



Carre's Grammar School

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

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Useful Dates:

Tuesday 5 January – Friday 12 February 2021
Term 3

Wednesday 6 January 2021
Year 12 Parents' Consultation (St George's Academy)

Wednesday 13 January 2021
Virtual Year 11 Parents' Consultation

Thursday 14 January 2021
School Photographs Years 7, 9, 11 and 13 –
information to follow

Wednesday 27 January 2021
Year 9 (KS4) Curriculum Evening (Options)

**Wishing everyone a
peaceful break**



Year 7 Collection for Sleaford
Community Larder

LRC News from Mrs Morrissey, LRC Manager

It has been a very busy and sanitised term in the LRC. We were really pleased to be able to offer all Year 7s the chance to receive a free 'Book Buzz' book of their choice. They all seemed very happy with their choices with the most popular by far being 'Crater Lake' by Jennifer Killick which tells the mysterious story of a group of school children on a residential trip that goes horribly wrong!



We also held our annual LRC halloween writing competition with many gruesome and terryfying entries. I think that Stephen King should definitely be looking over his shoulder for fear of some new competition. After much deliberation the winners were -



7B - Freddie Sutch
7C - Hugh Havercroft
7L - Darcy Nikindu
7W - Stanley Chapman.

Here are some extracts of the winning entries...

The Day I Was Trapped In the LRC - Freddie Sutch

'As soon as I walked into the LRC after school, I knew something felt different. The air was cold and swirling around. I could hear wind and faint murmurings of unearthly noises. The lights were flickering, and I just knew I wasn't alone....'

'A boy woke alone. Stuck in a room, a familiar room: the school's library. Puzzled, the boy slowly stood up, glancing around. Suddenly a deafening bang came from one side of the room. Terrified, the boy scrambled away, grasping a book which he held high in his hands, ready to defend himself....'

Hugh Havercroft, 7C

'...My heart stopped. The feeling of safety for me was non existant. Was I about to be in the next Goosebumps film? Unfortunately this was about to get much worse. Death rattles....I turned around and saw real Dementors floating....'

Darcy Nikindu 7L

Trapped In the Library, Stanley Chapman.

...'You have just until 6:00AM to survive the night, I will tell you nothing more!' a deep voice yelled out. It echoed around the room and this is when I knew all chaos would erupt. A loud bang sparked behind me. It was Snape! Somehow the cardboard cutout had come to life! Severus screamed 'Sectumsempra!' and I fell to the floor in hysterics...'

The Community Spirit at Carre's



Donations to the Sleaford
Community Larder



We raised £795.09 for BBC Children in Need

Do you have any spare good quality football boots or trainers that you could donate to the school? We only need a few pairs. If so, please email enquiries@carres.uk

Thank you

Carre's GramMo School 2020



Movember 2019 photo as the participants were unable to gather for a group photo this year.



Once again, Carre's Grammar School had a group of Mo Bros growing moustaches to support the **Movember Foundation**. Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. The goal of Movember is to "change the face of men's health."

By encouraging men to get involved, Movember aims to increase early cancer detection, diagnosis and effective treatments, and ultimately reduce the number of preventable deaths. Besides annual check-ups, the Movember Foundation encourages men to be aware of family history of cancer and to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

This year Carre's GramMo raised an impressive £584, which brings the grand total raised since 2013 to £4,852.04

Well done gentlemen

Christmas Jumper Day raised £694 for Save the Children



Staff Leaving Carre's



Mrs Hickmore retired on the last day of term. She has been the Director of the Robert Carre Trust Sixth Form since the RCT formed in 2015, having previously been the Head of Carre's Sixth Form. She joined the school in 2002 as a Biology teacher from The Minster School, Southwell. She was instrumental in bringing the two grammar schools closer together to work as part of the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form.

Wishing you all the best Mrs Hickmore - we'll miss you.

Mrs Birkett has left Carre's to relocate nearer to her family. She has worked in The Chill serving many hungry staff and students for 19 years!

