



# NEWSLETTER

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## Useful Dates:

**Wednesday 1 March**  
Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 2 March**  
World Book Day

**Friday 3 March – Tuesday 7 March**  
Trip to Boppard, Germany

**Tuesday 7 March**  
Year 11 GCSE Evening  
Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Sheffield

**Saturday 25 March - Sunday 26 March**  
Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

**Thursday 30 March**  
Year 12 Geography Trip to the Holderness coast

**Monday 3 April**  
FC Porto Sports Tour

**Tuesday 18 April**  
Year 8 Parents' Evening

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## Foreword by Mr Law, Headteacher

You may have seen the recent coverage in the media about the concept plans for a proposed new grammar school in Sleaford. This is a project that the Robert Carre Trust has been working on for a number of years as part of the Sleaford Regeneration Group, in conjunction with North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council.

Whilst this is an exciting opportunity for the schools and the town, it does require substantial investment of around £30 million before it becomes a reality.

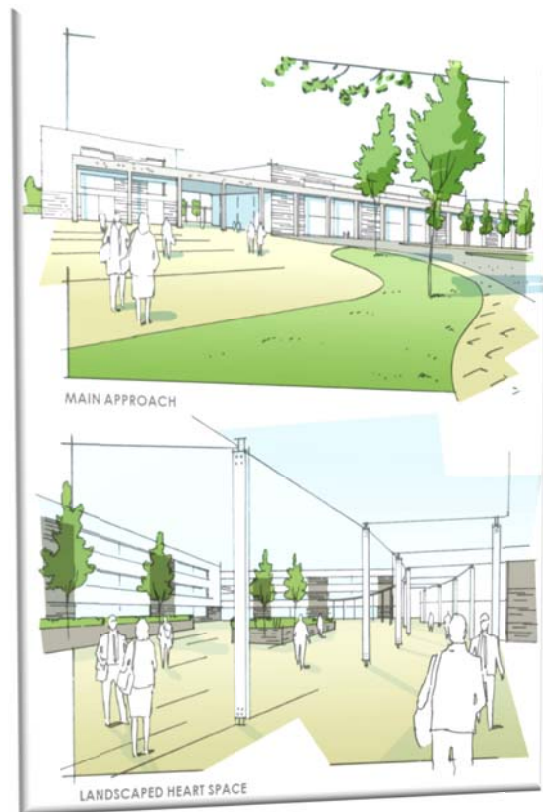
Without this, the idea of a new state-of-the-art parkland campus to serve 1600 students is a very long way off and given the current funding crisis in the public sector, it is clear that we have much to do and several avenues to pursue. The Trust has created some indicative drawings showing what the school could look like on the site we have in mind, which is just outside the Sleaford by-pass. Some of these drawings are shown on page 2.

The Robert Carre Trust was invited to a pre-planning meeting by NKDC at which it presented the vision and drawings. The next stage is to go to a wider consultation which will include parents, students and all other relevant stakeholders within the town and the wider community, exploring the benefits of co-locating the current schools onto a new site. This will happen in the coming months and it will be good to hear your views as we look to shape the future education for young people of Sleaford and its environs.





01. Preservation of the openness and rural feel of the green belt with a campus-style setting to the new buildings
02. Concentration of the new built-up areas of buildings and hard sports surfaces in the eastern part of the site, closer to the Sustainable Urban Expansion zone
03. A prominent and formal school frontage reflecting the history of the school, with contemporary and inspiring facilities behind
04. Clear segregation of pedestrians and vehicles on the site
05. Vehicular access from the proposed new SUE roundabout
06. Generous bus drop-off area separated from main staff car park, from which direct pedestrian access is available to the main entrance
07. New pedestrian/cycle bridge providing safe access over A15, with new cycleway links to/from Sleaford town centre
08. Generous and high-quality formal landscaped approach to main entrance, linking arrivals over new bridge with pupils arriving by bus
09. Establishment of wetland wildlife area and swimming lake along southern boundary of site as sustainable drainage solution, working with natural falls across site
10. Location of indoor & outdoor sports facilities close to the parking areas to maximise community use opportunities
11. Extensive outdoor sports pitches and trim trail, maximising use of generous site area
12. Space for future expansion of dedicated Sixth Form facility
13. Retention of existing tree-lined boundary to the A15 for screening and ecological habitat



# Sleaford Joint Sixth Form Students Celebrate Oxbridge Success



Eight students from The Robert Carre Trust have been given conditional offers for the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford.

The students, who had to go through an intensive selection process which included written assessments and interviews, are (from left to right of the photograph):

Emma Francis – Chemistry, Keeble College, Oxford

Candy Yuan – Music, Lincoln College, Oxford

Ben Cole – Computer Science, Clare College, Cambridge

Sam Drury – Engineering, Christ's College, Cambridge

Chris Davies – Geography, Girton College, Cambridge

Katie Mountford – English, Christ's College, Cambridge

Libby Beckett – Modern Languages, St Catharine's College, Cambridge

Kiera Johnson – Chinese, Pembroke College, Oxford

# A Level Psychology – Conference and Visiting Speaker

On 17 November, Psychology students from Carre's Grammar School, St George's Academy and Kesteven and Sleaford High School attended a Psychology 4 Students Conference in Sheffield and listened to five fascinating lectures over the day. We were also given the opportunity to look around a variety of exhibition stands and to speak with various experts.

The first speaker was Dr Vincent Deary with a lecture on the topic 'Lost and Found'. This talk showed how the knowledge of human nature that has been derived from psychology can help us deal with difficult times where you feel lost or stuck to some degree and how to steer a safer course through life. Speakers Caroline Vermes and Professor Rebecca Lawthom spoke next; Caroline's talk was on eating disorders and she discussed how a practitioner psychologist can meaningfully help people overcome such disorders. She spoke from personal experience in her career working with individuals, families and groups. Rebecca Lawthom's talk on 'A Community Psychology for All' illustrated how psychology leads to social change, looking at issues such as forced labour.



