

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year; I hope that you have all had a good summer. An especially warm welcome to all of our new parents and students, with whom we look forward to working with over the coming years. It has been great to welcome back our returning students, to welcome over 160 new students into the school, as well as some new staff. As you are aware from previous communications, we have put a lot of measures in place to mitigate the risk of Covid and will keep these under constant review as we aim to provide an educational experience. The start of term has seen a lot of hand-washing and sanitising as well over 800 students navigating a one-way system with different timings to the school day and they are coping admirably well. All students have attended welcome assemblies in their year group bubbles and briefings with tutors where they have had the chance to ask any questions. Those travelling by bus have been ready and equipped with masks and have followed instructions with few reminders needed.

In addition to face coverings that many of the students bring to school, it would be useful if they had their own hand sanitiser, and please encourage them to keep washing their hands.

Government Guidance

The government has updated its guidance for parents and carers on [what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#). This update provides information on school admission appeals, entry tests for selective schools, and exams and assessments in the autumn term.

As has been the case over the last five months, I shall update you regularly with any developments, and would like to assure you that we have a very detailed risk assessment which can be viewed on the Robert Carre Trust website and we shall continue to follow government guidance with regard to schools.

New Staff

English Ms Sarah Crawford

Community Team Mr William Steed
Ms Katie Falkner

Student Support Team Mr Jack Appleby

MFL Ms Nadine Kramprich

Trainee Teachers

- Ms Janie Carter English
- Ms Rosie Flint Chemistry
- Mr Jason Free PE
- Mr Daniel Kent MFL
- Mr Luke Powell Computing

Communication

Planners are usually the most common way for parents to communicate with their son/daughter's form tutor. However, in the short term and to minimise colleagues touching other people's belongings, we would request that any contact with a form tutor is made via

enquiries@carres.uk. This email is checked regularly throughout the day and any queries will be passed to the relevant member of staff. Please remember to include who you wish the message to go to – thank you.

Who's Who

To help with communication I thought it would be worthwhile reminding everyone as to who's who in the school and, therefore, to whom parents can address their communications. Whilst the form tutors remain as the first point of contact for the majority of issues, the Heads of Year are an important and additional point of contact.

Year 7	Mr Newell
Year 8	Mrs Angell
Year 9	Mrs Goymer
Year 10	Mr Offer
Year 11	Mrs Millband
Year 12	Mr Smith
Year 13	Mr Pickard

SENCO and Designated Safeguarding Lead
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Brooks
Mr Holland/Mrs Goymer/Mr Harvey

Academic Staff

For academic issues, please address any concerns to the appropriate Head of Department.

Art	Ms Angus
Biology	Ms Hobbs
Business and Computing	Mr Ahmed
Careers	Mr Scholefield
Chemistry	Dr Robinson
English	Mrs Carpenter and Mrs James
Ethics and Philosophy	Mrs Bence
D&T	Mr Thomas
Geography	Ms Chaddock
History	Mr Quinton
Maths	Mr Harvey
Music	Mrs Quinton
PE	Mr Wilson
Science	Mr Whiting
PSHE	Mrs Livsey

ePortal

We have had numerous requests from parents who have forgotten their passwords and need to reset their ePortal log in details. Whether you wish to register for access to ePortal or you have forgotten your password, you will need to register on the **Parents > e-Access Registration** page (<https://www.carres.uk/site/section/eaccess/default.as>). There is not a specific password reset process. This will be processed by our IT team but is not instantaneous, so please be patient.

Visitors on Site

We would request that you do not visit the site without an appointment. If you wish to discuss a matter with a member of staff, please contact us by phone or email and a telephone meeting or Zoom/Teams meeting will be arranged as necessary.

Dining Facilities

We are, regrettably, experiencing some problems between money that has been paid onto your ParentPay account actually showing on the tills (Vericool). This seems to be a particular problem with the new Year 7 students. Please be assured that we are looking into this as a matter of urgency with the two companies concerned and hope for a solution as soon as possible. In the meantime, students can still purchase items; manual lists are being kept and these will be put through the tills as soon as the system is working effectively. We will not let a student go hungry as a result of this technical issue.

