



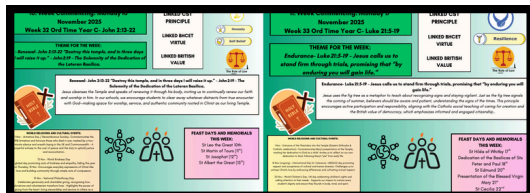
Carmel College

WEEK COMMENCING 24TH NOVEMBER - 5TH DECEMBER 2025
WE ARE MOVING FROM ORDINARY TIME TO ADVENT!

LIFE TO THE FULL FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE

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

CATHOLIC LIFE



✿ 34th Week in Ordinary Time • Christ the King- Week Commencing Monday 23rd November 2025

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." – Luke 23:42

As Christ reigns from the Cross, we witness a kingship unlike any other. His throne is a place of mercy, His crown woven with suffering, and His greatest act of authority is forgiveness. In the repentant thief we see the hope offered to every heart: no one is beyond Christ's reach. His Kingdom opens to those who turn to Him with trust.

This week, as we celebrate Jesus Christ, Universal King, we remember that His Kingdom is built not on power but on compassion, courage and love. On National Youth Sunday, we pray especially for our young people. Christ calls them to be kingdom-builders today - through small acts of kindness, service to others, and the daily choice to walk in His light.

When we place our hope in Christ our King, He transforms our lives and our community.

✦ Week 1 of Advent • Stay Awake in Hope- Week Commencing Monday 1st December 2025

"Therefore, stay awake." – Matthew 24:42

Advent begins with a call to readiness - not fear, but faithful expectancy. Jesus invites us to live alert to His presence in the everyday: in the quiet moments, in the people we serve, and in the hope we share.

Being ready is not about waiting passively; it is about living courageously now. As scholars remind us, Christian vigilance is active - choosing love, justice and mercy while we await the fullness of Christ's Kingdom. Advent asks each of us:

What needs attention in my life?
 Where is God calling me to act with hope?
 How can I prepare my heart for Christ's coming?

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PICKING YOUR CHILD UP FROM CARMEL

We are becoming increasingly concerned about dangerous and inconsiderate parking around The Headlands and Clare Avenue. Poor parking and congestion at drop-off and collection times place our students, parents, and neighbours at serious risk.

To protect everyone, please follow our [Carmel Parking Pledge](#):

- ✓ Use the one-way system: Enter via Hummersknott and exit via Carmel Road to keep traffic moving.
- 🚗 Park safely: Only on the left-hand side, facing downhill, and let children out onto the pavement.
- 🚫 Respect restrictions: Do not park on the driveway, yellow lines, or across residents' drives.
- 🚶🚗 Pick up further away: Please collect your child five minutes from Carmel to reduce congestion.
- 🙏 Be considerate: Keep verges, pavements, and access routes clear.

Every small act keeps our community safe.

Let's work together to protect The Headlands, Clare Avenue, and our Carmel family. ❤️



**CURRICULUM
OVERVIEW**



**CATHOLIC
LIFE**



**CARMEL
SIXTH FORM**



**LATEST
NEWSLETTER**

KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

25th Nov	Academic Mentoring Day – students attend with parents/carers (no lessons)
26th Nov	Year 11 Mock Examinations begin
26th Nov	Medics UK Trip & Ski Lesson
28th Nov	Funhouse Friday: Advent Wreath Making
1st Dec	Whole College Blessing of Advent Wreaths and Christmas Tree
1st–12th Dec	Year 13 Mock Examinations
3rd Dec	Final date for Hampers of Hope and Giving Tree Gift Bags
5th Dec	Funhouse Friday: Christmas Bingo
10th Dec	Christmas Dinner
12th Dec	Funhouse Friday: Christmas Culture Fiesta
15th–16th Dec	Advent Liturgy & Christmas Celebration (6pm)
17th Dec	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration Breakfast
17th Dec	Sacrament of Reconciliation offered
19th Dec	Funhouse Friday: Carmel Cracking Christmas Bonanza
19th Dec	Sixth Form Santa Dash
19th Dec	Students finish at 1:30pm for Christmas break
6th Jan	Students return after Christmas break
13th Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening
13th Jan	Year 12 Psychology & Sociology Parents' Evening
27th Jan	Year 9 Parents' Evening
10th Feb	Year 12 & Year 13 Parents' Evening
28th Apr	Year 8 Parents' Evening
19th May	Year 10 Parents' Evening
9th June	Year 7 Parents' Evening





ACADEMIC

Year 11 Mock Examinations – Year 11 students begin their mock examinations on Wednesday 26th November, running until Tuesday 9th December. All students have received their mock timetable and detailed revision material from their class teachers and via their Class Teams pages. Departments are supporting students with targeted revision tasks, practice questions and intervention opportunities. Mock results will be issued after the Christmas break.