During the lunch break, we had the opportunity to meet these three speakers and ask questions on an individual basis. A deeply interesting speech came next where Dr Julian Boon spoke about Offender Profiling, covering the development of personality and clearly revealing the reasons behind positive and negative behaviour in people, including topics such as the Atavistic Form by Lombroso.

The final speaker of the day was Mark Coulson, the expert psychologist on Channel 4's *Married at First Sight* where he scientifically matched couples who met for the first time on their wedding day and had to decide five weeks later whether they wanted to stay married. This presentation looked at what love is, why we need to have love and how to find it. Finally all students and teachers were given the opportunity to meet the afternoon speakers to conclude a gripping day of seeing psychology affecting lives in so many different ways.

On Tuesday 13 December 2016, Dr Guy Sutton, a renowned neuroscientist from the University of Nottingham, visited Carre's Grammar School to give a presentation to Year 12 and 13 Psychology students. His day consisted of three sessions where he helped students grasp the topic of biopsychology in a more practical way.

The first session was "The Working Brain" where he looked at the structure of the brain and the functions of all the different elements. He also explained how synapses and nerve cells work and why they are important for everyday tasks. In more detail, Dr Guy Sutton spoke about how drugs can slow down and speed up synaptic transmission, including the negative impact of cannabis. Another of our chosen topics for our A-Levels is forensic psychology, and so when he spoke about the idea of criminal brains, it was very helpful for us as it strengthened the link between biopsychology and forensic psychology.

The second session was called "The Dissected Brain". Here, he dissected a sheep's brain so we could see, first-hand, the different sections of the brain. He invited us to pass around the different parts of the brain, including the two separate hemispheres of the brain and the cerebellum. He also explained



the difference in sizes of brains between many different animals, including humans and gave us a deeper insight into the importance of our brains.

The final part of the morning was “The Shattered Mind”, where the main subject was schizophrenia. Dr Guy Sutton described the causes of the disease and how it could be successfully treated, without injuring the patient or further damaging their brain. He had extremely up to date knowledge of research that had only just been done both on treatments of schizophrenia and the structure of the brain.

Overall, it was a very informative day and was enjoyed by all who attended it. We would like to say a huge thank you to Dr Guy Sutton for coming and increasing our knowledge of biopsychology!

**Chloe Cooke and Rebecca Daniels, Year 13 A-Level Psychology students**



Nutty Tilez is a realtime, multiplayer game for learning French, Spanish and German vocabulary.

Students can play against their classmates as well as other students around the world as they compete over the game's **50 levels**.

Each level introduces at least 20 new words which students must type quickly and accurately in the target language. They cannot move on until they have mastered every word in each level, making Nutty Tilez great for **expanding vocabulary** and improving students' abilities to **recall** words quickly!

What's more, each level is harder than the last, giving students a tangible sense of their **increasing vocabulary**.

### The Nutty Champions

The 2016 Nutty Tilez Competition has come to an end and what a competition it was! The students' results were incredible, a record number took part and there was some seriously speedy typing going on.

Alex Whitaker, Year 10, has been placed in 5th place nationally in Spanish and will be receiving a £15 Amazon voucher.

# MUSIC AT CARRE'S



Members of Carre's choir recording with local band 'Band from County Hell' for their single which will be released in the near future. The song is a supporters' song for Liverpool Football Club. The sound engineer visited school with all his equipment to make the recording on 13 January. Please listen out for it and download it in the future. All of the students earned themselves a free hair cut!

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Carre's Grammar School held their annual 'Debut Night' concert on Monday 16 February. The evening was an opportunity for many students to give their first public performances. It also gave students to see the immense talent of many of the older students, particularly Travis Cullum, bands formed from Year 11 students (including Unknown Element) and a band formed from students in Years 8 and 9 (The Rising Apes).

All of the Year 7 students performed on trumpet, trombone, clarinet, violin, viola or cello. This follows a project provided by Lincolnshire Music Service working with the school where all Year 7 students have received a period of free instrumental tuition. This initial period of tuition can now be followed by reduced-cost instrumental lessons in groups and also by an after-school club provided by the Music Service.

Many of the Year 7 students also performed solos on their own instruments and gave vocal performances too.

The concert was fantastic (or, as one of our Year 7 students put it 'awesome!') and it was amazing to see the talent on show.



Carre's Grammar School Presents:



*A concert featuring performances from the School Band, Choir, String Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble and Soloists.*

**Wednesday 22 March**

**7 pm Main School Hall**

**Adults £3**

**Children £1**

**Tickets are available in advance from the School Office**



# Holocaust Memorial Day

On Friday 27 January, we took the time as a school to honour Holocaust Memorial Day. This date marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. This year, to recognise this poignant and hugely significant event, students tuned into Mala Tribich's live broadcast from the Holocaust Educational Trust – describing her personal experience of surviving the holocaust. Those listening here at Carre's included not only those studying history, but students from across the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form. We joined hundreds of other schools and thousands of other students watching the broadcast from across the UK, and further afield. It was just short of an hour, and Mala recounted how quickly an ordinary childhood was transformed into one full of atrocities unimaginable to any one of us hearing her story.



Despite having dedicated much of her life to being involved with educating others about the holocaust, Mala still, over 70 years on, admits her experiences “defy description”. This really brought home how harrowing the truth was – that even a survivor felt so far removed from the horrors that occurred that words failed her. She detailed how she considered the Mala held at Bergen-Belsen to be a different person to who she is now; one stripped of her individuality by a regime that displayed the worst traits of humanity.

