

# The Carrensiian

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# Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to write a foreword to the Carrenian as it encapsulates all that is special about the school. The term has been packed with endeavor across a wide range of activities: sport, music, drama, the Arts Award, trips and visits. We have a student body that contributes enthusiastically to achieve their aspirations, supported by wonderful staff who do such excellent things. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and committed staff for the many hours they give, often voluntarily, to develop the talents and other skills of our students and to enable them to participate in such a wide range of enjoyable events, trips and clubs outside the classroom, many of which you will read about here.

There have been so many successes this term, but some of the highlights this term include the excellent production of Scrooge, a fantastic student-directed school concert, a fantastic effort by the whole school community raising money for charity through the Sponsored Walk, an outstanding performance by students across all three of Sleaford's secondary schools in the Shakespeare Festival in Lincoln, and the progress of the First XV in the Daily Mail Vase.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continued support and wish you all a very restful and relaxing festive holiday.

N M Law  
Headteacher

# PS VITA™

Releasing 22nd February next year, Sony's new PS Vita is the successor to the worldwide selling PSP (PlayStation Portable). It has been rumoured since 2009 and was officially announced 6th June earlier this year at E3 2011. It will cost £229 to buy without 3G when first released, or £279 with 3G as well as Wi-Fi.

The Vita's new games include: Mortal Kombat: Vita, the popular LittleBigPlanet, FIFA. Many more are yet to be named and released early next year. Though PS Vita is almost certainly going to be a hit for Sony, it has to compete with Nintendo's 3DS, Apples iPod Touch 4 and maybe even the Wii 2 and the Xbox 720 that information has been leaked about. The new console has a touchscreen, multiple cameras and up to 16GB up its sleeve, depending on what PS Vita Card you buy with it.

PS Vita Cards are the memory storage for the console. Sony has kept the original PlayStation icons (Circle, Triangle, Square and X) so the Vita is very similar to its predecessor. The device is compatible with PS3's and PlayStation Network, so you can play online, on the go. Apps such as Facebook and Twitter are arriving on the PlayStation Store, free of charge. Sony says the Vita is "Every gamers dream come true." But that comes down to the customer. Some people are sticking with their PSP because the Vitas are almost the same console and it is a waste of money. Sony used the codename NGP (Next Generation Portable) before the full details of the Vita were released June. It has a touchpad on the back of the case to drag and drop items in game, giving a 3D sense to gaming.

**James Vivian, Year 8**





# iPhone 4S

Recently the CEO of Apple, Steve Jobs, unfortunately passed away, but managed to leave behind his most complex and creative invention yet, the iPhone 4s. The iPhone 4s is the ultimate high-tech mobile, including a dual-core A5 chip; an 8MP camera and optics, and a 1080p HD recording system.

The feature that has the nation in shock and awe is the SIRI. This outstanding feature has the capability to answer your questions. Such as 'Will it be sunny today?' and the SIRI will answer your question by bringing up today's weather forecast. Resembling a handy personal assistant.

Also the iPad 2 was released 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2010, orders flooded in; people instantly forgetting the once 'most advanced' piece of technology ever, the first iPad.

But because of Job's passing, has Apple bit off more than they can chew? Jobs was the main man, but Apple have a reputation to keep and trying to maintain this will be hard.

Steve Jobs has guided Apple to success, but with so many amazing pieces of technology already, Apple might not have any more irresistibly creative ideas to share with the world. Will they be able to achieve any more of their many designs without their backbone, or will Apple just become a tree with too many branches?

Cameron Coomer, Year 8

Last month the iPhone 4S was released, and it has been selling excellently (just as every other iPhone has) and it seems to be the next best thing ever. But what is the difference between an iPhone 4S and the (now less cool and inferior) iPhone 4? Slightly faster processing slightly faster internet, slightly better general connection, a slightly better camera and Siri, the new voice control feature that allows you navigate through your phone using only your voice (wait, didn't other iPhones before this have a slightly inferior version of this anyway?!)

