



NEWSLETTER

January 2020

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Useful Dates:

Tuesday 14 January

Year 7 Debut Night Concert

Thursday 23 January

Year 11 Parents' Consultation

Wednesday 29 January

KS4 Curriculum (Options) Evening

Wednesday 5 February

Year 10 Parents' Consultation

Year 8 HPV Vaccines

7 – 10 February

Manchester City Football Tour

13 February

Year 11 An Inspector Calls Trip

13 – 17 February

Geography Trip to Iceland

Friday 14 February

End of Term

Monday 24 February

Start of Term 4

24 – 28 February

Year 13 Internal Examinations

Wednesday 4 March

Year 9 Parents' Consultation

Foreword by Mr Law, Headteacher

A very happy New Year to you and your family!

As we look forward to a new term I shall start with some staff news.

Mrs Rachel Mahoney, who joined us in September 2017 as Head of Maths, has relocated to be with her husband in the north-east, taking on a similar role at North Durham Academy. Whilst we wish her well, we welcome Mr Paul Harvey into the school as the new Head of Maths. Mr Harvey has previously been an Assistant Principal in both Warwickshire and Northamptonshire.

Congratulations to Mrs Hayley Goymer and Ryan on the birth of Margot. During Mrs Goymer's maternity leave Mrs Hawkins will be taking over in the Languages Department, and Mr Wilson will be the acting Head of Year 8.

We also welcome our next set of trainee teachers for a term through the SCITT programme. This is an important part of their development as teachers as they get to experience a second school as part of their year of training. We as a school are fully committed to developing teachers for the future. The trainees are Alex Beer in Chemistry, Rebecca Willows in Geography, Jack Kimber in Biology and Nina Willers in English. We wish them well during their time with us and for the remainder of their training.

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I would like to thank the parents who responded to our short survey last term. Whilst the response gave us an overwhelmingly positive endorsement there were some areas which were highlighted which we need to consider and work upon, and this will be the focus of the senior team this term. Further, the outcomes have been shared with Trustees and governors and will be used to shape the vision and strategy for the Robert Carre Trust and its individual schools. There will be further opportunities to feedback to us at the forthcoming parents' evenings for Years 7 to 11, which take place over the Spring Term.

I have been asked to remind parents that, as they plan their holidays, that the governors do not normally authorise holidays during term time. Requests for absence during term time to be addressed to Mr Wilkinson, Assistant Headteacher.

For those students sitting external examinations in the summer (Years 11 and 13), you should be aware that a day that has been set aside as the contingency in case of unforeseen circumstances: **Wednesday 24 June 2020**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until **Wednesday 24 June 2020**. This decision has been made by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and applies to all students in all schools.

Emergency School Closure

As we are in the middle of the winter season we would like 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 by 7.30am. 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. For this reason, and in case the school needs to contact you in an emergency, please ensure that you notify us immediately of any changes to your contact details.

Thank you.

ASSISTANT SITE MANAGER

We are seeking a flexible and hard-working Assistant Site Manager to join our friendly team. We are looking to appoint someone to perform:

- General site and grounds maintenance
- Key-holding and portorage duties
- Supervision of the cleaning team

You will be employed for 37 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. The salary is £18,795 - £19,171.

Full details are available on the school's website at www.carres.uk along with an application form. Please return the completed application form to Mrs Julie Body, PA to the Headteacher (email: Julie.Body@carres.uk). The closing date is Friday 31 January 2020 (midday).

If you would like to discuss the role, or come and have a look around the site, please contact Mrs Body or the Site Manager, Mr John White.

As part of the Robert Carre Trust we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Exams Summer 2020

The summer 2020 exams may seem like a long way off at the moment, but we wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues next summer.

During the spring term students will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exam will take place. The summer written exam period will run from Monday 11 May to Tuesday 23 June 2020.

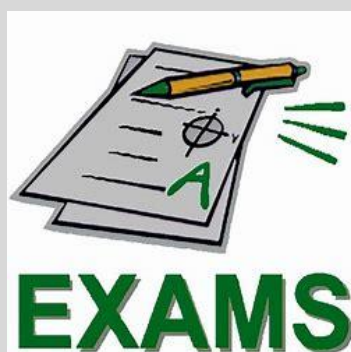
However, for the summer 2020 exam series a “contingency” exam day has been arranged by the examination awarding bodies about which all students need to be aware. This contingency day for GCSE and/or A Level (or equivalent) examinations has been put in place “in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the June 2020 examination series.”

