



Carmel College

WEEK COMMENCING 9TH JUNE 2025-20TH JUNE 2025
WE ARE IN THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME

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

KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Date(s)	Event
6th-7th June 2025	D of E Bronze Final
9 June 2025	Year 12 Exams
11 June 2025	Y10 Photography Trip
16 June 2025	Year 6 Information Evening (6:00 PM start)
19 June 2025	Sports Day
19 June 2025	Year 11 Celebration Liturgy
20 June 2025	Year 9 Formal Lunch & Celebration
23 June 2025	Year 7 Summer Disco
23 June 2025	Softball Trip
23rd-24th June 2025	Sixth Form Induction Days
25 June 2025	Flamingo Land Trip (Y12 Induction)
25 June 2025	Middlesbrough College Trip (Year 10)
23rd-27th June 2025	Year 12 Work Experience
26th-27th June 2025	Year 6 Transition / Induction Days
30 June 2025	Year 12 Geography Trip
1 July 2025	Maths Inspiration Trip
1 July 2025	Year 12 Parents' Evening
1 July 2025	Darlington College Trip (Year 10)
1st-4th July 2025	Culture Day Year 8 Trips
2nd-4th July 2025	Summer Festival
7 July 2025	Year 11 Prom
7 July 2025	GCSE Year 10 Geography Trip
8 July 2025	Year 12 Geography Trip
8 July 2025	GCSE Year 10 Geography Trip
8 July 2025	Town Sports
9 July 2025	Science & Geography Trip
16 July 2025	End of Year Mass
17 July 2025	Break for Summer
14th August 2025	A Level Results Day
21st August 2025	GCSE Results Day

The Solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 8th June) John 20:22 - "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" Pentecost marks the birth of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Empowered by Christ's breath of peace, we are sent on mission – to bring hope, truth, and love to the world. The Spirit gives us the courage to be witnesses in our words and actions.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Sunday 15th June) John 16:13 - "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the mystery of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – a relationship of perfect love and unity. We are invited into this divine life, guided by the Spirit, walking with Christ, and loved by the Father.

Ordinary Time We return to Ordinary Time – marked by the liturgical colour green, the colour of life. This season reminds us to meet Jesus in the everyday and in the ordinary moments of our lives. We walk with Jesus, in the light of the Holy Spirit each day.

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

VICE PRINCIPAL FOR PASTORAL CARE
Designated Safeguarding Lead
MRS S THORNTON

PASTORAL TEAM

ASSISTANT VICE PRINCIPAL (BEHAVIOUR) DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr K McCann Mrs L Parnaby





ACADEMIC

 **Key Stage 3 Assessments** – Our KS3 students have been working incredibly hard on their end-of-year assessments; well done to everyone for their dedication and effort.

 **Year 11 & Year 13 – Exam Season in Progress** – Our Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to work very hard in their exams. The final formal exam is on Friday 20th June. It is imperative that students attend college every day during the exam season, as crucial content is still covered in lessons and attendance supports success. Periods 3 and 5 are dedicated to subjects with exams that afternoon or the following morning, while all other lessons focus on exam preparation. If exams for a subject are complete, students must bring independent revision work to use in lessons.

 **Year 10 Parents' Evening** – Thank you to everyone who joined us to discuss your child's progress. Your involvement and feedback are invaluable in supporting our students' success. Please take a few moments to complete this short survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/rKrF8NvkpD>

 **Year 12 Parents' Evening** – Tuesday 1st July | 4:00–6:00 pm – No appointments needed. We look forward to welcoming families to discuss Year 12 progress and next steps.

 **Year 6 Induction Days** – Communication has been sent. A reminder that Year 6 pupils should arrive at Carmel for an 8:50 am start, with transition days ending at 3:00 pm; parents and carers should make their own travel arrangements.

The Year 6 Parent & Child Transition Evening is on Monday 16th June: from 4:00–6:00 pm, there will be an opportunity to purchase uniform in the Upper Dining Room, followed by our Information Evening (meeting form tutors, etc.) at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing our new students and their parents and carers.

 **Year 12 Induction Days** – Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th June – Incoming Year 12 students will spend these days familiarising themselves with Sixth Form routines, meeting tutors, and exploring their chosen subjects through taster sessions and fun icebreaker activities. They'll have the chance to meet new people, build friendships, and learn about enrichment opportunities in a relaxed, supportive environment.

PSHE

Over this final half-term, students will be finishing their Relationships for Life module, which explores the importance of healthy relationships, respect, and emotional wellbeing. To consolidate their learning, they will complete an end-of-unit assessment via Microsoft Forms. Following this, students will focus on developing their oracy and public speaking skills by preparing a short reflective piece on the theme of Gratitude – highlighting what they are thankful for this year – which they will have the opportunity to share aloud with their peers.

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 Update – The final sign language session will take place on Tuesday 10th June. 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** – Students are working so hard as the end is in sight. Exams are underway – students are showing great focus and effort. We look forward to celebrating together at the Leavers' Ball on Friday 27th June at Redworth Hall.



PASTORAL

👕 Uniform Matters- As we approach the final weeks of term, please consider donating any good-quality outgrown uniform or PE kit—especially football boots and school shoes—to our ReNew Uniform Shop, where items are sold for no more than £5 to support our PTA and reduce waste. The shop will be open at main reception on Tuesdays 1st, 8th, and 15th July from 4:30–6:00 pm (no appointment needed). If you need a specific size for September and don't see it in stock, please contact our Pastoral Learning Managers who can liaise with student shop managers on your behalf. For full details on uniform requirements and official suppliers, [please visit our uniform policy page.](#)

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

🚲 Bike Safety Please remind your child to follow traffic rules, wear a helmet, and signal clearly when cycling to college. Ensure their bike is locked securely in the designated parking area with a high-quality lock, as the college cannot accept responsibility for lost or stolen bicycles. Thank you for reinforcing these safety measures at home!

🔒 Safeguarding at Carmel- Safeguarding is central to life at Carmel College. 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.](#)

LIFE TO THE FULL

🍌 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 Culture Trail - Newcastle - Our Year 8 students are really excited for their culture visits during the week commencing Monday 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—first come, first served.

👏 PTA AGM - Thank you to everyone who joined our PTA AGM before half term. It was fantastic to brainstorm ways to raise funds so that all students at Carmel can truly live Life to the Full.

🎯 Carmel Lottery - Play the Carmel Lottery every week and support our amazing PTA:
• Guaranteed prizes every Friday! Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot each week! Numerous other weekly prizes! For just £1 a week, you'll be in with a chance to win big while funding minibuses, equipment, and enrichment activities—all to help our students live Life to the Full. Over 100 tickets have already been sold—join us here:

<https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/carmel-college1738928680>

🎉 Year 9 Formal Celebration Lunch - Our wonderful Year 9 students will be treated to a formal celebration lunch on Friday 20th June in the JC Hall. They'll enjoy appetisers, a three-course meal, a live band, speeches, and presentations. Students are invited to wear smart-casual clothing. This is a free event so everyone can celebrate the end of KS3 and the start of KS4—more information will follow.

🎊 Year 7 Summer Disco - Monday, 23rd June 2025, from 4:00–6:00 pm in the Carmel College Main Hall! Tickets are just £3 to purchase via MCAS or at Student Reception. After school, head to the changing rooms to swap into your best party outfit. Drinks, sweets, hot dogs, and more will be on sale (cash or contactless)—all proceeds go to our Sixth Formers' Project Peru.
• Remember to have the MCAS form completed to confirm attendance and travel arrangements.