Good luck - we'll miss your cakes and bakes.



Christmas biscuits handmade in The Chill

Virtual Christmas Concert

Here is a link to the Virtual Christmas Concert:

<https://youtu.be/ztBoLVGyH5o>

This year we haven't been able to hold our usual Christmas events and celebrations, but we didn't want to let this dampen our Christmas spirit.

We have put together a video of performances of Christmas songs, jokes, student artwork, our favourite Christmas carol (for you to join in with) and a special message from Father Philip. This is on a private YouTube channel but please share this video with friends and family who you think would appreciate some Christmas cheer.

We hope that you enjoy it!

Merry Christmas from the Music Department



Clamp Stand Christmas Tree
in Science

Amazing Art



Bailey - 8C



Raahil - 7B created this on his Samsung phone using an app called PENUP



Ronin - 9W





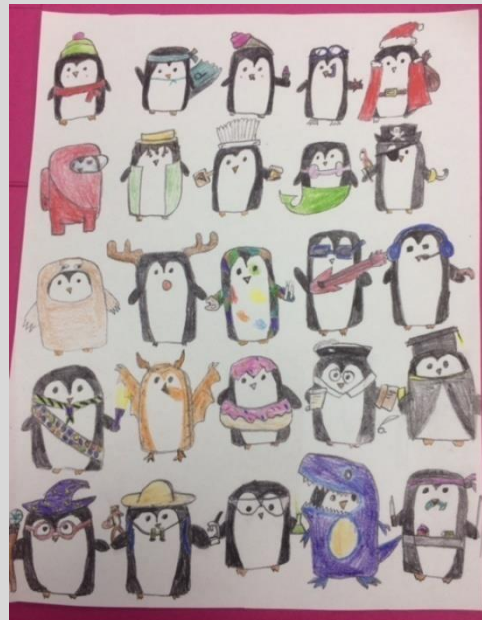
Thomas - 8C



Bailey - 8C



Gabriel - 8L



Henry - 7C

Art in the Snow



Sixth Formers created the school
crest in the snow

7W Top Ten Highlights for This Term

These are our top ten highlights from being at Carre's this year.

1. Doing practical science lessons (especially using Bunsen burners)
2. Achieving 100 house points and earning our early dinner passes (10 of us have done this so far)
3. Cooking - we all enjoyed making our Bombay potato curry with Mrs Livsey.
4. Getting back onto the 3G pitch at break times
5. Inter form competitions in PE (Danish longball, football and volleyball)
6. Developing our IT skills (especially using Teams)
7. Mr Roberts and his impressions.
8. Supporting Movember
9. Going to football and rugby club when they were on.
10. All the new friends we have made this term.

Thank you to Year 7

A huge thank you to all our Year 7 students who have contributed to our campaign to bring in Christmas treats for people who need food parcels from Sleaford Community Larder this Christmas. Instead of Secret Santa, where we all buy a small gift for another person in the form, Year 7 decided this year to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves by bringing in treats for the Christmas food parcels. When we delivered the donations to Sleaford Community Larder, they told us that they were preparing 70 food hampers to go out on Christmas Eve to families in need, as well as the usual food parcels that will be delivered. Hopefully your efforts will put a smile on lots of faces this Christmas.

Mr Baker, Miss Crawford, Mrs Sharples, Mrs Wilson and Mr Newell



Business Studies



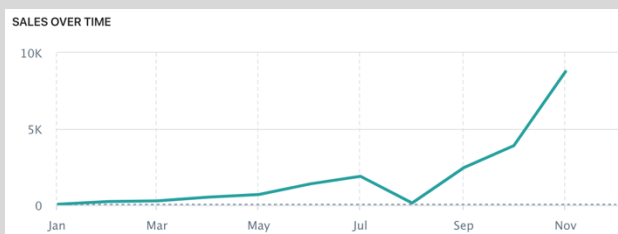
Super Duper Candle Company - A day in the Life of a Carre's Year 13 A Level Business student

When Mrs Goymer, tongue in cheek, presented Elliot Petrosellini-Lancaster with the Bill Gates Award at the Year 11 leavers ceremony, saying she had never had a student give her a business card, it was part of a journey that led the keen A Level Business student to put theory into practice by setting up an e-commerce online store.



