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Carre's Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Last term was an exceptionally busy one with many students working towards external exams, whilst at the same time availing themselves of the myriad of opportunities on offer at Carre's; visiting New York, Berlin and Boppard, amongst others. We had an excellent themed concert, 'A Night at the West End', and various sporting activities and successes, with the U12 football team crowned County Champions. These are merely some of the highlights, and all of this, and much more, is detailed in the Carrenian, which can be accessed on the website, or via the link below:

<http://www.carres.lincs.sch.uk/site/section/news/default.asp?s=284>

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some of the things that are going on this term, as well update you on some of our developments.

Examinations

The examination season is once again upon us and I would ask that parents encourage their sons and daughters to adhere to a revision programme in the weeks before the examinations; I would hope that they have used their Easter break profitably. For students taking external examinations, additional support sessions are available for the majority of subjects, and students should take advantage of these.

- Internal examinations for Year 7 and 8 will run from Monday 29 June until Friday 3 July.
- Internal examinations for Year 9 will run from 14-20 April.
- Internal examinations for Year 10 begin during the week commencing Monday 27 April and will run into the week commencing Monday 4 May – a timetable will be issued to the students.
- The main session for external GCSE and GCE examinations begins on Monday 11 May.
- GCE (AS and A Level) results will be available on Thursday 13 August from 9am for A Level and 10am for AS Level.
- GCSE results are published on Thursday 20 August from 9am.

Study Leave

Year 11 students

For Year 11 students, the last day of teaching will be on Wednesday 20 May. This means that from Thursday 21 May onwards Year 11 students will only have to be in school during their actual exams. It is the responsibility of each individual student to ensure that they are in school for their exams at the correct time, as there can be no appeal merely for mixing up the days or times of the exams.

Year 12 Students

Formal study leave will begin on Monday 11 May and last until Friday 5 June. During this period students will not be required to register with their form tutors although form tutors and subject teachers will still be available for support and guidance and students are welcome to use the study facilities during the school day. Students on BTEC courses should be in school for lessons as required by their subject teachers.

The first formal day of A2 study will be Monday 8 June, although it should be noted that those students who study Mathematics at Carre's have one last exam on Tuesday 9 June.

The six weeks from 8 June until the end of term represent a significant unit of work for Year 12 students and serve to remove some of the pressure for Year 13. They will also incorporate the start of UCAS and destination planning for all students. Excellent attendance, therefore, is vital.

Year 13 Students

Year 13 students will be expected to continue registering each day with their form tutor and attend all lessons and supervision sessions up to, and including, Thursday 21 May (Friday 22 May being School Sports Day). After half term, teachers will be available in lessons until the last exam in that subject has been completed.

Multi Academy Trust

The governors must now consider the responses and feedback before deciding what is in the best interests of the school, its students, its staff and its community. During the course of the consultation, in addition to the support that we received for the proposal from the large majority of respondents, we received support from Lincolnshire County Council, North Kesteven District Council, Stephen Phillips (MP), as well as from primary and secondary schools. One of these schools expressed a strong interest to join the Carre's MAT, and we have had discussions with them. This school is Kesteven and Sleaford High School Selective Academy (KSHSSA). KSHSSA has conducted a consultation with its stakeholders, in much the same way that we did, with a view to joining the Carre's MAT. Following the consultation, and after due diligence has been completed, the Governing Bodies of both schools will make their final decision. Should the decision be to proceed, Carre's Grammar School Trust, in conjunction with KSHSSA, will submit a business case to the Department for Education seeking permission to create the new MAT. The Governing Bodies of both schools believe that this new arrangement between the two schools will give benefits to the young people of Sleaford and its surrounding areas by being able to offer the best features from both schools in terms of high quality teaching and learning, leadership, administration and governance. The two schools working towards a common ethos, values and culture will continue to operate on the two current sites, sharing facilities, leadership and staff where beneficial. We shall consider the longer-term options with regards to the sixth form and co-education on one site, and when it is appropriate, will have a further consultation on the latter issue.

Building Update

Unfortunately we have not been granted the funding for the development to the Technology Block, which we had hoped would allow us to develop the site by creating more space for the students. We are on a site for 400 students, and have done much over the years to develop the facilities, but with 817 students we are always looking for opportunities to improve the site, and this is one such project. We have the planning permission to develop the site, so shall put in another application for grant funding when the window for applications opens.