The decision comes following the tragic events of the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. The Joint Council for Qualifications has decided that they need the option to postpone an exam in the event of an incident and rearrange for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance.

The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is Wednesday 24 June 2020. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 24 June 2020. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to **all candidates** in **all schools**.

Please can all students/parents/carers make a note of the new contingency exam date in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan.

Mrs Tracey Williams
Exams Officer





Finn, Lauren and Joseph had the privilege of attending the **Royal Air Force Association (RAFA)** dinner following their participation with the Royal Air Force Cadets and the part they played in the Remembrance Day Parade 2019. RAFA is an organisation and charity providing welfare support for serving and ex-serving RAF personnel and their families. Joseph held the standard banner for the RAFA and was given the Participation Award at the dinner.

Joseph said “The Christmas dinner was lovely and I enjoyed it very much. I am thankful to RAFA for inviting me and giving me the Award.”

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Extracts from Halloween Story Writing Competition - winning stories

The Books That Came to Life by Jake Year 7

...One by one the books fell off the shelves to the floor. They lay open, motionless and then a bright light began to shine from the centre of the books. I took a step back, shielding my eyes. I looked up to see book characters appearing from the centre of the books. Harry Potter came running towards me followed by Luke Skywalker, Spider Man and the Tin-Pan Man from The Magic Faraway Tree. This was AMAZING!

The Ghosts of LRC Past by William Year 7

...A swirling mist grew around the computers as they eerily dissolved, to then be replaced by ghostly white images of the students I had seen projected. One of the longest standing students, dressed in clothes that looked centuries old, turned and fixed his coal black eyes on me and said in a raspy voice, “You will pay.”.



'The Young Journalist Academy is a programme established in 2008 designed to encourage young people to engage with news and current affairs by creating their own School Newsroom, media literacy projects and working across school departments. This enables schools to work with industry trained broadcast journalists and other professionals to train

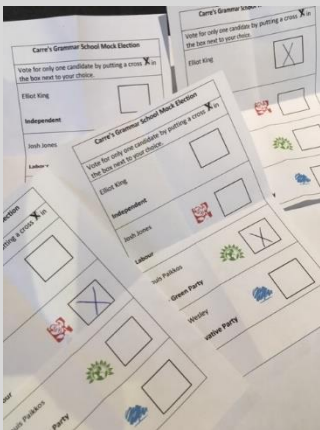


students and staff in all aspects of broadcast journalism. These include writing, producing, filming and recording.'

Year 10 students took part in the YJA workshop in November.

Carre's General Election 2019

As Prime Minister Boris Johnson called a General Election, we decided at school to hold our own election. Students from Years 10 to 13 were asked if they would like to stand for election and four brave candidates took up the challenge. They worked hard with their teams, writing speeches, designing posters and campaigning around school. It was great to see students putting forward their ideas about solutions to some of the problems facing our country at the moment.



The candidates spoke to the electorate in the whole school assembly on Monday 9 December and then hard campaigning began with posters appearing around school as well as candidates talking to voters until the morning of election day. All students from Years 7 to 13 had an opportunity to vote during registration and the ballot papers were counted by a great team of returning officers led by Oliver Garland. The winner of the election was Eliott (Independent), followed by Louis (Green Party), Alice (Conservative) and Josh (Labour).

Well done to all the candidates and their teams - they worked really hard and learned a lot about the election process and democracy. By taking part in the school election they ensured that the whole school was talking about the election at both a school and national level.

Mrs Sally Wilson
Teacher of History

Lego League

On 17 December a team of nine students took part in the regional finals of the 'First Lego League' - a global competition based around programming a Lego Mindstorms robot to complete challenges, discover a problem and create a solution linked to the annual theme. This year's theme was 'city shapers'. Students designed a water bin which would autonomously clean litter from rivers. The water bin would be powered by solar panels, which would also supply electricity for the local town in times of high demand.

The team was made up of students from both Carre's and KSHS. Preparation for the competition took place at lunchtimes and after school since the start of the academic year. The team, named 'Legoless', was determined to improve upon last year's 7th place finish and score of 40 points on the robot game. Their hard work paid off when they achieved an unrivalled point tally of 260 in the first round, going on to win the final of the robot game and claim the prize for 'Robot Performance'.

