



Carmel College

WEEK COMMENCING 19TH MAY 2025-6TH JUNE 2025  
WE ARE IN THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

# LIFE TO THE FULL FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

[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.

### 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

Week Commencing  
Monday 19th May 2025  
Week 5 Eastertide Year C

**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**  
Love John 13:34

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE  
LINKED BICET VIRTUE  
LINKED BRITISH VALUE

Compassion

"Just As I Have Loved You, You Also Should Love One Another" (John 13:34)

Jesus gives His disciples a new commandment: to love one another as He has loved them. This passage highlights the centrality of love in the Christian faith, calling us to embody compassion and show deep, selfless care for others. It reinforces the principle of solidarity, reminding us that our communities thrive when we act in mutual respect and support for each other. As we reflect on this Gospel, we are invited to embrace and practice Jesus' example of unconditional love, fostering unity and understanding in our relationships and broader society.

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:  
Our Lady of Fatima (13th)  
St Matthias (14th)

Week Commencing  
Monday 2nd June 2025  
Week 7 Eastertide Year C

**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**  
Unity - John 17:21

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE  
LINKED BICET VIRTUE  
LINKED BRITISH VALUE

Respect

"That They May All Be One" (John 17:21)

Jesus prays for the unity of all believers, asking that they may be one just as He and the Father are one. This passage highlights the profound importance of unity and respect among individuals and communities. It emphasizes the Catholic social teaching principle of solidarity, urging us to support and stand with one another. Reflecting on this Gospel, we see a call to embody democratic values, recognizing the inherent dignity of each person and working together in mutual respect to build a just and harmonious society.

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:  
St Charles Lwanga (5th)  
St Boniface (5th)  
Pentecost this coming Sunday

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (John 13:34)** – "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Jesus calls us to love deeply and selflessly, just as He has loved us. This love transforms communities through kindness, compassion, and mutual care — it is the true mark of a disciple.

### **Feast of the Ascension (Thursday 29th May – during half term)**

**(Acts 1:1-11)** – As we break for half term, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus returns to the Father and entrusts His mission to us: "You will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8). Though no longer visible, Christ remains with us through the Spirit, calling us to live with courage and hope.

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter (John 17:21)** – "That they may all be one."

Jesus prays for unity among His followers — a unity rooted in love, not sameness. We are called to work together with respect and dignity, building a world where all belong.

### **Pope Leo XIV**

We celebrate the inauguration of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, taking place this Sunday at a special Mass in the Vatican — and we continue to pray for him as he begins his ministry as shepherd of the universal Church.

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



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LIFE**



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SIXTH FORM**



**LATEST  
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## KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Date(s)	Event
19-21.05.25	Y10 Work Experience
22.05.25	PTA AGM
19.05.25-06.06.25	K53 Assessments
23.05.25	Y13 Leavers Celebration Mass
06-07.06.25	D of E Bronze Final
09.06.25	Y12 Exams
19.06.25	Y11 Celebration Liturgy
23-27.06.25	Y12 Work Experience
25.06.25	Middlesbrough College Trip (Y10)
30.06.25	Y12 Geography Trip
01.07.25	Darlington College Trip (Y10)
01.07.25	Maths Inspiration Trip
01.07.25-04.07.25	Culture Day Year 8 Trips
02.07.25-04.07.25	Summer Festival
07.07.25	GCSE Y10 Geography Trip
07.07.25	Y11 Prom
08.07.25	Town Sports
08.07.25	GCSE Y10 Geography Trip
09.07.25	Science & Geography Trip
16.07.25	End of Year Mass
17.07.25	Break for Summer

### VICE PRINCIPAL FOR PASTORAL CARE

Designated Safeguarding Lead

MRS S THORNTON



### PASTORAL TEAM

ASSISTANT VICE PRINCIPAL (BEHAVIOUR)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr K McCann



DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs L Parnaby



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# ACADEMIC

 **Key Stage 3 Assessments-** End-of-year assessments for KS3 students are now underway and will continue across the weeks before and after the May half-term. Class teachers are guiding students on when and how these assessments will take place, and lesson time is being used to support effective preparation. These assessments will help inform class groupings for the next academic year.

We encourage families to support their children at home by creating good routines and encouraging revision. *"Parental engagement has an average impact of four months' additional progress per year - with even greater benefits for students with lower prior attainment."*— Education Endowment Foundation


 **Year 11 and Year 13 - Exam Season in Progress-** Year 11 and Year 13 students have made a focused and determined start to the exam season. We continue to wish them every success.