We wish every student courage, confidence and calm as they begin this important stage.

Year 13 Mock Examinations – Year 13 mocks will take place Monday 1st December – Friday 12th December.

Students have access to revision materials from their teachers, including model answers, past papers and subject-specific guidance on Teams. Their hard work, focus and resilience are evident, and we are proud of their commitment.

Parents' Evenings – New for Spring Term– We are pleased to announce the introduction of Parents' Evenings, replacing the second Academic Mentoring Day in the spring term.

These evenings will give families the opportunity to meet with their child's subject teachers, discuss progress in each course, and receive personalised advice on next steps.

Dates for Parents' Evenings:

- Year 7: 9th June
- Year 8: 28th April
- Year 9: 27th January
- Year 10: 19th May
- Year 11: 13th January
- Years 12 and 13: 10th February
- Additional date: Year 12 students studying Psychology or Sociology will have their Parents' Evening on 13th January

We look forward to welcoming families to these important opportunities for dialogue and partnership.

Homework & Revision Support– All homework and revision tasks continue to be shared via ClassCharts to help students organise their time effectively.

Further support materials can also be found on our website:


- Revision resources: carmel.bhcet.org.uk/carmel-curriculum-intent/revision
- Curriculum information: carmel.bhcet.org.uk/carmel-curriculum-intent

PSHE

Key Stage 3– Students have just completed their Confidence for Life Module Assessment and will be beginning their Aspirations for Life Module as we look towards their future ambitions and career prospects.



PASTORAL

 **Attendance & Punctuality**– Thank you for your continued support in helping students arrive punctually and ready to learn each day. Good attendance remains essential for success – every lesson counts.

A gentle reminder:

- Holidays must not be taken during term time.
- Medical and dental appointments should take place outside school hours where possible.
- A prompt start each morning ensures a calm, focused beginning to learning.


If your child is experiencing any difficulties with attendance or wellbeing, please contact their Pastoral Learning Manager via admin@carmel.bhcet.org.uk so we can work together to support them.

 **Safeguarding**– Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Thornton, Vice Principal (Pastoral).

Our Deputy DSLs are Mr McCann and Mrs Parnaby.

If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact the safeguarding team through the main school office.

 **Wearing a Coat – Cold Weather Reminder**– As the weather turns colder, we encourage all students to wear a coat to and from College.

Coats should be removed once inside the building to maintain high standards of uniform and presentation.

 **The Renew Shop** – Thank you for your generosity towards the Carmel Renew Shop.

The Renew Shop continues to be open by appointment, offering families the chance to access high-quality pre-loved uniform and resources.


This project supports our commitment to stewardship, sustainability, and caring for our common home.

 **End of Term Arrangements**– School will finish for the Christmas holidays at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December 2025.


Coach companies have been informed.

We thank you for your ongoing support as we approach the end of term and look forward to celebrating together during this joyful season.

SIXTH FORM UPDATES

 **Sixth Form Ice Skating Trip**– We're getting into the festive spirit with our Sixth Form Ice Skating Trip to Billingham Forum on Wednesday 10th December.– Cost: £12 (includes travel and skate hire).

Spaces are limited – sign up early to avoid disappointment!

 **Sixth Form Ski Trip – Expressions of Interest** We are now gathering interest for a special Sixth Form Ski Trip. This is open to: Current Year 12 and Year 13 students and Year 11 students who are planning to join Carmel Sixth Form in September. If interested, please speak to Mr McCann.

 **Sixth Form Open Evening – Thank You!**– Our Sixth Form Open Evening was a tremendous success.

It was wonderful to welcome so many Year 11 students and families into Carmel to experience our outstanding teaching, supportive community and the wide range of opportunities available.

Applications for September 2026 are now open. Year 11 students from Carmel and from other schools are warmly invited to apply. 📧 Apply here: <https://carmel6.org.uk/apply/how-to-apply>

 **Year 13 Mock Examinations** –Year 13 mocks take place from Monday 1st December to Friday 12th December.

Students are working incredibly hard in their subjects and have been provided with revision materials, model answers and past papers on Teams. Their commitment, resilience and independence continue to shine as they prepare for this important assessment period.