Mobile Phones

All students have been reminded of the school's mobile phone policy this week. If they are found to be using their mobile phone when not permitted, i.e. during break or lessons when permission has not been given by the teacher, the phone will be confiscated and taken to the main school office. The student will be able to collect it at the end of the school day. Should this happen more than once, the parent will be contacted and will be invited to make an appointment to come into school to collect the phone. We hope that you will support us in encouraging your son/daughter not to use their phones whilst they are in school to learn.

Hoodies

Following consultation with parents, students will be permitted to wear hoodies over the top of their PE kit on the days that they are in PE kit. Please note that hoodies are NOT allowed in lieu of an outdoor coat on normal uniform days.

Drinks

Students are able to purchase drinks from the Chill during their breaktime. At all other times, the water fountains are open but cups are no longer being provided. Students must, therefore, either bring their own drinks or bring an empty bottle that they can fill with water from the fountains. Drinking directly from the water fountains will not be permitted.

Residential Visits

I am pleased to report that our Duke of Edinburgh Gold entrants completed their expedition towards the end of the summer break and this weekend sees Year 11's turn. Other residential trips planned for February half term remain under review including the joint Sixth Form trip to New York and the KSHS Ski trip. We realise that cancelling will be disappointing for students but we continue to look at Foreign Commonwealth Office Travel advice and know that we need to decide in the next couple of weeks to provide parents with assurances regarding refunds.

Fitness Suite

The school gym will be extending its current hours for Carre's Grammar School student members from Monday 7 September 2020. To make this possible we have introduced a timetable, giving each year group an allocated after school gym slot. Please see below for more details.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:45pm to 2:45pm	COMMUNITY USE	COMMUNITY USE	Enrichment Year 12&13	COMMUNITY USE	COMMUNITY USE
2:45pm to 3:45pm	COMMUNITY USE	COMMUNITY USE	Enrichment Year 12&13	COMMUNITY USE	COMMUNITY USE
3:45pm to 5pm	CGS STUDENT MEMBERS ONLY (4-week cycle of all year groups)	CGS STUDENT MEMBERS ONLY (Year 11)	CGS STUDENT MEMBERS ONLY (Year9)	CGS STUDENT MEMBERS ONLY (Year12&13)	CGS STUDENT MEMBERS ONLY (Year10)
5pm to 6pm	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS
6pm to 7pm	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS
7pm to 8pm	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	CLOSED
8pm to 9pm	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	ALL MEMBERS	CLOSED

Sessions have been allocated on days where the majority of the year group will already be changed for PE. If your child has not had PE on the day allocated, they may request a changing room to be unlocked. These will be sanitised after each individual use.

Students will have to pre-book online for any session they would like to attend. This can be done by following the link on the school website on the Fitness Facility Page or by following this link <https://cgsoutreach.ezfacility.com/login> . Students must register themselves online to access the timetable. To be able to book, the membership must be active. If membership has expired, renewals are available to buy online on the same portal. All sessions will be labelled if exclusive to a year group, so please make sure the appropriate session is booked.

Student members also have the opportunity to use the gym on evenings and weekends alongside adult members, using the same booking system. Please check the school website for opening times.

During all sessions, lockers are available, wipes must be used to clean each machine after use and sanitiser must be used on entrance and exit.

During school breaks the gym will not be open; however, this will be reviewed as we move through the term.

If you have any questions please direct them to the Fitness Manager, Stef Ellis, by emailing fitness@carres.uk. We hope students are able to adapt to the new procedures and continue to improve their health and fitness throughout this next academic year.

Job Opportunities

We are looking to appoint part time cleaners (3.45-6pm Monday-Friday) and a full time Sixth Form Administrator. Full details of the vacancies and how to apply are on our website.

And Finally....

I am pleased to share with you that three of our new Year 7 students went out of their way yesterday to help an elderly resident who had fallen in town and suffered a head injury. They comforted her and waited with her until the paramedics arrived. The lady's daughter would like to pass on her profound thanks for their support and kindness. We would like to share in thanking the boys concerned – we are very proud of them.

N M Law
Headteacher