**Year 11 Revision Expectations-** We would like to remind students and families that it is imperative students continue to attend college each day during the exam season. Crucial content is still being covered in lessons and attendance supports success.


- ◆ Period 3 and 5 are dedicated to subjects with exams that afternoon or the following morning.
- ◆ All other lessons continue to focus on exam preparation.
- ◆ If exams for a subject are complete, students must bring independent revision work to use in lessons.

We are proud of our students' commitment and resilience, and we are incredibly grateful to our staff for their continued support during this busy time.

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 **Upcoming Parents' Evenings-** Parents' evenings are a valuable chance to discuss progress, strengths, and next steps with subject teachers, helping to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

 **Year 10 Parents' Evening-** Tuesday 3rd June | 4:00-6:00pm -No appointments needed.

 **Year 12 Parents' Evening-** Tuesday 1st July | 4:00-6:00pm-No appointments needed. We look forward to welcoming you.

 **Supporting Revision at Home** -You play a vital role! Try these quick, effective strategies:  Help them set a clear revision timetable

-  Encourage flashcards, mind maps & online tools (e.g. BBC Bitesize, SENECA, MyMaths)
-  Ask them to explain a topic to you  Provide a quiet, phone-free space to study

# PSHE

With our Relationships for Life module now complete, we move into Evolving for Life after the break. This strand encourages pupils to look ahead with confidence – whether moving up a year, starting GCSEs, or preparing for Year 11. Lessons focus on celebrating progress, developing strategies for managing new challenges, and building resilience for smooth transitions.

A new oracy element will run alongside, offering regular opportunities for public speaking through form-time debates and presentations. By the end of the unit, pupils should feel equipped to embrace change, support each other, and continue to live "life to the full."

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# PASTORAL

 **Uniform Matters-** Thank you for supporting our uniform policy, which promotes pride, equality, and community. Please ensure your child follows these key expectations: Shoes: All black, no logos or colours/ Trousers: Grey only – not black or skinny/ Skirts: Blue tartan with black tights or navy socks/Hoodies: Not permitted (except Year 11 leavers' hoodies)/Jewellery: One small ear stud per lobe and a watch – no other piercings or tattoos.

**Visit our Renew Shop for affordable, pre-loved uniform – supporting families and the environment.**

 **Attendance = Achievement-** Students with 95%+ attendance achieve significantly better outcomes. Every day counts – thank you for ensuring your child attends and arrives on time.

 **Safeguarding at Carmel-** Safeguarding is central to life at Carmel College. We are committed to a safe, supportive environment where every child feels secure. Our dedicated Safeguarding Team is always here to help.

 **Click here** to read our latest Online Safety Newsletter – helpful tips and updates to keep your child safe online.


## SIXTH FORM

**Year 12 Update-** 30 students are taking part in a sign language course every Wednesday lunchtime, learning valuable new skills. Year 12 exams begin on Wednesday 11th June – students are preparing well. We're looking ahead to Work Experience Week starting Monday 23rd June. **Year 13 Update** Exams are underway, and students are showing great focus and effort. We look forward to celebrating together at the Leavers' Mass and Celebration on Friday 23rd May.

## LIFE TO THE FULL


We encourage all students to take part in at least one enrichment activity each week – it's a great way to grow in confidence, make friends, and live Life to the Full.

 **View our Enrichment Timetable here**


 **School Transport – Apply Now-** Applications for school transport starting September 2025 are now open. Please apply via the Carmel website:

 **Apply Here** Deadline: Friday 23rd May 2025

Late applications may result in your child not being allocated a place on their preferred route.

 **Year 8 Culture Trail – Newcastle-** Year 8 students will soon receive details about their upcoming Culture Trail to Newcastle, taking place week commencing 30th June.

If you're able, please make the £5 donation via MCAS to support this exciting opportunity.

 **September Retreat – Years 8 & 9-** Letters are now available from Student Reception for the September 2025 retreat for current Year 8 and 9 students. Cost: £95 | Spaces are limited.

 **PTA AGM – Get Involved!**

We're relaunching our PTA and would love to hear from you! The AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd May at 5:30pm. If you'd like to stand for a committee role, please email:

CarmelPTA@outlook.com before the meeting.