Unfortunately, the team missed out on a place in the National Final, achieving second place in the Regional Final. The students made brilliant progress from last year's competition and were a credit to their schools.

Well done to all students involved!



Mr Scott Norris
Teacher of Science and STEM, KSHS

Take Your Son to Work Day

Organised by Mr Scholefield, Teacher of Technology and Work-Related Learning
Co-ordinator

At Carre's we are keen to give our students opportunities to prepare for a successful transition from education to employment, helping them to identify and choose career opportunities that are right for them.

One of the eight new Gatsby Benchmarks for careers in all schools encourages students to have meaningful encounters with employers and employees every year. With this in mind, many students took part in the 'Take your Son to Work' Scheme on 6 January 2020 whereby they accompanied a parent/carer, a member of their family, or family friend to work.

We hope you will agree that this was an extremely worthwhile exercise.

One student Ted 8B accompanied his mum to her work place

I work for a leadership and management development company based in Cambridge. As part of his day, Ted prepped and presented on a company video conference call, where he informed the team of our newest business opportunities. We went to London for a meeting with our client, to discuss the senior leader's development programme that includes face to face workshops and a specifically designed online learning platform. Ted gave Carra (Head of Talent) a demo of the learning platform and charmed her brilliantly. Below is feedback from Carra:

Hi Laura

It was a real pleasure to meet Ted today he was very polite, looked extremely smart and was very articulate.

He was very competent and confident when demonstrating the platform to me so that I could understand.

I think he has a fabulous balance of being friendly and knowledgeable at the same time – something that not everyone can do!

Good luck for the future Ted.

*Kind Regards
Carra*



Ted had a great day (as did I), it's a great initiative ... so thanks for organising it – Ted's mum.

Year 9 Magistrates Day

As part of our continuing programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic education and Citizenship studies, a team of magistrates joined us on 9 December to deliver a series of workshops for our Year 9 students.

The one-hour workshops were delivered to each tutor group in turn, instead of their usual timetabled lesson, and explained and explored the role of magistrates in our justice system.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education

At Carre's we acknowledge that, in partnership with parents and/or carers, we have a vital role in preparing young people to negotiate the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly complex world. Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education deals with real life issues affecting our children, families and communities and provides opportunities to learn about:

- **Relationships:** including developing and maintaining positive relationships and dealing with negative relationships. This may include learning about bullying, consent, how to communicate effectively, inappropriate behaviour in relationships and, at a later stage, topics such as sexual coercion and grooming.
- **Developing independence, resilience and responsibility:** including preparing children and young people to face life's challenges and make the most of life's opportunities.
- **Health:** including healthy lifestyles, healthy eating and exercise; mental and emotional health; drug, alcohol and tobacco education; emergency life-saving skills.
- **Managing risk:** including understanding personal safety and online safety; financial choices and risks; appreciating the value of taking risks in certain situations (e.g. entrepreneurial risks).
- **Economic wellbeing:** including the role of money, influences on our use of money, gambling, careers education.
- **Employability skills:** including learning about enterprise, business and finance. Developing the skills and attributes to succeed at work, including communication skills and confidence.

Throughout a student's time at Carre's there will be a wide range of PSHE learning opportunities including assemblies, presentations, workshops and discussions during tutor time sessions.

Whenever possible we are keen to invite suitably qualified/experienced representatives from other organisations to support our delivery of these topics. Should you be aware of any organisations you feel would be able to support our delivery of PSHE, I would be very interested to hear from you.

From September 2020 Health Education, covering aspects of both mental and physical health, and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) will be mandatory.

We regularly review the learning opportunities we provide for our students and refer to a range of local and national bodies for both guidance and inspiration. In the coming weeks I will be seeking to consult both students and parents/carers regarding our curriculum plans for 2020/21 and I hope you will take part should you be interested in doing so.

Please follow the link below for the publication: Understanding Relationships, Sex and Health Education at your child's secondary school: a guide for parents.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812594/RSE secondary schools guide for parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812594/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf)

Mrs Joanne Livsey
PSHE Co-ordinator



Carre's Grammar School was again shortlisted for county awards at the Lincolnshire Sports Awards 2019, making this our 5th successive year attending the ceremony. A special recognition was awarded for the excellent Under 16 football team following our success in the National Cup, the PE Department were runners up in the Sports Department of the Year and the Outreach Team were recognised in the Physical Activity Programme category.