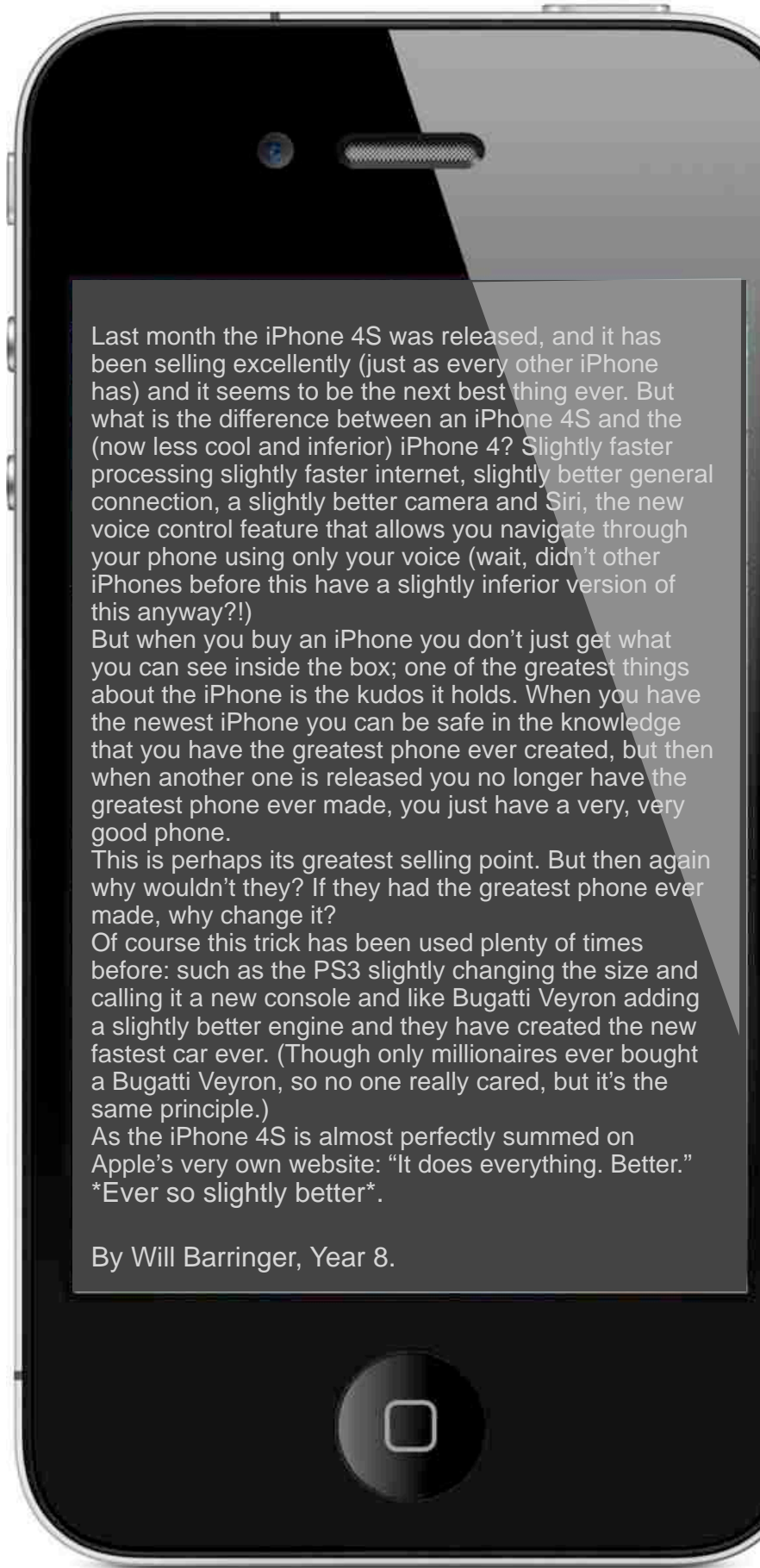
But when you buy an iPhone you don't just get what you can see inside the box; one of the greatest things about the iPhone is the kudos it holds. When you have the newest iPhone you can be safe in the knowledge that you have the greatest phone ever created, but then when another one is released you no longer have the greatest phone ever made, you just have a very, very good phone.