It was a cold Winter day in January 2020 when the plan was hatched between Elliot and Alicia Coldron from KSHS to sell a product online that had a wide appeal, was competitively priced, with an emphasis on customer satisfaction. There was an initial personal investment of just £75 in candle stock and a loan from the bank of mum and dad!

From that point, the journey saw Elliot designing and operating the candle website, negotiating with suppliers, setting up an online payments system, engaging with customers on live chat and email, coordinating logistics and much more.



The candle business has gone from strength to strength, now with a customer base of over 1,250; 51,000 online store sessions; a sizeable Facebook & Instagram following and an associated eBay shop. In just 11 months

the business has built up a turnover of £25,000 with 70% of the revenue achieved in October, November and December to date (15th), see graph above for revenue over time (we were closed for August!). Parcels are collected by couriers each day and

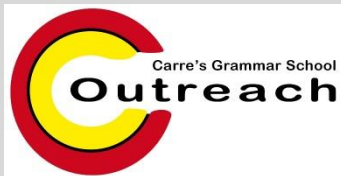
delivered, mostly in the UK but also internationally including to Germany, Austria, USA, Netherlands, France, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Poland, Belgium.

The business has 97 Trustpilot reviews rating it as excellent, complementing the seamless transactions, fast delivery, beautiful wrapping & gorgeous products - 'What a little gem this shop is!', 'Simply Super', 'Just perfect', 'Brilliant company', 'Amazing', 'Superb', 'I would highly recommend' and the list goes on.

Says Elliot "The practical experience I have gained from the Super Duper Candle Company is absolutely invaluable and this entrepreneurial project has resulted in Alicia and I being immersed in every single aspect, from sourcing stock to customer support, logistics, packaging, marketing, online store optimisation and so much more. I couldn't recommend it enough to any student thinking of starting a business. It is one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences you can have and is never without its laughs and smiles such as the comical photos taken by the couriers of the delivered parcels with the customer at the door when they've clearly just rolled out of bed; and people sharing their life stories over email which not only gives us a great insight into our customer base but also reinforces the fact that our services are making people happy every day. When I explained to my DPD, Royal Mail & Trustpilot account managers that I was just a teenage Sixth Form student, they were taken aback as I'm clearly not part of their target customer demographic. In terms of academic application, studying business at GCSE and A Level has allowed me to apply corporate level methodologies and strategies to this entrepreneurial venture which has increased efficiency, customer satisfaction and the general success of the business. I've also been able to apply my coding skills which I gained from GCSE & A Level Computer Science.

The business has grown far greater than we ever imagined, in such a short space of time. We won't however be floating on the stock market just yet! In fact, at the time of writing this article, we are planning to close the store temporarily from January 2021 until the Summer so that I can concentrate on my A Levels. The business has been a big part of my life, especially during the lockdowns, but I'm applying to study Business at University so need to ensure that this is my priority. Who knows, one day I may just be running a FTSE 100 company, but whatever the future holds it's been an amazing experience and I would not have swapped it for the world."

Well done Elliot



The Carre's Outreach team will be running the holiday activities again for four days during the Christmas break (18,21, 22 and 23 December), the February and

Easter half term. We have managed to secure some funding through Active Lincolnshire and Sport England to enable us to provide funded spaces to the local children. The aim of this project and funding is to tackle inequality in the local area and provide opportunities for children that may not otherwise be able to access the sporting activities. Over the last two weeks of summer and October half term we managed to fund 89 spaces at our holiday camp and with Active Lincolnshire agreeing to extend the funding for the next three half terms, we are able to continue to work with local primary schools in offering the funded spaces. With the impact of COVID-19 hitting families and children, we believe that these funded spaces are a great way for the children to interact with others, build new social connections and continue to improve their physical and mental well-being."