Listening to such a personal account of an evil which, even to those who experienced it, escapes comprehension owing to its sheer scale and impact provided a sense of reality which cannot be achieved through textbooks alone. The intensity of the emotions that were evoked from hearing Mala's story provided us with the best example of why Holocaust Memorial Day is quite so important. Although the horrors detailed may have seemed alien to us on Friday, it is the continued communication about them which is needed to ensure that they are never repeated in generations to follow. This sentiment consolidates what we as a community do best at Carre's – reflect on the past to inform our future, and respect one another regardless of our differences.

Report by Saffron Jackson, Year 12

Friday 27 January was 'Holocaust Memorial Day' and marked the day when Auschwitz, the largest Nazi death camp, was liberated. The Year 10s from Carre's and Kesteven and Sleaford High School had the opportunity to watch a livestream from Mala Tribich, a survivor of the Holocaust.

This was a great experience for Year 10s, as they got a real insight into what life was really like during World War Two for Jews. There is only so much you can learn from textbooks, and watching the livestream gave a lot more detail into how Jews ended up in concentration camps. As well as this, the livestream helped in understanding how people within the concentration camps felt, which gave an emotional aspect towards the Holocaust, which you can't get from textbooks.

For many students understanding that the Holocaust actually took place was hard to imagine because of how horrific it was. However, after watching this livestream it made us appreciate the horror and the atrocity of the Holocaust. A few students found it interesting, how throughout her whole experience Mala was not even a practicing or believing Jew. Also they found it shocking listening to her description of how her family died and the brutal ways in which the Nazi's killed the Jews. Still to this day, Mala does not believe in god and yet still endured the Holocaust as did many others like her.

Being involved in something like this is really good, as it gave the students a first-hand experience and allowed us to be involved in something that was happening across the country at the same time. It was good to see that students in Year 10 across the country could view this livestream, as it is important for the upcoming generation to understand that the Holocaust was horrific and that it should never happen again.

Report by Zubair Gibson, Year 10



The National Holocaust Centre and Museum  
Acre Edge Road, Laxton, Nottinghamshire, NG22 0PA

Holocaust Educational Trust  
BCM Box 7892  
London  
WC1N 3XX

# LITERACY

As you may be aware, Carre's is currently placing a heavy emphasis upon the literacy development of all of our students. As such, we will be launching a **Hogwarts Literacy Challenge** for all students from years 7- 11.

Students will be invited to demonstrate how they have achieved literacy targets and taken part in literacy based activities throughout the school year. They will each be given a Hogwarts literacy passport upon which they can earn points for each activity they do or achievement that they make.

The passport will be cross-curricular so students will have to demonstrate that they have achieved literacy targets in all of their subjects, as well as completing other tasks throughout the year – examples of tasks would be:

- ***Helping in the LRC***
- ***Competing book or film reviews***
- ***Performing consistently in literacy tasks in each subject***
- ***Writing articles for newsletter/Carrensian***
- ***Writing match reports***
- ***Taking part in literacy based extra-curricular activities – Latin, Performing Shakespeare, Kids Lit Quiz, debating, etc...***
- ***Writing film reviews as part of film club....***



Students will then be invited to write a letter supporting their passport, explaining in their own words why they feel that they have developed their literacy capabilities during this school year, and also highlighting their enthusiasm for literacy.

We have decided that the boys who successfully demonstrate their literacy development will then be invited to visit Hogwarts – otherwise known as the Harry Potter Studio Tour, Leavesden. Harry Potter has been credited as the book series that encouraged boys to start reading again. Both the books and the films are incredibly popular, and it will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Philosopher's Stone' being written next July. The venue is one that we are sure most of the boys would enjoy visiting and the trip would be a fantastic way of bringing the book series to life.

If your child would like to take part in the challenge, they can collect a challenge passport from the LRC. He will then have until 30 April to complete the passport and to write the supporting letter. We hope that you will support your child in his endeavours, and if successful, you will receive more information regarding the trip in due course. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



**HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY**  
**HEADMASTER: ALBUS DUMBLEDORE**  
**(ORDER OF MERLIN FIRST CLASS, CHIEF WARLOCK, SUPREME MUGWUMP,**  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFED OF WIZARDS.)**

*Dear Carre's Student*

*You are cordially invited to participate in our magical literacy Hogwarts challenge.*

*In order to demonstrate your literacy capabilities, you must endeavour to complete as many literacy activities as humanly possible, thus gaining magical rewards of Galleons, Sickles and Knuts -wizarding currency. Students who accrue the most currency will be considered for a magical day out at Hogwarts - otherwise known as the Harry Potter Studio Tour.*

*Literacy passports can be collected from Mrs Morrissey in the LRC.*

*All Muggles are most welcome to partake in the challenge.*

*The very best of luck to all of you,*

*Yours Sincerely*

*Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore*  
*Headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry*



The Year 7 students have been given a sponsor form in aid of **Readathon** - a charity that provides books and story tellers for seriously ill children in hospitals. It's a fantastic cause. We are encouraging the Year 7s to take part and raise as much money as possible. If every student managed to raise just £2 that would be over £200, which would be a great help.

Any sponsor money should be returned by **Thursday 2 March** which also happens to be World Book Day. Any student who returns their sponsor form will receive 3 house points, and the student who reads the most books will get a prize!!!



On Thursday 2 March, it will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **World Book Day**. As such, it would be brilliant if willing students could dress up as a book character for the day. Any years can dress up - the more the merrier! Anyone who does dress up will be able to make a voluntary donation of £1 to Readathon.

I shall also be running competitions and a cake sale in the LRC at lunchtime on the day. (Any cake donations will be gratefully received!)

Years 7- 9 will all be getting a £1 voucher that they can use to purchase a special World Book Day book, or towards a different book of their choice.

Please encourage as many students as you can to take part as it would be brilliant to get lots of students dressing up and supporting this worthwhile charity.

Thank you for your support.