The event, which has 17 awards in addition to the Sports Personality of the Year, was held at the Epic Centre and was hosted by Commonwealth gold medallist and Olympic gymnast Craig Heap. In his on-stage discussion with Mr Offer, he highlighted the fantastic work that appears to be going at Carre's across the different categories of nominations.

For more details about the evening, please click here:

<http://activelincolnshire.com/lincolnshire-sports-awards-2019/>

Mr Matt Evans

PE and Sport Organiser/School Games Organiser



Over the past 18 months I have been working to complete my Team Leader Supervisor Level 3 qualification. I managed to complete it at Distinction level and this has enabled me to get the Fitness Manager job here. The pictures are from when the company that I did the qualification with came and presented me with my

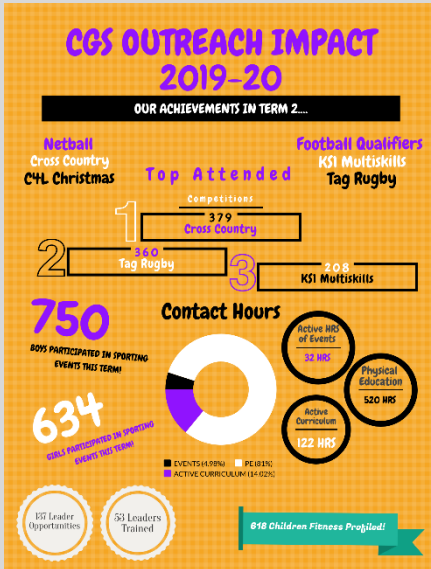


Certificate (it was a surprise, I would have made an effort if I'd known!)

Miss Stef Ellis, Fitness Suite Manager

Carre's Outreach

Throughout Term 2 we have held 8 different events all aimed at different ages, giving children the chance to experience a variety of different sports.



Netball was our first event of the term. The qualifiers took place at cluster schools including; Cranwell, Billingham, Metheringham, The William Alvey and Heckington. This led onto the final which was hosted at St George's Academy. In total we had 134 girls and 69 boys participating.



some of the new skills they had learnt.

On 22 November, we held a Year 5/6 Tag Rugby event with 20 schools attending. The event meant that 187 children, 118 boys and 69 girls, were able to participate in some healthy competition whilst demonstrating their best tag rugby skills. The competition was all about playing to win and losing with dignity.

The Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival also took place on the same day. 173 children had access to lots of fun based games in a carousel of activities. Despite the chilly weather all the children had a fantastic time and participated in small-sided games to put into practice

On 29 November we ran a KS1 multi skills event at Nocton MAC Leisure Centre. There were five different stations aimed at developing the fundamental elements of sport. 19 schools attended with 104 boys and 104 girls participating. Young leaders also attended to give them ideas for running lunch time games.





On 4 October we held a girls' football event at Sleaford Town Football Club with a total of 345 girls participating. We ran a 5/6 competition where St Gilbert's were victorious and a festival for Year 3 and 4 students involving football related activities.

On 6 December, 184 girls and 195 boys took part in a very muddy cross-country competition at PGL Caythorpe. The event was marshalled by 32 sports leaders from Sir William Robertson Academy. The winning team was The William Alvey School who retained the shield from last year.



The Change 4 Life event welcomed 54 children to Nocton MAC Leisure Centre to participate in some Christmas fun and games. Our Change 4 Life events aim to inspire less active children to take up physical activity in an environment that is suitable for them. Activities included; snowball fights, building a snowman, stopping the Grinch from stealing Christmas and many more. One pupil described the event as 'the most fun PE ever!'