This is perhaps its greatest selling point. But then again why wouldn't they? If they had the greatest phone ever made, why change it?

Of course this trick has been used plenty of times before: such as the PS3 slightly changing the size and calling it a new console and like Bugatti Veyron adding a slightly better engine and they have created the new fastest car ever. (Though only millionaires ever bought a Bugatti Veyron, so no one really cared, but it's the same principle.)

As the iPhone 4S is almost perfectly summed on Apple's very own website: "It does everything. Better." \*Ever so slightly better\*.

By Will Barringer, Year 8.





# Shakespeare Schools Festival

*To see or not to see, that is the question? The answer: to see! This year's Shakespeare Schools' Festival (SSF) took place around the country on the 9th -11th of November, and showcased young talent from a variety of schools across the UK.*

*SSF is an event which takes place every year, and allows over 4000 schools to put on a performance of different Shakespeare plays at venues across the UK. The SSF's goal is to get 'young people to appreciate the genius of Shakespeare' and there's no better way of doing that than letting them experience it first hand. This particular event consisted of four abridged versions of Shakespeare: Hamlet, The Merchant of Venice, Much Ado About Nothing and finally 'A Midsummer Night's Glee'.*

*The latter three were all given modern twists, as the aptly named 'Midsummer Night's Glee' points out. The performances captivated the audience, and the actors themselves were immensely pleased with their performances. Two of the youngest actors, aged ten and eleven, could only sum up their experience in one word: 'Fabytabytastic' and 'Brilliant!'.*

*The Shakespeare Schools' Festival is a very popular event and there will often be a show at a venue near you.*

*Jonathan Year 9*





# Christmas Concert



*Students from Carré's Grammar School recently took part in the school's annual Christmas Concert which, this year, will be dedicated to the memory of John Cattermole who was a popular teacher at the school and sadly passed away this summer.*

*This year's concert was arguably the best yet, with a fantastic line up including some of the county's top musicians and talent from the school. The concert followed on from the excellent Easter Concert, and was an evening filled with excellent entertainment showcasing the boys' musical talent. Sam Taylor made a guest appearance on vocals and guitar in honor of John Cattermole.*

*To ensure a festive evening, an assortment of well received refreshments were served to guests, with all funds raised going towards the late Mr Cattermole's chosen charities; We are MacMillian Cancer Supports and Sands Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity.*

*All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all those who take part and a fantastic sum of money was raised. Everyone who took part in the concert should be proud of themselves.*

# Scrooge: A Christmas Carol

From Monday and Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December, students from Carre's Grammar School put on a fabulous performance of a seasonal favorite, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

The pantomime was a joint effort between the schools English and Drama departments working together in collaborations with the Music and Arts Departments and featured students from all years.

The plot of "A Christmas Carol" follows the life of Scrooge, a miserable old man who hates Christmas with a passion.

However, after a visit from Jacob Marley, his old associate, Scrooge learns that that a similar fate shall befall him if he does not change his ways. Scrooge is then visited by three ghosts in succession: The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

Nathaniel Holden put on a superb performance as a highly believe Scrooge accompanied by an excellent Bob Crotchet played by Jake Young.

The entire cast put on a very good and highly entertaining show making for a successful evening for both the school and the boys. They should be proud of what they have achieved.