SEND Gymnastics - On the 6 November, we ran our KS2 SEND Gymnastics festival. An event designed for SEND children to express themselves through gymnastics. Lucy created a routine full of different skills that could be performed with equipment. Children were then given freedom to make up their own routine and be creative. 112 children participated from 8 schools.



Orienteering - This event was aimed at Year 4 children to develop teamwork and communication skills and to think about strategies to follow the map effectively. The children were given 2 challenges to complete (scavenger hunt and 3 sports to unscramble). 227 children from 16 schools entered the event.

Seated Volleyball - 325 children participated in this event for Years 5/6. The aim of the event was to provide opportunities for the children to work as a team and build social skills. It was also an opportunity to try something new. By the end of the day, all the children understood the rotation on court, how to serve correctly and managed high number rallies.

Boccia - Another chance for children to try and engage in a new sport. There were three different games for the event (bean bag pong, bean bag golf and Boccia). All were designed to try and improve throwing accuracy. An enjoyable event for the children where they were able to improve teamwork skills. 220 children took part.

Skipping – 20 November was our biggest event of the term. Both KS1 and KS2 children had the chance to take part in the Lincolnshire Virtual School Games Skipping Challenge with Dan the skipping man. The event was an individual personal challenge to try and achieve either Bronze, Silver or Gold standard. Children watched the demonstrations and then skipped for a certain time and recorded their best score. Each child received a certificate for their efforts. We had a fantastic response to this event with 1185 children entering from 19 schools entering.



Couch2Tokyo- 29 schools have now started their journey from Northgate Sports Hall to the Tokyo Olympic Stadium. A challenge for all the children in their school to work together and cover the total distance of 5855 miles. They can choose any exercise to complete the distance. Branston Infants have travelled the furthest so far with a distance of 3041.49 miles

Santa Dash- Schools will have the chance to take part in a Christmas Fun Run. All the children have to do is walk, jog or run 1 mile around the playground/field.

RED January- In the New Year we will be pushing Active January inspired by RED (Run Every Day) January Challenge which is aimed to increase both physical and mental health. RED January will be a challenge in schools where all classes will attempt to include extra minutes of physical activity into each day. It can be running, dancing, yoga etc and will add to the schools' total time.

Reminder of 2020/2021 Dates for Your Diary

(dates are also available on the school calendar, via our website)

Parents' Consultations

Year 7 - Wednesday 24 February

Year 8 - Wednesday 10 February

Year 9 - Thursday 4 March

Year 10 - Wednesday 3 February

Year 11 - Wednesday 13 January

Year 12 - Wednesday 6 January (St George's Academy)

Year 9 – Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening (Options)

Wednesday 27 January

Internal Examinations

Year 7 – week commencing 24 May

Year 8 – week commencing 24 May

Year 9 – week commencing 8 March

Year 10 – weeks commencing 3 and 10 May

Year 11 – weeks commencing 16 and 23 November and 22 and 29 March

Year 12 – weeks commencing 26 April

Year 13 – weeks commencing 22 February

Subject to change due to the current situation

Term Dates

Term 3 – Tuesday 5 January to Friday 12 February 2021

Term 4 – Monday 22 February to Wednesday 31 March 2021

Term 5 – Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May 2021

Term 6 – Monday 7 June to Wednesday 21 July 2021

Bank Holidays

Friday 1 January 2021

Friday 2 April 2021

Monday 5 April 2021

Monday 3 May 2021

Monday 31 May 2021

Free School Meals

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals please the following parent portal link:
<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>.

Lincolnshire County Council will process eligibility checks for Free School Meals.
Is my child eligible?

Your child may be eligible if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

How to apply

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for free school meals online:
<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>.

For more information, please call the Lincolnshire County Council Customer Service Centre on 01522 782030 or email -Free_School_Meals@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Thank you