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✨ **Advent at Carmel**- On Monday 1st December, during PSHE, we will hold our annual Blessing of the Advent Wreaths and Christmas Tree.

This is always a beautiful moment in our school year, helping us enter Advent with stillness, joy and hope. As a community, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and begin the season ready to walk together in His light.

Thank you for your generosity and care – together we can make a real difference.

🎁 **The 12 Days of Christmas - Attendance Challenge**- We are excited to launch our 12 Days of Christmas Attendance Initiative.

From Monday 1st December, students who achieve 100% attendance during this period will be entered into a prize draw with a range of festive rewards to be won.

This is a wonderful way to finish the term strongly, stay connected with learning and celebrate commitment and resilience during Advent.

Stay tuned – full details will be shared on Monday 1st December.

🕯️ **Hampers of Hope 2025 - Thank You for Your Generosity**- Our Hampers of Hope collection continues across Years 7-13.

Each student has been asked to bring one specific item, depending on their form group. Together, these donations will support:

- 🌙 DAR families seeking safety and welcome
- 🎄 Local families supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society
- ❤️ Individuals who may be spending Christmas alone

Every single item matters. A small offering from many becomes an abundance of hope for those who need it most.

All items should be brought directly to Form Tutors.

🧡 **Enrichment**- It has been fantastic to see so many students engaging in our enrichment programme, with over 80 activities running each week across sport, creative arts, academic clubs, and leadership opportunities.

Research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that students who participate in enrichment activities are more likely to achieve higher grades and develop confidence, teamwork, and resilience. There truly is something for everyone.

🎁 **The Carmel Giving Tree**- Sadly, many children in our wider community may not receive a Christmas present this year.

Our Carmel Giving Tree, placed in the Atrium, invites parents, carers, students and staff to take a tag and purchase a gift for a named child.

These gifts will be delivered alongside our Hampers of Hope, bringing joy, dignity and love to children who need to feel remembered this Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed – your kindness is making a real difference.

🎪 **Funhouse Fridays**- Funhouse Fridays bring joy right through to the Christmas break – a chance to unwind, laugh and spend time with friends. Coming up:

- 28 Nov: 🕯️ Advent Wreath Making, 5 Dec: 🎁 Christmas Bingo, 12 Dec: 🎅 Christmas Culture Fiesta
- 19 Dec: 🎄 Carmel Cracking Christmas Bonanza- Everyone is welcome – a perfect way to end the week with a smile. ❤️

🎄 ✨ **Advent Liturgy and Christmas Celebration 2025** - Tickets On Sale Now! - 📅 Monday 15 December and Tuesday 16 December 🕒 6pm start 📍 Carmel College, Darlington Join us for a powerful and hope-filled evening as we journey through Advent together.

☀️ **Light of Hope**- As the Jubilee Year of Hope draws to a close, our Advent Liturgy invites us to pause, reflect and rediscover the light that leads us to Christmas. Through scripture, prayer and student-led reflections, we turn together toward Jesus, our Hope.

🎵 **Christmas Celebration**- After the liturgy, enjoy festive performances, carols and Christmas favourites from our talented students and choirs – a joyful celebration for families and friends.

🥧 Complimentary mince pie and soft drink 🍷 Fully licensed bar 🎟 Tickets: £5 general admission, £3 concessions Book your tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../2025.../18:00/t-plzrymx>