## Cast List

Scrooge - Nathaniel Holden  
Bob Cratchitt - Jake Young  
Fred - Jo-Fraser Darling  
Jan Butty - Charlie swan  
Tiny Tim - Sam Groves  
Susan Cratchit - Perri  
Katy Cratchit - Ailisha  
Mrs Cratchit - Josh Pickard  
Shirley - Josh Young  
Marjory - Zach Vraid  
Jacob Marley - Nick Hill  
Dickens - Nick Holmes  
Dough- Bradley butler  
Nut - William Bush  
Head Spook - Nick Holmes  
Elizabeth - Mark Craig  
Ghost of Christmas Past - Barnaby  
Ghost of Christmas Present - Andrew Craghill  
Ghost of Christmas Future - Charlie Price  
Fezziwig - Alfie Leadbitter  
Young Srooge - Callum Bland  
Belle - Sam Keeply  
Paper Boy - Jamie Chatterton  
Butcher - Robert Hodgkiss  
Charles Dickens - Nick Holmes

The pantomime was yet another superb performance and shows the continued dedication and hard work of the school's drama department. We look forward to seeing more great performances.

# Gary Speed: A lost legend

Former Wales international and Leeds, Everton, Newcastle, Bolton and Sheffield midfielder Gary Speed has died at the age of 42. The Welsh manager was found hanged at 07:08 at his home in Huntingdon, Cheshire. Police have stated there are no suspicious circumstances.

The Football Association of Wales confirmed the tragic news on behalf of the Speed family.

The midfielder won a total of 85 international caps for his country before becoming the Welsh manager only last year.

His former Wales team mate and Manchester United midfielder Ryan Giggs said: "Words cannot describe how sad I feel at hearing this news."

Tributes have been pouring in for the Welsh manager from players and clubs both from this country and around the world.

Gary Speed began his football career at Leeds in 1988 making his debut at the age of 19. Then in 1990, every Welsh football man's dream; Gary's first international cap came. Little did he know he would win another 84 caps and eventually become the Welsh team manager.

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In 1992 he won the league title with his club Leeds and remained loyal to them until he joined Everton in 1996. He spent two successful years at Goodison Park before joining Newcastle for a fee of 5.5 million in 1998.

At the age of 35 Speed moved to Bolton for a fee of £750,000. It was while playing for Bolton that Speed received the accolade of becoming the first player to reach 500 caps in the Premier League.

His final move was to Sheffield United in 2008, after a very successful career on the pitch he moved into management taking on his first managerial position at The Blades.

For the older generation of football fans Gary Speed will be remembered as the man of the Welsh midfield, a true legend. But for the younger generation, he will be remembered as a passionate and inspirational manager, who achieved great things for Welsh football.



The football world's sympathy and thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

Fraser Harding, Year 8





## Dr Who on Big Screen

David Yates, director of the last 4 potter films has confirmed he will be working on a feature film with the BBC based on the most famous Sci-Fi series... Doctor Who. After months of rumors circulating worldwide it has been confirmed according to an interview with David Yates in Variety Magazine.

Doctor Who made it's debut in 1963 and now David has decided to take a fresh approach to the film. That means Matt Smith, the 11th doctor, is unlikely to make the role as the doctor. We are still awaiting the unlikely rumours of Johny Depp as the Doctor, and the more likely rumour of the Daleks returning to be announced. But, it seems the rumour of Russell T.Davies returning for the script, is sadly untrue.

We still have 2-3 years according to David, as there is no script, no actors and no production crew currently in place. But there is still a whole lot of Doctor Who ready to be dished up. This includes the Christmas Special of 2011, getting shown next month. The title, The Doctor, The Widow and The Wardrobe, gives away that it is lightly being touched by C.S.Lewis Narnia classic. It will star Bill Baily and Outnumbered's Claire Skinner. So, although it may be a lot to take in, it definitely is something special. Even the tardis can't show as good a future as this!

Nick Holmes, Year 8

# Pension Strikes

It's Wednesday 30th November 2011. 2 million public sector workers are on strike, including NHS workers and teachers, which resulted in many schools closing.

Lincoln is just one of the many cities holding a march. Hundreds of sector workers took up roads, chanting and hooting, getting the attention of many shoppers. The reason for today? Members of the public sector are taking industrial action to protect their pensions.

The march followed through Lincoln City Centre and uphill towards Lincoln Drill Hall, where a rally took place.