**Mrs Morrissey, LRC Manager**



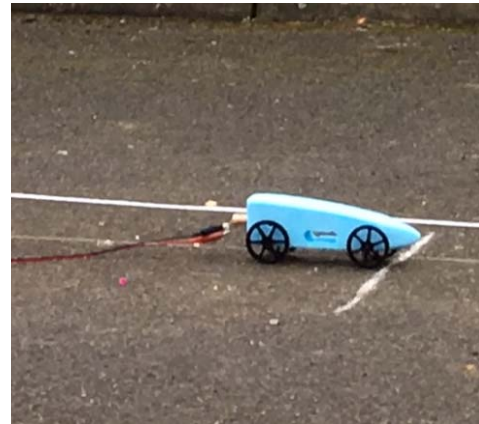
# Year 8 Rocket Car Project

*Inspired by the jet and rocket powered Bloodhound car a group of Year 8 students recently had the opportunity to design, build and race their very own rocket powered cars.*

Having been invited to take part in a national challenge we were supplied with foam blocks and some other key components. During a series of after school workshop sessions we designed our cars.



On Wednesday 8 February we were then able to attend the race track at Redhill Academy and see our cars propelled by rockets exceeding over 40mph.



It has been a great introduction to the Bloodhound project [www.bloodhoundssc.com](http://www.bloodhoundssc.com) and to automotive design and engineering. We enjoyed working a range of workshop tools and with different materials.

Our thanks go to Mrs Livsey for collecting the kits and organising the race afternoon, also to Mr Thomas for his help and guidance in the workshop, and of course to our parents for collecting us after our workshop sessions and the race meeting.

*Joe Bennett, William Bentley Jack Booth, Vincent Fairchild, Brad Mountney-Town, Jack Slessor, Samuel Thompson Dowse, Kieran Fowler and Ethan Robinson.*

# Careers

## Dog Handler visit to Carre's



On Friday 10 February we were privileged to receive a visit from a serving member of the Armed Forces who has been training his dog in detection of substances. Students were able to ask questions about his career and future plans working with the dog outside the MOD. The students were surprised to hear how young the dog is and how quickly he has been trained even though he is only working part-time. The students gleaned much useful information regarding careers

within the MOD and were advised that applications to be a dog handler would go via the Veterinary Core who would be responsible for dog training before being assigned to a handler and then attached to a regiment. It was interesting to hear how dogs can be trained for almost anything and that they enter rooms/spaces and don't see objects as such but sense the vast amount of smells. The dog spent the morning making use of school as a training ground for his work and was able to work amongst corridors, empty classrooms, bag storage areas and restrooms. The dog's training continues to progress and is moving into the detection of other objects making him even more inquisitive. As Head of Careers I was amazed at how many students were keen to meet them both and showed an interest in the opportunities available.

Students wishing to find out more about possible careers could visit <http://www.army.mod.uk/medical-services/veterinary.aspx>. Those wishing to gain experience could contact <http://houndsforheroes.com/get-involved/> to whom the school made a donation as a thank you for the dog and his handler visiting us.

Report by Mr Ian Scholefield, Work Related Learning Co-ordinator



**CARRE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Thank you from all at Hounds for Heroes

In recognition of your donation of £100

February 2017

Thank you - this donation will assist us in our aims of placing assistance dogs with injured veterans and emergency service personnel.

Registered Charity Number 1134359 & SC043751

[www.houndsforheroes.com](http://www.houndsforheroes.com)





# Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics Conference - Cambridge



On 2 February Sleaford Joint Sixth Form's Philosophy and Ethics students, along with teachers Miss Bird and Mrs Bence, were lucky enough to travel to Cambridge to hear Peter Vardy, as well as guest Dr David Webster from the University of Gloucester, at one of the 'Candle

Conferences'. The session in which Peter Vardy presented went into great detail on a range of topics; arguing for the existence of God - mentioning renowned philosophers Anselm and Aquinas, religious experience and the ethical theory of Natural law, whereas, the guest speaker Dr David Webster debated the logical and evidential problem of evil.



The conference proved to be incredibly useful in terms of revision, with mocks coming up the students were able to fully explore some of the main aspects of the course they've been studying, along with learning some new opinions and ideas that could develop their answers; such as Kant's theory of aesthetics and the gripping story of how a young girl in a concentration camp found God in the beauty of nature. The conference acknowledged the exam board's specification and skills needed and highlighted the major factors students should consider when writing their essays, especially the need to evaluate the ideas.

In the five hours, Vardy and Webster allowed the time to include two debates - not only did this allow all the students to interact, but everyone felt refreshed and woken up due to the interactive debate of very conflicting opinions. The main debate focused on the issue of euthanasia and whether it was the 'most loving thing to do'. From across the three schools, a huge

contrast in opinions were shown all stemming from a clear common interest in philosophical debate.

Not only did the conference allow the students to develop their debate skills and way of thinking, but they were able to explore the city of Cambridge. The breaks and time for lunch provided allowed the students to explore parts of the city, and with the conference located in the rather beautiful Methodist church in the centre of town, it was the perfect spot for doing so! The second half of the conference focused on Natural Law and the laws that govern the universe. The final debate offered a chance for contemplation on whether there was a definite purpose/aim to human life anymore. Many arguments ensued, but one student mentioned our purpose was simply to reproduce and carry on the species. My personal highlight was Kant's theory of aesthetics and the idea that there is evidence for God in the purity and beauty of the world we live in.

The day proved it was evident that Ethics and Philosophy is relevant to society today and demonstrated to all students that contemplation is significant in the world we live in, as well as being open minded enough to acknowledge other people's thoughts.

