



Living life to the full at Carmel College

Compassion
Confidence
Honesty
Justice

This fortnight at Carmel College

Updates for W/C 25th November – 6th December 2024 – **We are in the season of Ordinary Time** Advent begins on Sunday 1st December

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
26th November 2024	Academic Mentoring Day
27th November 2024	Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
4th December 2024	Year 13 Mock Exams Begin
9th December 2024	Care Home Visit – Intergenerational Reading Scheme
16th December 2024	Christmas Liturgy
16th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
17th December 2024	Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Stephen
18th December 2024	Christmas Lunch Day
20th December 2024	Carmel Christmas House Party! Carmel closes for Christmas break
20th December 2024	Carmel College breaks for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	Carmel College re-opens for staff and students



Week Commencing: Monday 25th November 2024
 Week 34 Ord Time Year 8
THEME FOR THE WEEK:
 - Kingship - John 18:33-37
 John 18:33: "You, a king? I am born for this, I have come into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth, and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE: Responsibility
 LINKED BICET VIRTUE: Integrity
 LINKED BRITISH VALUE: Respect

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORALS THIS WEEK: St Catherine of Alexandria (20th), St Andrew (30th)

Week Commencing: Monday 2nd December 2024
 Week One of Advent Year C
THEME FOR THE WEEK:
 - Hope - Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Jeremiah 33:14: "The Lord our righteous savior"

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE: Resilience
 LINKED BICET VIRTUE: Patience
 LINKED BRITISH VALUE: Respect

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Academic

Expression of Interest – Sacrament of Confirmation for Years 8 and 9

We invite parents and carers of Year 8 and 9 students to complete an Expression of Interest Form for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a significant step in their faith journey and an opportunity to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

As part of preparation, candidates will attend the National Youth Congress 'Flame' at OVO Arena Wembley on Saturday, 15th March 2025, an inspiring day of worship and community with thousands of young people.

In September, 84 students from Carmel College received Confirmation from Bishop Stephen, following catechesis and preparation led by Mr. Gardner. In partnership with the Hogarth Catholic Parishes, the next course will begin in the new year.

How to Apply: [Complete the form here.](#)

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

Academic Mentoring Day – Tuesday, 26th November 2024

We are excited to welcome parents and carers into Carmel College for our Academic Mentoring Day.

This is a valuable opportunity to:

- Meet with your child's Academic Mentor.
- Discuss their academic progress, pastoral development, and social growth this term.

Additional Drop-In Sessions Throughout the Day:

- Online Safety Presentation: "A Parent's Guide to Staying Safe Online."
- Mental Health Support Team: Learn about resources and tips for supporting your child's wellbeing.
- SEND and Attendance Support Services: Meet our team and explore the support available.

Make the most of this day to support your child's journey at Carmel College. We look forward to seeing you!

Mock Examinations Update

Year 11 and Year 13 students are preparing for their mock examinations.

- Year 11 mocks** begin on **Wednesday, 27th November** and run until **10th December 2024**. All students have received their timetables, which are also available on **Microsoft Teams**.
- Year 13 A-Level mocks** will take place from **4th to 13th December 2024**.
- Additional **vocational external exams** are scheduled for **January 2025**.

We wish all our students the very best in their preparation!

Sixth Form Open Evening Success

What an amazing night at our **Sixth Form Open Evening**! Mrs. Kane, our Principal, opened the evening by sharing what makes Carmel an outstanding place to live, learn, and grow. Mrs. Parnaby, our Director of Sixth Form, provided key information about life at Carmel. Attendees were inspired by powerful speeches from our Head Student Eleanor and Alumni Leo, before exploring the College, touring our state-of-the-art facilities, and speaking with staff and current students. Missed the event? You can still apply online by following the link: [Apply Here](#).

Life to the Full

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

Celebrating St. Cecilia's Feast and Preparing for Advent

Last Friday, we celebrated the feast of **St. Cecilia**, the patron saint of music, with a wonderful **Open Mic** event. A huge well done to all the talented students who performed.

This week, we're looking forward to our **Advent Wreath-Making Inter-House Competition**, where students will showcase their creativity and teamwork as we prepare for this special season of hope and light.

On **Wednesday, 4th December**, we will mark the beginning of **Advent** with a **Mass** celebrated by **Fr. Tony Curren**, followed by our **Christmas Tree Blessing** in the atrium. Let us come together as a community to reflect and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christ's coming.

Help Us Spread Christmas Cheer – Pilgrims of Hope

This Advent, inspired by 'Pilgrims of Hope', we are supporting families in need by creating **Christmas Hampers** with SVP and DAR.

What to Bring: Each form group has been assigned specific items:

- Year 7:** Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate, **Year 8:** Chocolate & Sweets, **Year 9:** Biscuits & Crackers, **Year 10:** Jams/Spreads & Pasta, **Year 11:** Christmas Puddings & Mince Pies, **Year 12:** Tins/Cans, **Year 13:** Little Gifts (Toiletries/Crafts)

Drop-Off Points: Form Tutors Academic Mentoring Day on **Tuesday, 26th November**, in the Atrium

Let's bring hope and joy this Christmas!

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