Dave Godson, UNISON East Midlands Head of Health, was one of the people who took up their speeches on stage. In a close and personal interview he quoted: "I think it's outrageous. They negotiated a new scheme 33 years ago which was supposed to be sustainable for the future and they've reneged on that agreement."

Although the RCN are not striking today David Harding Price, on the council for the RCN, East Midlands Rep supported his colleagues. He said: "Well I'm very angry and because a lot of my members are. One of the things the Royal College is doing is meeting in January, if the government doesn't change anything between now and Christmas we will then instruct a strike ballot."

Natalie Platts, UNISON Lincolnshire Health Branch, wants to tell David Cameron: "Leave our pensions alone. We paid into it; it's our money and we're entitled to it!"

Terry Foxon, a UNISON worker commented: "I'm very cross. Very, very annoyed. Because to be honest with you, it's my future I've got to think about, but it's not just my future, it's my family's future as well".

Later in the evening, Look North had Martin Hill, Lincolnshire County Council Leader, quote that today didn't help at all. Although he seems to think that the day has not helped anyone, others think otherwise. Thousands of public sector workers are proud to think they have made a point to David Cameron. All they can do now is wait in hope of their original pension funds.

Nicholas Holmes, Year 8



# POLITICS

Leaders from around the world have met for the G20 summit in Cannes. The main emphasis on this summit is the on-going debt crisis in the Eurozone, with Greece at the eye of the storm. This country (which isn't in the G20) was going to have a referendum on a bailout package- until just a few hours ago.

The package will include 50% of their debt been written off and €110 billion and cut their deficit by 112% (€396 billion) by 2014. If Greece did default (which is now unlikely) French and German banks (the power houses of the Eurozone and the economies propping it up) would concede massive losses and may crash causing the euro to fail and probably cause a new global recession.

Greece is not the only economy in turmoil. Portugal and Ireland have also had bailouts. Spain, Belgium and, most worryingly, Italy (the Eurozone's 3rd biggest economy) have an overall debt of € 3,314,846,679,606 (approx. Three thousand trillion.) They are often called the p.i.g.s (Portugal, Italy/Ireland, Greece, and Spain.)

The massive inflation of the debt is partly due to the downgrading of many of the countries by credit agencies. The US was the most publicly covered, but Italy, Greece and Portugal have all been downgraded. This is crucial because Germany (who have not been downgraded) only pays 0.3% interest, whereas Italy has to pay 3%.

The Eurozone was created in 1999 to create a stable economy. Britain decided not to join as the government believed our economy was stable and economists were sceptical saying it wouldn't last 10 years. This was proved wrong as it was fairly stable- until recently.

**Stuart, Year 8, Carre's Grammar, Sleaford**





## **Snow-body knows**

**For the last two years the country has come to a standstill because off heavy snowfall. Sport, post, business and education all ground to a halt. But will it happen again. So far it's been one of the warmest winters on record but many are predicting a harsh winter. Snow has already fallen in South Killingholme in north Lincolnshire and on high ground in Northumbria, Yorkshire and on the Pennines.**

**The last two winters have been the coldest for forty years and temperatures are predicted to be just as cold this year. If we draw our minds back to last year when we were in over 5cm of snow this time last year. Last winter, like the one before, saw the majority of its snow in December rather than the traditionally colder months of January and February. If there is a third cold winter it would show a substantial change in Britain's climate.**

**A lorry driver died in a crash in south Killingholme on Monday after skidding off an icy road. He was the first to die this year due to icy concision's but he will surely not be the last. Last year eight people died due to heavy snowfall. This follows after heavy snow in America in late October caused massive disruption as it was the earliest snow fall for years. It is estimated that every day off disruption costs £1,000,000,000 (one billion pounds) to the local economy.**

**Stuart Ellis, Year 8**



# Sponsored Walk

The schools annual sponsored walk was another great success. Although the route was slightly changed this year, pupils still behaved exceptionally well and were praised for the manner in which they conducted the walk, especially due to the lack of litter produced.

