



Carmel College

# WEEK COMMENCING 5TH MAY 2025- 16TH MAY 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

### Third Sunday of Easter (John 21:1-19)

In this Gospel, the Risen Jesus appears to His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. After a fruitless night of fishing, He instructs them to "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something" (John 21:6). Their obedience leads to an abundant catch, symbolizing the blessings that come from trusting and following Christ's guidance. This passage emphasizes renewal, community, and the importance of recognizing Jesus in our daily lives.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday (John 10:27-30)

Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd, stating, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). This intimate relationship highlights the trust and security found in following Christ. He assures us of eternal life and the unwavering protection of the Father, reinforcing the theme of divine care and guidance.

### In Mourning and Prayer

As we mourn the passing of Pope Francis, we reflect on his years of humble service and dedication to the Church. We pray for the College of Cardinals as they convene to elect a new pope, asking the Holy Spirit to guide their decision so that the next Holy Father may lead with wisdom, compassion, and a heart attuned to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

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



**CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**



**CATHOLIC LIFE**



**CARMEL SIXTH FORM**



**LATEST NEWSLETTER**

## KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Date(s)	Event
01.05.25	GCSE exams begin
03.05.25	LEGO Robotics Final
06-07.05.25	D of E Bronze Practice
09-11.05.25	D of E Silver Practice
19.05.25-06.06.25	KS3 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
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





# ACADEMIC

**Welcome Back** – It has been a pleasure to welcome back all students and staff following the Easter break. We hope the holiday provided an opportunity for rest and renewal, and that everyone has returned refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

**GCSE and A-Level Exams - Final Countdown** – Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are working with great focus and determination as they prepare for their final assessments. The first GCSE examinations begin on 1st May, with full cohort exams starting in the week commencing 12th May. We kindly ask you to keep our students in your thoughts and prayers as they approach this important milestone in their academic journey. We are proud of the effort our students are putting into their studies and encourage them to maintain this positive momentum in the final weeks.

**Important Notice - Year 11 Maths Revision** – As May Day falls on Monday, students will miss one of their scheduled Maths revision sessions. However, to ensure continuity and preparation, staff have kindly offered to run this session on Tuesday 6th May instead. Full revision support will be provided and usual transport arrangements will apply.

**Key Stage 3 End-of-Year Assessments** – End-of-year assessments for Key Stage 3 students will take place during the weeks before and after the May half-term. Class teachers will inform students of the specific lessons in which their assessments will occur and will provide support and guidance on revision. Time in lessons will also be used to help students prepare. Results will contribute to decisions regarding student groupings for the next academic year. Your support at home is invaluable in helping students achieve their potential.

*“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**

**Supporting Revision at Home - Practical Tips** – To support your child with effective revision, consider the following strategies:

- ✓ *Help them create a clear, structured revision timetable*
- ✓ *Assist in making flashcards or condensing notes*
- ✓ *Encourage the use of mind maps to link ideas*
- ✓ *Invite them to explain concepts to you – teaching others is a powerful way to learn*
- ✓ *Revisit in-school materials such as Knowledge Organisers*
- ✓ *Collaborate to create new Knowledge Organisers if helpful*
- ✓ *Make use of free online resources like BBC Bitesize, SENECA, MyMaths, and Kahoot*
- ✓ *Provide a calm, distraction-free environment – mobile phones away during revision time*



# PASTORAL

**Mobile Phones - A Positive Start-** Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with the new mobile phone policy. It has been a real success – students are consistently placing their phones in the classroom holders and keeping them turned off throughout the day, except during break and lunch. This has already made a positive impact on focus and behaviour in lessons.

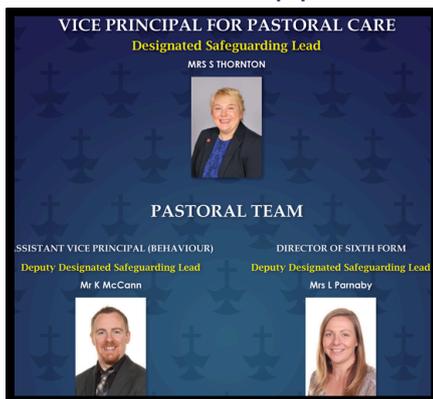
**Uniform Matters** -Thank you for supporting our uniform policy, which promotes pride, equality, and a strong sense of community. Please ensure your child follows these key expectations:

- 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' hoodie)
- Jewellery: One small ear stud per lobe and a watch only – no piercings or tattoos

**You can visit the Renew Shop for affordable pre-loved uniform – helping families and the environment.**

**Attendance = Achievement** - There is a strong link between attendance and academic success. National data shows that students with 95% attendance or higher achieve significantly better results than those who miss school more frequently. Every day counts – thank you for supporting your child in being present and punctual.

**Safeguarding at Carmel-** Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Carmel College. We are committed to creating a safe, nurturing environment where every child feels secure and supported. Our dedicated Safeguarding Team is always here to help.



## 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](#)

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

Meanwhile, **Year 9 students** can look forward to a Celebration Lunch with Awards to mark the end of their Key Stage 3 journey.

Don't forget to check out our Fun House Friday activities for this half term – there's something for everyone!