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Year 11 Mock Timetable 2025

AM SESSION

PM SESSION

Date	Start Time	Room	Component Title	Length	Start Time	Room	Component Title	Length
Wed 26 Nov	9:00	SPH	English Literature: Shakespeare & Anthology Poetry	105	13:00	SPH	Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator	90
Thur 27 Nov	9:00	SPH	RE: Foundational Catholic Theology	90	13:00	SPH	Physics Paper 1 Separates Physics Paper 1 Combined Science	105 75
Fri 28 Nov	9:00	SPH	English Language: Explorations in Creative Reading & Writing	105	13:00	SPH	Biology Paper 1 Separates Biology Paper 1 Combined Science	105 75
Mon 1 Dec	9:00	SPH	Geography: Human and Physical Geography History: Britain, Health and the People, c1000-present day/Norman England c1066-c1100 (TBC)	90 120	13:00	SPH	History: Britain, Health and the People, c1000-present day/Norman England c1066-c1100 (TBC) • Computer Science Paper 1: Computer Systems CRAFT CWK TIME HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CWK TIME	120 90 120 120
Tue 2 Dec	9:00		French Listening Foundation French Listening Higher French Reading Foundation French Reading Higher	35 45 45 60	13:00	SPH	Maths Paper 2 Calculator	90
Wed 3 Dec	9:00	SPH	Chemistry Paper 1 Separates Chemistry Paper 1 Combined Science	105 75	13:00	SPH	PE Paper 1 MUSIC CWK TIME BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE CWK TIME	75 120 120
Thur 4 Dec	9:00	SPH	Spanish Listening Foundation Spanish Listening Higher Spanish Reading Foundation Spanish Reading Higher	35 45 45 60	13:00	SPH	Maths Paper 3 Calculator	90
Fri 5 Dec	9:00		Spanish Writing Foundation Spanish Writing Higher	60 75	13:00	SPH	RE Paper 2: Judaism	60
Mon 8 Dec	9:00	SPH	Computer Science Paper 2: Algorithms, programming and Computational Thinking Hospitality & Catering: Hospitality & Catering in Industry	90 80	13:00	?	PERFORMING ARTS CWK TIME CHILD DEVELOPMENT CWK TIME IT CWK TIME MEDIA CWK TIME SPORTS STUDIES CWK TIME	120 120 120 120 120
Tue 9 Dec	9:00	SPH	Design Technology French Writing Foundation <i>Non DT Students</i> French Writing Higher <i>Non DT Students</i>	120 60 75	13:00	SPH	Business Component 1 French Writing Foundation <i>Non Business Students</i> French Writing Higher <i>Non Business Students</i>	120 60 75



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Date	Start Time	Room	Component Title	Length	Start Time	Room	Component Title	Length
Mon 1 Dec					1:00 SPH SPH		Maths Paper 1: Pure & Stats Media: Media One & Media Two PE Paper 1	120 120 120
Tue 2 Dec	9:00 SPH SPH SPH		Psychology Paper 2: Psychology in context Applied Human Biology Unit 3 Physics Paper 1: Modelling Physics English Language Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society Music: Music Performance	120 180 135 150 120				
Wed 3 Dec					1:00 SPH SPH		Chemistry Paper 1 Law Paper 1: The legal system and criminal law Spanish Paper 1: Listening, Reading Writing	120 120 150
Thur 4 Dec	9:00 SPH SPH		Sociology Paper 2: Family and Households & Beliefs in Society Computer Science Component 01: Computer Systems	120 150				
Fri 5 Dec	9:00N SPH SPH		Biology Paper 1: Biological Diversity Business Paper 1	135 ?				
Mon 8 Dec			English Literature Paper 1: Literary Genres: Aspects of Tragedy Maths Paper 2: Pure & Mechanics PE Paper 2	150 120 120			Further Maths Paper 1: Further Pure Religious Studies Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion French Paper 1: Listening, Reading Writing Health & Social Care: Unit 2 Working in Hsc	120 120 150 90
Tue 9 Dec			Physics Paper 2: Year 12 Content English Language Paper 2: Diversity and Change Sports Studies Unit 3: Sports Organisation and Development History Paper 1: Tudor England	90 150 60 150			Chemistry Paper 3 Law Paper 2: Law making and the law of tort Spanish Paper 2: Writing paper (film and book) History Paper 1: Tudor England H King	60 120 120 150
Wed 10 Dec			English Literature Paper 2: Elements of Social and Political Protest Writing Biology Paper 2: Y12 Content Product Design Paper 2: Designing & Making principles C Stephenson	180 90 90			Further Maths Paper 2: Further Stats Religious Studies Paper 2: Ethics Product Design Paper 2: Designing & Making principles	60 120 90
Thur 11 Dec			Computer Science Component 02: Algorithms & Programming Geography Paper 1: Physical Geography	150 90			Further Maths Paper 3: Further Mechanics Religious Studies Paper 3: Development in Christian Thought	60 120
Fri 12 Dec			History Paper 2: France in Revolution French Paper 2: Writing paper (film and book) Product Design Paper 1: Technical Principles	150 120 150			Geography Paper 2: Human Geography Product Design Paper 1: Technical Principles P Choparro	90 150