For the more athletic, pupils were given the chance to run the sponsored walk although, as expected, many stuck with just walking the 12 miles.

All the money raised this year was split between John Cattermole's chosen charities; We are MacMillian Cancer Supports and Sands Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity as well as Help for Heroes. The remainder was kept by the school.

There were incentives for raising money, for every five pounds collected, students were entered into a prize draw. Three lucky boys, one in keystone 3, 4 and Sixth-form went home with a netbook.

As per usual a massive amount was raised, £9854.37 in total, increasing by nearly one thousand when including Gift Aided contributions to make £10808.20. This incredible amount is expected to be even higher once the remaining sponsorship forms are handed in.

Sponsored Walk Total

£9854.37

Gift Aided Total

£10808.20



# Carre's Yr 11 vs. William Robertson

Carre's Grammar School were hosting William Robertson School in a friendly on the Governor's field. From the kick off Will Rob showed certain physicality that Carre's seriously lacked, the early pressure seemed to cause Carre's a few problems after defending a few early chances. The hosting side soon settled into the game and started to play some attractive passing football. The defence remained very solid even with the constant attacking advances of the Will Rob strikers. Despite the clear overlap in midfield Carre's were struggling to keep possession and to get ball to the strikers. Mitch Hunt the first team choice keeper kept Carre's in it with a great save from a well placed headed cross from the very vocal will rob striker, despite Mitch Hunt's efforts he couldn't stop the Will Rob striker from finishing a well executed through ball. Carre's started to attack and pass the ball more freely, but Will Rob were still a threat from the counter attack. Carre's eventually levelled the gap with a decent header from Duncan hitting the net. Both teams welcomed the end of the first half whistle.

Carre's made a substitution in goal with Liam Orley replacing Mitch Hunt and Shaun Peacock came on at right wing for Chris Whittaker. Will Rob were physical from the off and had most of the possession and territory, Dave Titmus came on to help out in defence. Carre's showed some heroic defending but even that wasn't enough to stop the Will Rob midfielder from scoring in the bottom corner off the other foot. Despite Will Rob's possession Carre's managed a second equalised through a brave committed header from Duncan. Ten minutes left and the game looked like it was going to end a far from bore draw, Will Rob scored a winning goal with a flicked on header which left goalkeeper Liam Orley looking on; as it bounced over him. Carre's had a last chance at scoring a final equaliser with a free kick opportunity from Liam Griffith, but the effort sailed high and wide into the cemetery. Will Rob ended the game just as they started it; deep in Carre's territory with possession. After the match tempers started to flare after Carre's midfielder Rob Wiles ran into the shoulder of the opposition striker and went to ground, he not so valiantly stayed down crying. The incident was quickly stopped by the referee before it escalated; the 'men of the match' awards were given to Liam Griffith and Duncan Macpherson for their committed and solid performances.

By David Titmus



# FOOTBALL

Carre's had a good start to the season on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September with a 4-0 win over St. Georges. Goals came from Alex Marr who scored two brilliant goals on his debut especially the second which despite rumours, was 100% intentional. Antonio Nurse bagged his first goal of the season in the first half which hopefully is the first of many. Last goal came from Dylan Grocock Also on his debut which was slotted in the bottom corner and was a pure clean strike and was definitely not scuffed. Adam mercer came close many a time but struggled to find the back of the net. Overall the team played well, communicated and this has been a promising start to the season. Everyone gave 100% and never gave up on anything which was the key to success. Carre's also dominated possession which ended up with a few S. t Georges players sustaining cramp.

A lot of players came close to scoring especially Sam Wright at right back who took it round 3 to 4 players got to the edge of the box and realised he had never been that far up the pitch before, which unfortunately ended in the ball being trapped between his feet for a considerably long amount of time but was a brilliant run nevertheless. Carre's showed potential and have the first round of the national cup early next month which is the main priority of players and the manager. Both A and B teams are playing at Lincoln college on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>, leading up to the all important national cup game against Kings of Grantham.



