oct	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
13th Oct (Mon)	Confirmation Rehearsal, St Augustine's Church, 4:15pm
14th Oct (Tues)	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass, St Thomas Aquinas Church, North Road
15th Oct (Wed)	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass, St Augustine's Church, Larchfield Street
23rd Oct (Thurs)	Students break up for half term
24th Oct (Fri)	Inset Day (Students at home)
3rd Nov (Mon)	Students return to college
6th Nov (Thurs)	Christmas Fayre
25th Nov (Tues)	<b>Academic Mentoring Day</b> – students attend with parents/carers; work set via Teams & ClassCharts

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# ACADEMIC

Students across all year groups are working hard in preparation for their upcoming Autumn Assessments.

- **Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 7th October, 5:30-7pm.** This is an essential evening to learn about key exams, receive resources to aid revision, find out information regarding Prom 2026, and learn more about Sixth Form enrolment. Parents will also receive a detailed analysis of their child's Year 10 mock results.
- **Autumn Assessments begin the week commencing 13th October for Year 11 and Year 13** students. **All other year groups** (KS3, Year 10 and Year 12) will sit their assessments in the **week commencing 20th October**. Students will be set targeted revision tasks as part of their homework, all of which will be shared on ClassCharts.
- **Academic Mentoring Day (AMD)** takes place on **Tuesday 25th November**. A link will be sent soon for parents/carers to book their appointments. This important day involves students in Years 7-13 attending with their parent or carer to celebrate successes and discuss next steps. Students are encouraged to bring along a piece of work they are particularly proud of to share with their Academic Mentor.

👉 In preparation for assessments, you may find it useful to visit our website to view:

- Revision resources: [carmel.bhcet.org.uk/carmel-curriculum-intent/revision](http://carmel.bhcet.org.uk/carmel-curriculum-intent/revision)
- Curriculum information: [carmel.bhcet.org.uk/carmel-curriculum-intent](http://carmel.bhcet.org.uk/carmel-curriculum-intent)

# HOMEWORK

On average, 461 homework assignments are set each week via ClassCharts. Depending on their age and the task set, we recommend students spend no longer than 45 minutes on each task. For Year 7s especially, adjusting to this routine can feel daunting, so we offer plenty of support:

- LRC Homework Club after school (Mon-Thurs)
- Emmaus is open at break and lunch for help
- Clear routines so students know when homework is set and due.
- All homework tasks set via ClassCharts App.

Homework is designed to reinforce class learning and build good study habits.

📊 Why Homework? Research shows that homework can make a real difference:

- The Education Endowment Foundation finds that secondary homework adds the equivalent of +5 months' progress on average.
- The quality of tasks and feedback matters more than quantity.
- Even modest, consistent time on homework boosts outcomes, especially when supported by school structures like homework clubs.

We thank all parents and carers for your partnership. By supporting routines at home and encouraging students to use school support, we help them achieve their full potential and live "life to the full."



# PASTORAL

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**Attendance & Punctuality** Good attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring your child reaches their full potential. Research from the UK Department for Education shows that students with less than 95% attendance achieve significantly lower grades on average than their peers with better attendance. Every day in school really does count.

We kindly ask that:

***Medical appointments are booked outside of school hours wherever possible.***

***Punctuality is a priority—students should be on site and ready for form time/assembly at 8:50am, and the school day ends at 3:35pm.***

If your child is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please contact their Pastoral Learning Manager, who will work with you to provide support.

 **Parking Reminder** To keep our site safe for all students, we ask that parents do not enter the school site for pick-up at the end of the day unless prior arrangements have been made with a Pastoral Learning Manager. Please follow our Parking Pledge and park considerately in the local area.

## SIXTH FORM UPDATES

Our Sixth Form students continue to impress us with their leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm.

- **Progress Conversations:** All students are currently taking part in one-to-one discussions with their form tutors and Assistant Heads of Sixth Form. These conversations focus on progress, support, and identifying areas for development to ensure every student is on track for success.
- **Spooky Social** 🎃: Don't miss out on our Sixth Form Social at Planet Leisure on Tuesday 22nd October, 7pm. Tickets are still available—make sure to get yours!
- **Living “Life to the Full”**: Sixth Formers continue to serve as role models across the school:
  - Many are volunteering as reading and SEND mentors, supporting younger students in their learning.
  - This week, 65 Sixth Form students are assisting and leading activities during our Year 7 Ethos Days on Thursday and Friday. Their example of leadership and service shows younger students what it means to live out our Carmel values.



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## PSHE

This half term, our PSHE programme continues to support students' personal growth and preparation for life beyond the classroom:

- KS3 are developing key skills through their Confidence for Life modules.
- KS4 are continuing with the TenTen RSE curriculum, exploring relationships, values, and making positive choices.
- Year 12 are focusing on the transition from GCSE to A Level, learning how to study effectively and manage new challenges.
- Year 13 are completing UCAS and apprenticeship applications, supported with guidance to help plan their next steps.

Our PSHE curriculum ensures students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed and live "life to the full."

## LIFE TO THE FULL AT CARMEL!

**🌱 Year 7 Ethos Days** We are looking forward to welcoming all Year 7 students to their Ethos Days, where they will reflect on what it means to be Pilgrims of Hope. These two days will conclude with a special Mass of Welcome at St Augustine's RC Church on Friday 3rd October at 1:30pm. Parents, carers, and parishioners are warmly invited.

👉 If you have not yet returned the permission slip, please do so as soon as possible.

**📋 Student Leadership Elections** We have been overwhelmed with hundreds of applications for student leadership roles. On Monday next week, students will take part in elections for our three key groups: Inclusion, Stewardship, and Student Voice. This is an exciting opportunity for our young people to use their gifts to shape our community and make their voices heard.

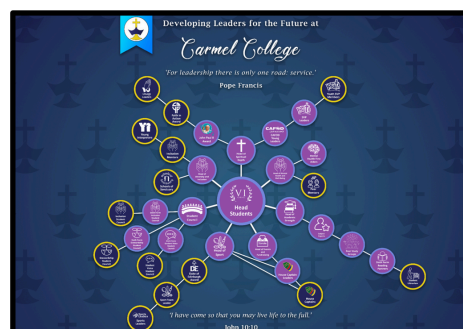
**🎨 Enrichment Opportunities** It is our expectation that every student takes part in at least one enrichment activity each week. With such a wide range of clubs and opportunities, there really is something for everyone!

👉 [Enrichment at Carmel](#)

### ✝ **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a vital step in the faith journey of our young people. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their final preparation:

- Preparation sessions: Wednesday 1st October & Wednesday 8th October
- Rehearsal: Monday 13th October at St Augustine's RC Church
- Mass of Confirmation:
  - Tuesday 14th October at St Thomas Aquinas RC Church
  - Wednesday 15th October at St Augustine's RC Church
  - Both Masses will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen.







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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, WE WELCOME  
APPLICATIONS TO STUDENTS FROM ALL  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**CARMEL VI FORM  
OPEN EVENING  
TUESDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025  
6PM**

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