Miss Emma Hudson
Active Schools Co-ordinator



Carre's GramMo School 2019

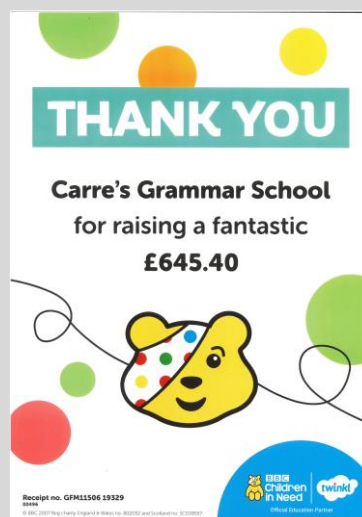


Once again, Carre's Grammar School had a group of Mo Bros growing moustaches to support the **Movember Foundation**. Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and 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 £551.58, which brings the grand total raised since 2013 to £4,268.04

Thank you to everybody who supported the staff and donated money and joined in by wearing a false moustache!



Sponsored Walk 2019



The top fundraisers for the Sponsored Walk 2019 were:

Haydn 9L - raised £190.63

Nathan 7W - raised £429.50

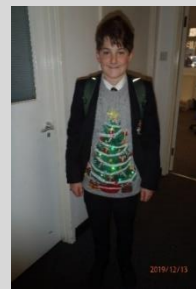
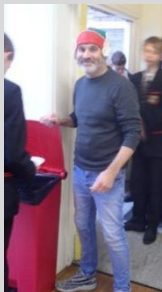
Freddie 7L - raised £250.00



Year 9 agreed to Mr Offer's request to donate the money raised from the Sponsored Walk within their year group to QMC Children's Hospital. This was in recognition of the excellent care that they have given to his daughter over the last 18 months. Mr Offer's daughter was only admitted for 4 days with the remainder of the treatment being as an outpatient. He felt it impossible not to be affected, however, by the children and their parents who had a seemingly far worse prognosis. He commented "Despite being happy and relieved, I felt so guilty walking out of the ward knowing that others were going to be there for a long time to come. I felt as though I wanted to do something for the families who were there in order to make their stay better in the future". Carre's donated a cheque of £680 which was very gratefully received.

Well done to the 'top fundraisers' and all students and staff who took part in the Sponsored Walk and raised funds for various charities and school funds.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – we raised £185 by wearing Christmas jumpers for the day



Mrs Mahoney, Head of Maths left Carre's in December and the Maths Department spent one Sunday afternoon wrapping her room in Christmas paper. As you can see, she didn't know where to start unwrapping!

Reminder of 2020 Dates for Your Diary

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

Parents' Consultations

Year 7 Thursday 2 April
Year 8 Thursday 19 March
Year 9 Wednesday 4 March
Year 10 Wednesday 5 February
Year 11 Thursday 23 January

Year 9 – Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening (Options)

Wednesday 29 January

Internal Examinations

Year 7 - week commencing 22 June
Year 8 - week commencing 22 June
Year 9 - week commencing 16 March
Year 10 - weeks commencing 23 and 30 March
Year 12 - week commencing 27 April
Year 13 - week commencing 24 February

Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 24 February to Friday 3 April 2020

Term 5 – Monday 20 April to Friday 22 May 2020

Term 6 – Monday 1 June to Friday 17 July 2020

Bank Holidays

Friday 8 May 2020

Monday 25 May 2020

Free School Meals

Lincolnshire County Council has a new process to apply for Free School Meals which went 'live' for parents to use on Tuesday 4 September via the following parent portal link:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>.

LCC 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

Absence from School

If your son/daughter is absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Cashless Catering

Cashless catering is in place in the school's Dining Hall ('The Chill'). Please could parents ensure that sufficient funds are uploaded onto ParentPay for their child's lunches. You should be aware that overdrafts are not permitted except in extreme circumstances.

Thank you.

Leicester Tigers School Offer

Leicester Tigers are offering special prices to experience the thrill of a live Gallagher Premiership match at Welford Road

Leicester Tigers v Wasps Saturday 15 February 3pm kick-off

Our special offer prices for this match:

Standing: Adults £15, U18's £6
Seated*: Adults from £20, U18's from £8

Share this with your friends and family for a fun day out!
There will be a variety of FREE activities to join in with before kick-off, so head down early to enjoy what's on offer, including free access to our VIP Junior Tigers Club.

Your Discount Code: **WASSCH20**

To purchase tickets use the above code at the checkout, or call the ticket office on **0116 319 8888** (option 2) quoting the offer code.
Please note, if you are booking as a group, in order to sit together you will need to book in one transaction.

* Only available in Cat 4 and 5

leicestertigers.com/group days

**Come and support
your team!**