# RUGBY

This year has seen both the U15 and U18 rugby teams involved in the Daily Mail Cup. The U15 team lost its first round game against a very strong Spalding Grammar side and therefore moved into the group stages of the Vase competition. The group stages saw them secure comfortable wins against Lincoln Minster and Ashfield School and a narrow defeat against the Dukeries School, meaning they claimed second place in the group and moved into the knockout rounds. They progressed into the last 64 of the competition after defeating Priory LSST 20-7. Carre's final game saw them travelling to East Yorkshire, where they were well beaten by a very good Driffield School, 54-5.

The U18 team started their Daily Mail Cup campaign with a comfortable win over Priory LSST before losing out in the last minute to local rivals King's 22-19. Like the U15s, this meant they progressed to the Vase, where they were drawn away to the College of West Anglia. However, their opposition forfeited the match and they travelled to face Bourne Grammar, with the result being a 20-20 draw. Under the rules of the competition, in a drawn match, the away team progress to the next round. This meant that Carre's played Spalding Grammar School in the last 64 of the competition. The Spalding game proved to be no obstacle for Carre's, who marched to a 50-0 win in 25 minutes!





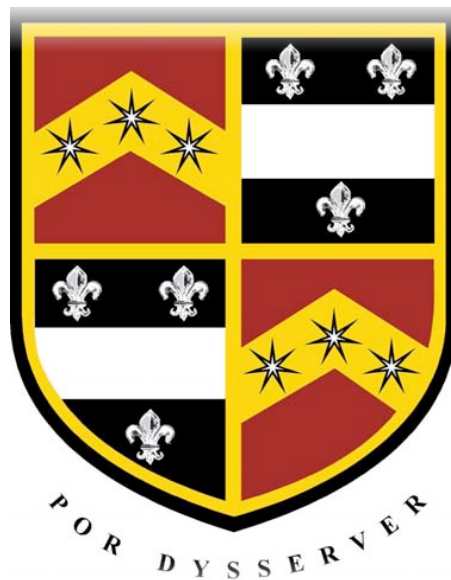
# CGS Results

County Cup					
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 <sup>st</sup> XI					
Y11	V St George's Drew 1-1 (Lost on pens)				
Y10	V King's (a) Lost 8-0				
Y9	V Haven High Lost 5-3				
Y8	Bye	V Bourne Academy (h) Won 5-0	V St George's Academy(h) Won 1-0		
Y7	Bye	V Deepings Won 5-2			



National Cup								
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V King's (h) Won 2-0	V St George's (a) Won 7-0	V Skegness Grammar (h) Won 3-0	V Nene Academy Drew 2-2 (Lost on Pens)				
Y11	Bye	V Boston Grammar (a) Won 3-2	V North Kesteven (a) Lost 4-1					
Y10	V Trinity College (h) Lost 1-3							
Y9	V William Farr (a) Lost 5-3							
Y8	V Bourne Grammar (h) Won 9-1	v Priory Ruskin Academy(h) Won 2-1	V Giles School, Boston (h) Won 7-0	V Spalding Grammar (h) Won 4-2	V George Spencer School, Notts. (h)			
Y7	V Haven High (a) Won 5-3	V St George's (a) Won 2-1	V Priory Ruskin Won 2-0	V William Farr Won 4-1	v Friesland (h) Lost 1-4			

League Games				
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V St George's (h) Won 4-0	V Lincoln College (a) Lost 3-2	V King's (h) Lost	V St George's Won 3-1
	V Lincoln College (h) Won 1-0			
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V Lincoln College (a) Won 3-2	V Gainsborough (h)	V Horncastle Lost 1-0	V Skegness 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Lost 5-2
Y10	V Priory Ruskin Ac (h) Drew 12-2	V Will Rob (a) Lost 5-2		
Y9	V Priory Ruskin Ac (h) Drew 1-1	V Will Rob (a) Won 8-1	V King's (a) Lost 1-0	
Y8	V Priory Ruskin Ac (a) Won 3-2	B team V St George's (a) Lost 6-0		
Y7				



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