Staff News

Mr Jamie Holland has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher and has already taken on the duties associated with this post.

Mrs Karen Lilliman, LRC Manager, has left to take up a new job with Lincolnshire Co-Operative. Mr Ian Hughes has assumed the role of LRC Manager for the remainder of the school year.

Dr Moyes will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term having been with us since January 1998, when he was appointed Head of English. He has been a well-respected member of the Senior Leadership Team since 2001 and with his unique style of teaching and passion for teaching and learning he has influenced hundreds of students over the years, as well as innumerable staff.

Student Absences

If your son/daughter is absent from school, either due to a planned or unplanned absence, please notify the school office rather than their Form Tutor; this will ensure that the registers are updated correctly for the absence. The school office can be contacted by telephone on 01529 302181, via email (enquiries@carres.lincs.sch.uk), or by letter.

Office Opening Hours

For your information, the school office is open between 8.15am and 4.45pm Monday to Friday, and between 9am and 1pm on weekdays during all school holidays (except Christmas).

Pupil Premium

From April 2014, schools in England can receive the Pupil Premium for children adopted from care or who left under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim the Pupil Premium for children who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991.

For the school to claim the Pupil Premium for adopted children, and those who are the subject of a SGO or RO, parents will need to inform us and provide supporting evidence, for example, the Adoption (Court) Order. Please be assured that any information related to this will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

The next Curriculum Enrichment Day is on Friday 26 June. All students will be off their normal timetabled lessons for this day and will be involved in projects in their year groups. Further details will follow.

Cars on the School Site

May I remind parents that we do not allow the dropping off of students on the school site after 8am for safety reasons. Similarly, in the afternoons, parents should not bring cars onto the site before 4pm.

Cashless Catering

Please may I remind parents once again to ensure that there are always sufficient funds on their child's ParentPay account, as overdrafts have not been permitted for some time.

Lost Property

Following the Lost Property Amnesty on the last day of term, we still have a large number of unclaimed, unnamed coats. These will be available at school until Friday 17 April, after which date they will be donated to charity.

Key Forthcoming Events

14 April	START OF TERM 5
14-20 April	Year 9 Internal Examinations
15 April	Year 8 Parents' Evening
16 April	Year 10 Zest Theatre
16 April	Football Tour 2017 Launch Meeting
21 April	Governors' Finance and Resources Meeting
23-24 April	GCSE Art Exam
27 April–5 May	Year 10 Internal Examinations
29 April	Drama Trip to Stratford
6 May	A Level Art Examination
7-8 May	Local Elections in Sports Hall
18 May	Governors' Teaching and Learning Meeting and Full Governing Body Meeting
21 May	Year 11 Study Leave starts
22 May	School Sports Day
22 May	END OF TERM 5
1 June	START OF TERM 6
5-8 June	Battlefields Trip
8 June	Governors' Personnel and Welfare Meeting
12 June	Year 7 reports distributed
15 June	Year 8 Geography Controlled Assessment (Skegness)
16 June	Year 5 Taster Day (1)
16 June	Information Evening – Open Championship Trip
18 June	Year 5 Taster Day (2)
22 June	Year 12 UCAS Evening
26 June	Curriculum Day
26 June	Humanities Trip to Lincoln
26-27 June	Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
29 June	New Intake Evening
2 July	Year 10 Trip to Holocaust Centre
3 July	New Intake Day
3 July	Year 9 reports distributed
2-4 July	Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
6 July	Sleaford Schools Golf
7 July	Open Day and Evening (Year 7 Entry in September 2015)
9 July	PSHE Day – 9BW (all day), 7BW (morning only)
10-12 July	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
13 July	Primary School Music Day
13 July	Governors' Teaching and Learning Meeting and Full Governing Body Meeting
15 July	PSHE Day – 9CL (all day), 7CL (morning only)
17-18 July	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
17-19 July	MFL Trip to Cote D'Opale
20 July	Year 12 Safetalk Training
21 July	SJSF Careers Fair
22 July	Junior Prizegiving
22 July	END OF TERM 6

Finally, I would like to thank parents for their support and encouragement in the education of our students and wish you and your family all the best for the coming months.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N M Law', with a small dot at the end.

N M Law
Headteacher