



# Living life to the full at Carmel College



## This fortnight at Carmel College

Updates for W/C 27<sup>th</sup> January – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - - We are in the season of Ordinary Time

### Important Messages for Parents

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

### Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Date	Event
28th January 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
7th February 2025	Esports Event
7th February 2025	Bongo's Bingo
20th February 2025	Students Break for Half Term
20th February 2025	Culture Festival
21st February 2025	Staff Inset Day
21st – 23rd February 2025	WW1 Battlefields Trip
23rd February – 1st March 2025	Ski Trip
24th – 27th February 2025	Barcelona Trip
3rd March 2025	Return to College After Half Term
15th March 2025	Flame
24th – 26th March 2025	Year 7 & Year 8 Retreat
7th – 13th April 2025	Washington Trip
15th – 18th April 2025	Paris Trip
20th – 25th April 2025	Lourdes Trip

**Week Commencing: Monday 27th January 2025**  
Week 3 Ord Time Year C

**THEME FOR THE WEEK: - Mission Luke 4:18**

**LINKED CST PRINCIPLE: LINKED BHCEC VIRTUE: LINKED BRITISH VALUE: Compassion**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..." (Luke 4:18)*

Jesus announces His mission to bring good news to the poor and set the oppressed free, highlighting the importance of compassion. This week, let us embrace the theme of mission by showing compassion to those in need, prioritising the vulnerable, and respecting individual faith. Through our actions, we can participate in the ongoing mission of bringing hope and healing to our communities.

**FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:**  
St Thomas Aquinas (28th)  
St John Bosco-Patron of Catholic youth and students (30th)  
The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Sunday 2nd): Candlemas

**Week Commencing: Monday 3rd February 2025**  
Week 4 Ord Time Year C

**THEME FOR THE WEEK: - Light - Luke 2:30**

**LINKED CST PRINCIPLE: LINKED BHCEC VIRTUE: LINKED BRITISH VALUE: Self Belief**

*"For my eyes have seen your salvation." (Luke 2:30)*

Simeon and Anna, two elderly figures in the temple, recognise Jesus as the Lord and proclaim His significance. This passage highlights the respect we should have for the wisdom of the elderly and the protection of the young. Simeon's declaration, "For my eyes have seen your salvation," ignites the light and hope that Jesus brings into the world.

This week, let us embrace the theme of light by practising hope, respecting the wisdom of the elderly, and protecting the young. By valuing the dignity of every person and fostering mutual respect within our community, we reflect the light of Christ in our lives and in the lives of others. Through these actions, we honour the sanctity of life and the profound wisdom that guides us.

**FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:**  
St Basil (24th)  
St Agatha (5th)  
St Paul Mkt and his companions (29th)  
St Josephine Bakhita (18th)

[View our Enrichment Timetable here!](#)

**ORDINARY TIME SPRING ONE**

**UPCOMING**

- FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY: MRS. RYAN'S AMAZING BINGO
- FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY: THE HOPE RELAY!
- FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY: BULLSEYE! LET'S PLAY DARTS!
- FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY: TABLE TENNIS TAKEOVER!
- FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY: LOVE, LAUGHTER & LOURDES! A VALENTINE'S GIG
- FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY: INSET DAY - ENJOY RUN HOUSE FRIDAY AT HOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS!

# Academic

Please click [here](#) for the latest copy of our online safety newsletter

Year 10 reports will be sent out soon, providing valuable insights into students' progress. A reminder that **Year 11 Parents' Evening** takes place tomorrow, **Tuesday, 28th January**, from **4:00 – 6:30pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet with subject teachers, discuss your child's recent **GCSE mock results**, and identify key areas for further development. Meetings operate on a **drop-in basis**, with teachers based throughout the College – no appointment necessary. **Please arrive after 3:50pm** to avoid congestion with school transport. Refreshments will be available, served by our **Sixth Formers fundraising for their Peru 2026 trip**, and our **SENCo** will also be available to discuss any **SEND support** queries.

Looking ahead, **Year 10 assessments** begin **week commencing 3rd February**, followed by **Key Stage 3 assessments from 10th February**. You can support your child's preparation by exploring our **curriculum pages**:  
[Carmel Curriculum Intent](#)  
[Revision Support](#)

**Year 12 assessments** will also take place **week commencing 10<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> February** during lessons.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students achieve their best! 📚

# Pastoral and 'Life to the Full.'

Our Enrichment timetable is now in place. View it [here](#).

🙏 Thank You for Your Support! 🙏 - A huge thank you to everyone for your support last Friday as we worked to get all students home safely during the storm! Our students' behaviour and attitude were fantastic, and we are so proud of the way they responded.

🙏 Jubilee of Hope Launch 🙏 - On Friday morning, we came together as a school community to launch the Jubilee of Hope. Every form class joined in prayer via video link, and students watched a special video message from the Bishop reflecting on this important theme.

🙏 Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday, 27th January 🙏 - We marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a live-streamed Celebration of the Word. Students also took part in a special PSHE lesson on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and video reflections were shown at the start of every lesson throughout the day.

🙏 Attendance Matters! 🙏 - We are blown away by our amazing students who continue to show up ready to learn, even during cold & flu season! Your support as parents/carers is making a real difference to their education. ✅ Please continue to book non-essential medical appointments outside of college hours. ✅ If you need pastoral support, our team is here to help.

🌟 Lourdes 2025 – Sponsor Appeal! 🌟 This Easter, 40 Sixth Formers will join an HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting children with additional needs. We're seeking local business sponsors for hoodies & t-shirts—your logo will be displayed! 📧 Contact [gardnera@bhcet.org.uk](mailto:gardnera@bhcet.org.uk) to support.

🙏 Support for Parents New to the UK 🙏 Join us on Thursday, 30th January, 10 AM at The Dolphin Centre, Darlington for a FREE event with education & healthcare experts to help your child succeed. Refreshments & translators available. Don't miss out!

