



Carmel College

WEEK COMMENCING 15TH SEPTEMBER - 26TH SEPTEMBER 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

<p>3. Week Commencing Monday 15th September 2025 Week 24 Ord Time Year C: John 3:13-17</p> <p>THEME FOR THE WEEK: Sacrifice John 3:13-17</p> <p>John 3:13-17: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The Cross is the ultimate symbol of Christ's self-giving love that transforms suffering into salvation. As Catholic schools, we are called to help our students recognise that true greatness often comes through humility, service, and sacrifice for others.</p> <p>LINKED CST PRINCIPLE LINKED BICSET VIRTUE LINKED BRITISH VALUE</p> <p>FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK: Our Lady of Sorrows 15th Sts Cornelius and Cyprian 16th</p>	<p>4. Week Commencing Monday 22nd September 2025 Week 25 Ord Time Year C: Luke 16:10-13</p> <p>THEME FOR THE WEEK: Integrity: Luke 16:10: "No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and money."</p> <p>Jesus teaches that being faithful in small things prepares us to be trustworthy in greater responsibilities. In Catholic schools, we nurture integrity so that students grow into people of honesty and purpose, choosing what is right even when it's hard.</p> <p>LINKED CST PRINCIPLE LINKED BICSET VIRTUE LINKED BRITISH VALUE</p> <p>FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK: St Francis Pre 23rd Our Lady of Mount Carmel 24th Sts Cosmas and Damian 26th St Vincent de Paul 27th</p>
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Sunday's Gospel (John 3:13-17) reminds us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross calls us to see the Cross not as a sign of defeat, but as the ultimate symbol of Christ's self-giving love. Through the Cross, suffering is transformed into salvation. In our Catholic schools, we strive to help our students recognise that true greatness is found in humility, service, and sacrifice for others—echoing Christ's call to take up our own crosses and follow Him.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 16:10-13), Jesus reminds us: "No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and money." He teaches that faithfulness in the small things prepares us for greater responsibilities. As Catholic schools, we seek to nurture integrity and honesty in our young people, helping them to become people of purpose who choose what is right even when it is difficult. In this way, they learn to place God at the centre of their lives, serving Him above all else.

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

KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
15th Sept	Year 6 Open Evening, 5:30pm
18th Sept	Year 10 Photography Trip
22nd Sept	World RE Week begins
24th Sept	Year 11 Nissan Visit (Technology)
26th Sept	Photography Trip + Macmillan Coffee Morning (10-12pm)
29th Sept – 1st Oct	Year 9/10 Retreat
2nd & 3rd Oct	Year 7 Ethos Days
3rd Oct	Year 7 Welcome Mass, 1:30pm, St Augustine's RC Church
7th Oct	Year 11 Parent's Evening
14th & 15th Oct	Sacrament of Confirmation, 7pm, St Augustine's
23rd Oct	Students break up for half term
24th Oct	Inset Day (Students at home)
3rd Nov	Students return to college
6th Nov	Christmas Fayre
25th Nov	Academic Mentoring Day – students attend with parents/carers; work set via Teams & ClassCharts

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A GREAT START TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Carmel after the summer break! The classrooms are full of learning and the corridors are full of joy. Students have returned looking smart in their uniforms and ready to embrace all that Carmel life has to offer. A reminder that you can view our Uniform Policy here:

☞ [Uniform Policy](#)

Organisation & Homework

This year, all students have been issued with a plastic pouch containing their timetable to help them stay organised.

All homework is now set via the ClassCharts app. It is vital that students log in regularly to check homework tasks. Parents and carers should also check the app frequently – not only to track homework but also to celebrate when their child is awarded ClassCharts points.

More info here: ☞ [ClassCharts Guide](#)



Attendance & Punctuality

It is vital that students are in college on time each day, with form time beginning at 8:50am. The impact of attendance is clear:

- Students with $\geq 95\%$ attendance achieve significantly higher grades in English and Maths.
- Those with $< 80\%$ attendance are far less likely to achieve top grades.

✓ Being present really does make the difference!

THE CARMEL INCLUSION CHARTER

This year we have launched our Inclusion Charter, rooted in our mission to live Life to the Full. It sets out four simple commitments for every student:

- Presence – be on time, prepared, and ready to learn.
- Engagement – listen actively, contribute, and take part in extra opportunities.
- Achievement – complete work to a high standard, stay organised, and aim high.
- Belonging – show kindness, respect, and make everyone feel valued.

These four values will guide us in classrooms, corridors, and beyond, helping every student to thrive.



SIXTH FORM UPDATES

We were delighted to welcome back Year 13 and to greet so many new students joining Year 12 from across the town, as well as those continuing with us from Year 11. To support organisation, all homework is set on ClassCharts, allowing parents and carers to track deadlines easily. Our Sixth Form leaders have already been busy planning events, including a spooky social 🎃, sports competitions, study groups, and mental health awareness projects – setting the tone for an exciting and purposeful year ahead.



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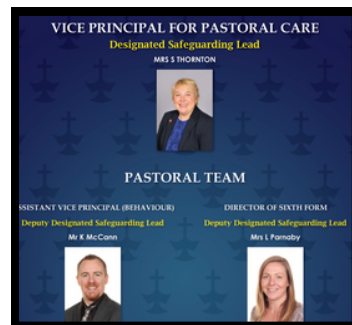
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PSHE, SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING

- Key Stage 3 - Students are beginning their Confidence to Life modules, equipping them with the skills and tools they need as they enter adolescence.
- Key Stage 4 - Students are beginning the 10:10 Life to the Full resources, covering the statutory RSE curriculum.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at Carmel. All staff have recently completed 2 safeguarding training sessions. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Thornton, Designated Safeguarding Lead.

We also work closely with the Mental Health Support Team from the local authority, who provide wellbeing support for students in Years 7-13. They will attend parents' evenings and Academic Mentoring Day to offer advice and guidance to families.



LIFE TO THE FULL AT CARMEL!

Student Leadership Launch for 2025/26

Developing leaders for the future is central to life at Carmel. Over the next two weeks, students will apply for positions such as House Captains, Liturgy Leaders, Sports Leaders, and Student Council Members. We encourage every student to use their gifts and talents to serve the community. ✨

Enrichment Opportunities

It is our expectation that all students take part in at least one enrichment activity each week. With such a wide range of opportunities on offer, there really is something for everyone! 🖱️ Enrichment at Carmel

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 14th & 15th October at 7pm at St Augustine's Parish Church, celebrated by Bishop Stephen.

The final preparation sessions for candidates are on 17th September, 1st October, and 8th October. Please keep these young people in your prayers. 🙏