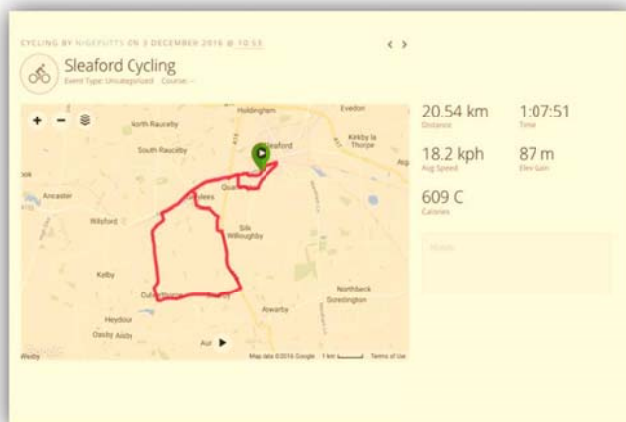
Report by Elin Greenhalgh, Year 12





In celebration of their Diamond Anniversary in 2016, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award asked people to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime D of E inspired Diamond Challenge and raise funds to help transform young lives. The Diamond Challenge was extended to the 31 March 2017 due to high demand.

Joe Puttock, Year 11 completed his Diamond Challenge for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Well Done Joe!



# Rugby

## First XV Rugby season review

The opening fixture of what would turn out to be a rather unpredictable season was a bruising encounter with Spalding Grammar School. This game would turn out to be arguably Carre's toughest game of the season and despite it coming early in the first term Carre's produced a respectable performance but ultimately Spalding were too strong and came away with the victory.

The early fixtures held nothing back as Carre's next test was against LSST in the Nat West cup, however, this time the outcome was different as Carre's emerged narrow winners in what would be one of the most closely contested games of the season. A spirited performance would follow in the next round but The King's School, Grantham took the win and progressed in the cup.

The remainder of the season would involve a lot of make shift team selections with players from St George's also representing Carre's but despite this there were many impressive performances to be proud of. They came up against some strong teams including Stamford and Nottingham High School and ended up on the end of some disappointing score lines but never the less the effort could not be faulted, especially considering the quality of opposition.

More competitive friendlies also took place with Carre's dominating Peterborough King's in what ended in a 12-6 victory, although in truth, the score flattered the opposition. As well as this there was a close match against Bourne resulting in a narrow loss for Carre's and sadly their chance of revenge was robbed of them as the reverse fixture was cancelled.

There were some key highlights throughout the season including Year 11 James Harding playing the entire season with the first XV and off the Carre's pitch Charlie Dixon was selected for Leicester Tigers under 18's squad.

Report by James Corbett, Year 13

# Basketball

## U16 County Basketball Tournament

**Date:** Thursday 12 January 2017 **Venue:** Carre's Grammar School

**Result:** Carre's Grammar School - U16 County Champions 2017

On Thursday 12 January, the qualifying school from each District competed against one another to become U16 County Basketball Champions 2017. Carre's Grammar School, William Farr School, Thomas Middlecott Academy and De Aston School had each qualified from their superzone and competed against one another to become County Champion. The structure of the tournament involved each team playing one another. Each game was 15 minutes in duration with a rolling clock, with exception of the final minute. In the event of a tie, point difference would determine the winning school.

Game one saw Carre's Grammar School compete against Thomas Middlecott Academy. The game was very close to begin with but Carre's soon grew into the game and quickly developed a comfortable lead, aided by two 3-point baskets from Kai Waller. Thomas Middlecott had a run of 4 unanswered baskets to bring the game to within 6 points with 4 minutes to play, before Carre's then responded with a further 3 baskets to win the game by a score of 26-14. After an exciting first game between two strong teams, game two saw last year's winners De Aston School play against last year's runners-up William Farr School. William Farr were led by team captain Harry Molinario, who was selected to represent East Midlands in 2016. The game saw numerous lead changes, with each team showing periods of excellent basketball and spells where there was a lack of concentration defensively. William Farr led by 3 points with 5 minutes to play, before Harry Molinario was fouled out of the game. This led to an exciting finish, with De Aston School narrowly winning the game 20-17.

In game three, De Aston School remained on court to play Thomas Middlecott Academy. Thomas Middlecott competed well against a strong De Aston team, but soon found themselves in the penalty. Each foul led to De Aston being at the free throw line and De Aston took full advantage of their free throws. A very good performance from De Aston led to a well-deserved 19-12 victory. Game four saw William Farr School and Carre's Grammar School playing against one another, with Carre's looking to add a second win to their record as they strived for the title of County Champions. William Farr started well, with the game tied for most of the first 4 minutes. After this, Carre's found their rhythm on offense and efficient ball movement led to the points being shared among the team, with 7 different scorers. Most noticeably, Carre's centre Bobby Singer led his team defensively with 10 rebounds and 5 blocks. William Farr captain, Harry Molinario kept his team in touching distance with his 12 points, but this could not prevent Carre's from winning the game 28-16. William Farr School remained on court to play Thomas Middlecott Academy in game five. With William Farr School and Thomas Middlecott School both losing their opening two games, were keen to conclude the tournament with a win to their names. William Farr School were excellent from the first minute of the game, running away with a very convincing 25-6 win.

The final game of the tournament saw Carre's Grammar School play De Aston School, with both teams knowing that this final game would determine the winner of the tournament. The game started with a quick basket from De Aston, which was quickly followed by a 3-point basket scored by Elliott Burrell of Carre's. The game was very closely fought for the first five minutes, until Carre's started to find ways to break down the De Aston zone defense. A second 3-point basket from Elliott Burrell made the game 19-10 with 2 minutes to play. De Aston continued to fight for every loose ball, but Carre's held tight to win the game 23-12.

#### COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Game	Time	Fixture	Score
Game 1	1:10pm	Thomas Middlecott Academy Vs Carre's Grammar School	14-26
Game 2	1:40pm	De Aston School Vs William Farr School	20-17
Game 3	2:10pm	Thomas Middlecott Academy Vs De Aston School	12-19
Game 4	2:40pm	William Farr School Vs Carre's Grammar School	16-28
Game 5	3:20pm	William Farr School Vs Thomas Middlecott Academy	25-6
Game 6	3:40pm	Carre's Grammar School Vs De Aston School	23-12



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: De Aston School



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: William Farr School



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: William Farr School

As with the U14 tournament, it was a huge success. The quality of basketball improves each year, with all teams competing with one another to a high standard. All teams played some excellent basketball and the teams were closely matched, although the Carre's team deservedly ended up finishing the tournament as winners. **Carre's Grammar School took the title of U16 County Basketball Champions 2017 and will now represent Lincolnshire in the National Knock Out rounds in February.**

**LEAGUE TABLE**

Position	School	Games Won	Games Lost	Point Diff
1 <sup>st</sup>	Carre's Grammar School	3	0	+23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	De Aston School	2	1	-1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	William Farr School	1	2	+4
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Middlecott Academy	0	3	-38



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**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Carre's Grammar School  
 Lucca Bucci, James Heywood-Holt,  
 Niall Parsons, Kai Waller, Bobby  
 Singer, Nathan Rogers, Adam Varney,  
 Elliott Burrell, Joe Burrell, Xander  
 Millar.  
  
**MVP Award:** Bobby Singer of Carre's  
 Grammar School

In total, 35 boys competed in the tournament for the various teams and were a credit to their schools for their conduct and their performances. MVP was awarded to Bobby Singer of Carre's Grammar School for his outstanding performances throughout the tournament and, in particular, his exceptional defence (which included 6 blocks) and ability to get others free on offense. Game highlights can be viewed at @CGSbasketball on Twitter.

# Basketball

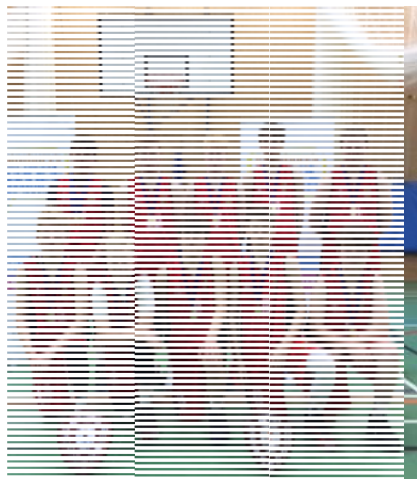
**Team:** Carre's Grammar School

**Opposition:** Ellis Gildford School

**Date:** Tuesday 7 February 2017

**Venue:** Carre's Grammar School

**Result:** Ellis Gildford School win 58 - 51



Scores	Carre's Grammar School	Ellis Gildford School
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	13	9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	5	16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	18	22
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	15	11

## GAME STATISTICS

Player		Pts	Fouls	Free Throws
Adam Varney	#4	2	/	2/2
Xander Millar	#5	/	/	/
Joe Burrell	#6	/	/	/
Niall Parsons	#7	10	4	2/2
Lucca Bucci	#8	4	3	3/4
Elliott Burrell	#9	11	3	3/4
Nathan Rogers	#10	10	3	4/10
Bobby Singer	#11	/	2	0/6

Tuesday 7 February saw Carre's Grammar School face Ellis Gilford School in the U16 Dynamic National Schools' Competition, following their qualification as Lincolnshire County Basketball Champions. The team were comprised of Year 9 and 10 students who were keen to match up against schools from outside of the county and players who were older and more experienced.

Ellis Guilford's 6ft 5ins centre, T Hudson, won the tip and quickly received the ball from C Bickerstaff to convert the lay-up. This was quickly followed by a foul by N Parsons to put J Bisungo at the free throw line, converting one of his two shots. Carre's Grammar soon grew into the game with four quick baskets to take the lead, 8-3. Carre's narrowly edged the first quarter 13-9, with two well-matched teams demonstrating why they had qualified for the National Schools' Competition from their respective counties. The Carre's Grammar team continued to work well defensively, but struggled to contain the Ellis Guilford centre, who scored 15 of his team's 16 points in the quarter. Carre's Grammar School were becoming so focused on how to stop the opposition centre that their performance offensively suffered, leading to Ellis Guilford winning the quarter 16-5. To add insult to injury, Carre's also missed 7 free throws in the quarter alone. Ellis Guilford had taken a 7 point lead, which would be the eventual difference between the two teams at the end of the game. Ellis Guilford led 25-18 at the half.

There was very little to decide between the teams in the second half, with both teams narrowly edging a quarter each. With 60 seconds of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter left on the clock and the score at 54-51, Carre's guard N Parsons found himself free in the low post but his lay-up 'came out hot', possibly due to adrenaline or nerves. Had the basket been converted by the usually reliable Parsons, it would have been a 1 point game, with Carre's in the ascendency. As it happens, Hudson of Ellis Guilford picked up the ball and drove into the painted area, bumping B Singer of Carre's, who was called for a blocking foul, and making the basket to take the game to 56-51. There was clearly a disagreement among the officials, who debated whether it was to be called as a charge or block, but they went with the latter. A 1 point game had become a 5 point game in 12 seconds. To add further insult to injury, the Carre's defense switched off and when Hudson missed his 'and-1' free throw, C Bickerstaff gobbled up the uncontested rebound to take the game to 7 points with 48 seconds on the clock. Carre's battled until the final second but could not convert their 3-point attempts to get them back to within 2 baskets.

Ellis Guilford were clearly reliant on their big centre, who scored 42 of the team's 58 points, but the younger and less experienced Carre's Grammar School players couldn't find a way to stop him defensively. Carre's performed exceptionally well against the older and more experienced opposition and will grow from their experiences. Ellis Guilford were deserved winners and we wish them the best of luck in the next round. The Carre's Grammar team will continue to work hard to compete against their true age group in next year's competition.





# Football

**Team: Carre's Grammar School (Year 10)**

**Opposition: Branston Community Academy**

**Date: Friday 3 February 2017**

**Venue: Branston Community Academy**

**Carre's win 5 - 0**

Scores	Carre's Grammar School	Branston Community Academy
1 <sup>st</sup> half	1	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> half	5	0

## GOAL SCORERS

Tristen Skerritt (3), Lucca Bucci, Elliott Burrell



After beating St George's 8-0 in the previous round, Carre's travelled to Branston to play Branston Community Academy in the quarter-final of the U15 County Cup. The game started brightly with a neatly placed through-ball from Niall Parsons, which Tristen Skerritt calmly slotted in to the bottom corner with less than a minute played. Carre's played some lovely football, but Branston held firm and made it difficult for Carre's to create any clear-cut chances. With 15 minutes played, Ben Newell crossed the ball to the back post and Zubair Gibson headed just past the post. Branston had their chances and would have equalised if it wasn't for the reflexes of Chadi Sinclair in goal. Half time arrived with the score 1-0.

At half time, Mr Smith emphasised the fact that the team needed to be more productive with the ball and support our front men. In the first half, much of Branston's success came from Carre's mistakes – misplaced passes and a lack of communication. Branston started well and forced Chadi Sinclair into another two one-on-one saves, which prevented the opposition from equalising. The second save seemed to spark Carre's into life, with excellent ball movement and creation of goal scoring opportunities. Carre's soon scored their second goal, with a neat pass to Tristen Skerritt from Zubair Gibson, who added a second goal to his tally. Minutes later, a corner kick from Sam Wright found team captain Lucca Bucci, who headed into the top corner, 3-0. With 10 minutes to play, Tristen Skerritt pounced on a blocked shot from Elliott Burrell and completed his hat trick. Elliott Burrell then added a 5<sup>th</sup> in added time, slotting the ball past the Branston keeper in to the bottom corner.

A very good performance by the team, who now look forward to finding out who they will meet in the semi-final. A special mention must go to Chadi Sinclair for his outstanding performance in goal, particularly his one-on-one saves with the score at 1-0. Niall Parsons and Ben Newell struck up a solid partnership in central midfield, with Ben successfully running at the Branston defence with the ball on numerous occasions. Tristen Skerritt was outstanding up-front and was deservedly awarded man of the match for his hat trick performance.

**Man of the match: Tristan Skerritt**

# Under 19 Regional Netball Championships

On Saturday 27 January 2017 Carre's attended the Regional Netball Championships at Oundle School in Northamptonshire. We had the dream of qualifying for the National Finals, but unfortunately fell short.

There was some light drizzle as we drove down the A1, but by the time the tournament started it had stopped and we were able to play in cold but fair conditions. Our first game was versus Ratcliffe College from Leicester. We made a slow start and in 14 minute games, any small loss of concentration can cost you. We lost 10 goals to 7 in a game that was there for the taking. This became even more egregious as Ratcliffe finished second in the tournament and therefore did qualify for the National Finals in March. Having received a stern talking to from Mr Offer on the importance of concentrating for the duration of the game, we next faced our Lincolnshire rivals Stamford High School. We drew 10-10 with them in the final of the County Competition and lost the competition on Goal Difference. We were determined to go one better this time. It was 5-5 at half-time and another 'nail-biter'. Somehow we managed to get a turn-over in the last minute and score a goal to win 11-10, what a game!



The girls were now full of confidence and dispatched Ecclesbourne School 9-5, enjoying the Sun as it made an appearance! Next up was Repton School, we knew nothing of them but

produced a magnificent display, beating them 15-9. It was our best performance of the day, full of intensity and desire to win. We were starting to 'dream big'! Unfortunately, we came crashing back down to earth in the next game with what was by far our worst performance of the day, losing a game that we should not have to Nottingham Girls High School 8-5.



We followed this up with a decent performance against Oakham School but they were the class outfit of the tournament, winning all 9 of their games. We were tied at 7-7 at one point, having taken an early lead. Some good play in the second half from them, however, saw them home comfortably in the end 14 -7.

By now we were tiring; as I'm sure the other schools were (maybe not Oakham). Leading 10-8 with 30 seconds left versus Wellingborough School, Captain Cooke was tripped and had to come off court because of a bleeding cut. This put us out of rhythm and we ended up conceding 2 late goals to draw 10-10.

Oundle was a chance to let girls play in different positions and to rest some who had put in a lot of work throughout the day. We lost but played well, 17-10.

Our last game versus West Bridgeford School did not start well! Losing at half-time, Mr Offer urged us to garner one last effort in order to finish on a high and to ensure that we did not have an overall losing record. We wanted to finish up winning 4, losing 4 and drawing 1. A good performance in the second-half saw us run out 11-5 winners. We came 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 10 teams



We were tired and our minds turned to revision ready for the A-Level mock exams starting on Monday. It was fun and we learned a great deal about netball and ourselves. Good luck to the team next year!

Report by Charlotte Cooke , Year 13

## Under 19 Netball - Number One State School in the East Midlands Region and Number one in Lincolnshire!

The tournament featured the top 2 schools from Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, and Northamptonshire. A committed performance from all 8 girls during 126 minutes of playing time saw them finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the region.

Mr Offer, Head of Sport at Carre's and in charge of netball added "we entered the tournament not knowing what to expect from the opposing sides. Out of 10 teams, we were one of 3 state schools. The other seven schools were all from the Independent sector, and they play and train considerably more than us. This certainly led to some trepidation pre-tournament."

This was, however, unfounded as Carre's went on win against West Bridgeford School, Ecclesbourne School, Repton and most importantly for the girls, Stamford High School who are generally the best team in Lincolnshire. A disappointing 10-10 draw with Wellingborough and losses to Oakham, Oundle, Nottingham High Girls and Ratcliffe College meant that at the end of the tournament we finished a creditable 4<sup>th</sup>.

It is the first year that Carre's has made the Regional Finals but with an improving fixture list year on year, it will hopefully not be the last. Next year the aim is to get to the Nationals!

Report by Mr Offer, Head of Sport





## Carre's Outreach - Community Sport

Lincolnshire Central SSP - Matt Evans SGO

Gymnastics week was run as a Virtual Competition. 21 schools worked on their interpretation of a routine developed by Young Leaders at KSHS. This was recorded and published on our YouTube Channel (CGSOutreach) for anyone to have a go at. Over 60 videos have been submitted and marked, with the overall winners of the Team Event being Tattershall Primary School. Well done! The boys' event was also won by Tattershall, the girls' category was won by Ruskington Chestnut Street and the mixed category was the William Alvey School. Why not have a go yourself and tweet us your best attempt?

It has been a very hectic year so far with our SSP hosting 24 different sporting events for the schools to get involved in. So far, we have engaged 1738 children in inter-school sport; 875 of the participants have been boys and the remaining 863 were girls. The opportunities for the schools have been maximised by having a series of local cluster events and central venue tournaments. There has been a wide variety of sports including; Equestrian, Taekwondo, Dodgeball and Water Polo in addition to the traditional School Games Programme; Football, Netball, Sportshall Athletics and Goalball. Term 4 sports include; Aquasplash, Volleyball and a BMX demonstration from the former World Master Champion Mike Mullen.

For the latest follow us @CGSOutreach or like us on FaceBook - Carre's Community Sport.



# Game, Set and Match

Come and join us for our holiday sporting activities this Easter between **3 and 17 April**

## School Years 1 and 2

9am – 11am  
£5 per session

## School Years 3 – 8

9am – 3.30pm  
\*£15 per day

\*Advanced Booking Offer

Advanced booking offer of £12 per day if booked and payment made before 10 March 2017

Bookings:

To book, please fill out and return the booking form, available on the Carre's website or in person from Northgate Sports Hall, with payment.

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# Swimming

Competitive swimming is an extremely demanding sport, especially when reaching the heights of national competition. Carre's Year 11 student Thomas Lewis knows all too well about these demands competing for Grantham Swimming Club at both regional and national level. Thomas is a very competent swimmer of all strokes, but enjoys specialising in backstroke where he has earned the most success in recent years.

Thomas recently finished 10<sup>th</sup> in both the British and ASA 2016 Nationals backstroke 100m and 200m, his time in the 200m especially impressive after setting a new club record. This was only the second time in Grantham's Swimming Club's history that swimmers have made the national rankings, with Thomas featuring in both. His success in the pool does not come without hard work however. Thomas swims for an hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school. Training doesn't stop after school either, with Thomas swimming on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights for 2-3 hours and training on a Sunday evening. It's a very busy schedule, especially for someone also trying to fit in time to revise for GCSE's!

This hard work and success hasn't gone unnoticed by Grantham Swimming Club. Thomas is a focal member of the club and is currently the club captain, a very prestigious position to hold. With this position comes the responsibility of leading the club and its members both in and out of the pool. His strong performances and results set a precedent for other club members trying emulate his success. He regularly takes the time to offer advice and support to many of the younger swimmers in the club, with his words carrying significant weight because of his vast experience. Cameron McCrae of Year 12 is also part of the same swimming club.

Thomas' vast success has not been easy to achieve. Competitive swimming is very challenging and every session in the pool he aims to improve by the smallest of margins. Each millisecond helps make the difference and in a sport such as swimming, it can prove to be a huge difference. His dedication and commitment is testament to his character and we hope Thomas can continue his fine form and success throughout the year. Good luck Thomas.



Mixing with the best: Thomas pictured with Liam Tancock British world record holder.

Report by Fraser Harding, Year 13

# Fishing



Joshua Newman has continued to compete in senior matches this year and was asked to join an adult squad called Sensas Mark One in June 2016. On his second match for them he won the match with 8lb 9oz including a lovely tench and has continued to compete with the adults.

Nationally last year he competed in the Angling Trust Junior Nationals and finished with 7 kilos and the team won silver. He also fished a Guru Match Academy with several international fishermen and won the match with 8 fish weighing 59lb 12oz.

Joshua was accepted onto the National Talent Pathway in November and has been unofficially told by the manager that he will be part of the 5 man team to compete in the England Under 15 squad against 20 other nations on lake Inniscarra in Ireland in August.

Last year Joshua secured a significant sponsorship which has helped significantly and he is now fishing countrywide at the weekends in festivals and in a series of leagues with Mark One.

Good luck for 2017 Joshua.





## **Emergency School Closure**

As we are into the winter season we would to remind parents of the arrangements for emergency school closure.

As a matter of policy the school will make every effort to remain open. However, severe weather can sometimes lead to transport problems which make it impossible for the school to function normally. In the unlikely event that the school will be closed, a notice will be posted on the front page of our website at [www.carres.uk](http://www.carres.uk) by 7.30 am. Information will also be posted on the Lincolnshire County Council website and the information will be broadcast on BBC Radio Lincs and Lincs FM.

The school has the facility to send text messages to inform parents of the school's closure. We will endeavour to notify all parents by text as soon as a decision has been made to close the school.

## **PE Kit and School Property**

A gentle reminder to please label all PE kit and school clothing/property. Thank you.

## **ParentPay – [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)**

ParentPay is the online payment system used at Carre's which it allows parents to pay quickly and securely for school meals and trips.

You simply top-up your ParentPay account online by debit or credit card or in cash through PayPoint stores. We also accept cash or cheques in the school office to top up students' accounts.

## **Get important alerts by text or email**

You can receive low balance reminders by text or email through ParentPay.

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