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Carre's Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer

At the start of the summer term I would like to take this opportunity to update you about some of the changes that have taken place, and publish some reminders to help the school to run smoothly.

Examinations

The examination season is once again upon us and I would ask that parents encourage their sons and daughters to adhere to a revision programme in the weeks before the examinations; I would hope that they have used their Easter break profitably. For students taking external examinations, additional support sessions are available for the majority of subjects, and students should take advantage of these.

- A Formal Assessment week for Year 9 students is currently taking place.
- Internal examinations for Year 10 exams begin during the week commencing Monday 28 April – a timetable has already been issued to the students.
- The main session for external GCSE and GCE examinations begins on Monday 12 May.
- Internal examinations for Year 7 and 8 students will take place during week commencing Monday 30 June.
- GCE (AS and A Level) results will be available on Thursday 14 August at 9am for Year 13 students and from 10am for Year 12 students.
- GCSE results are published on Thursday 21 August and will be available from 9am.

Study Leave

Year 11 students

For Year 11 students, the last day of teaching will be on 15 May. This means that from 16 May onwards Year 11 students will only have to be in school during their actual exams. It is the responsibility of each individual student to ensure that they are in school for their exams at the correct time, as there can be no appeal merely for mixing up the days or times of the exams.

Year 12 Students

Formal study leave will begin on Monday 12 May and last until Tuesday 10 June. During this period students will only be required to attend lessons in those subjects for which they have not yet taken their exam AND those subjects which are coursework-based. They will not be required to register with their form tutors in the morning or be on site during their free periods, although form tutors will still be available for support and guidance each morning and students are still welcome to use the study facilities during the school day.

The first formal day of A2 study will be Wednesday 11 June, although it should be noted that those students who study Mathematics at Carre's have one last exam on Thursday 12 June. We have deliberately delayed the return date to Wednesday 11 June to accommodate students wishing to visit the Higher Education event being held at Lincoln University on Tuesday 10 June, which we would encourage them to attend.

The six weeks from 11 June until the end of term represent a significant unit of work for Year 12 students and serve to remove some of the pressure for Year 13. They will also incorporate the start of UCAS and destination planning for all students. Excellent attendance, therefore, is vital.

Year 13 Study Leave

Normal lessons and registration arrangements will be in place up to the end of Term 5 (Friday 23 May). If a student has an examination during this term they can have study time in the morning before an afternoon examination. From the beginning of Term 6 (Monday 2 June) students need only attend lessons for those subjects with examinations still to be taken. Students will not be required to register with their tutor in the morning but they should sign in and out of school. For subjects with 100% coursework, they should attend classes until this has been completed.

Sleaford Joint Sixth Form Induction Days for Year 11 Students

The SJSF Induction Days will take place on Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June 2104. These days are effectively the start of the Sixth Form courses and will enable students to make a smooth transition into Year 12. All Year 11 students who intend to return to the Sixth Form are expected to attend.

Staff News

Our congratulations go to Nigel and Shay Stephenson on the birth of their daughter, Amelie.

Student Achievements

These are detailed in the Carrenian, which can be accessed on the website, or via the link below.

<http://cgsweb.carres.lincs.sch.uk/extranet/data/public/Newsletters/The%20Carrenian/2014/Carrenian%20-%202014-04.pdf>

Pupil Premium

From April 2014, schools in England can receive the Pupil Premium for children adopted from care or who left under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim the Pupil Premium for children who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991.

For the school to claim the Pupil Premium for adopted children, and those who are the subject of a SGO or RO, parents will need to inform us and provide supporting evidence, for example, the Adoption (Court) Order. Please be assured that any information related to this will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

The next Curriculum Enrichment Day is on Monday 30 June. All students, including students in Year 12, will be off their normal timetabled lessons for this day and will be involved in projects in their year groups. Further details will follow.

Cars on the School Site

May I remind parents that we do not allow the dropping off of students on the school site after 8am for safety reasons. Similarly, in the afternoons, parents should not bring cars onto the site before 4pm.

Communications and Contact Details

We have had incidences where parents have gone away on holiday, sometimes abroad, and left their child in the care of another family member or friend. If this is the case, please ensure that you have notified the office with full contact details in case of emergency or sickness.

Those of you telephoning the school will notice that we now have a message that calls may be recorded. This is in common with many call systems nowadays. The governors requested that this be introduced for the times it offers an ability to record the occasional aggressive and sometimes intimidating call received. This allows better protection for staff who are entitled to an acceptable level of respect and dignity whilst at work. For the vast majority of calls this will make no difference to the effectiveness and constructive nature of the conversations we enjoy.

Office Opening Hours

For your information, the school office is open between 8.15am and 4.45pm Monday to Friday, and between 9am and 1pm on weekdays during most school holidays.

Cashless Catering

Please may I remind parents once again to ensure that there are always sufficient funds on their child's ParentPay account, as overdrafts have not been permitted for some time.

Key Forthcoming Events

22 Apr	START OF TERM 5
22-25 Apr	Year 9 Formal Assessment Week
23 Apr	Parent Information Evening (English Literature Unit 1)
24-30 Apr	Spanish Exchange students visiting Carre's
25 Apr	Sleaford Schools Golf Tournament
28 Apr	Year 10 internal examinations start
28 Apr	Onatti Spanish play
29 Apr	Governors' Finance and Resources committee meeting
30 Apr	Year 10/11 Drama trip to Globe Theatre
30 Apr	Junior Schools Quiz Challenge
30 Apr	Music trip to Nottingham Royal Centre
30 Apr	Youth Employment Assembly
30 Apr	Parent Information Evening (English Literature Unit 2)
1 May	Junior Maths Challenge
5 May	BANK HOLIDAY
6/8/9 May	A Level Art Exam
7-16 May	Year 10 Exams
12 May	Start of GCE and GCSE External Exams
16 May	Year 11 Study Leave begins
19 May	Governors' Teaching and Learning committee meeting
19 May	Governors' Full Governing Body meeting
23 May	Sports Day
23 May	END OF TERM 5
2 June	START OF TERM 6
6-9 June	Battlefields trip
9 June	Governors' Personnel and Welfare committee meeting
11 June	EP trip to Gurdwara and Buddhist Centre
12 June	Geography trip to Skegness
13 June	Cricket Rewards Trip
13-14 June	Duke of Edinburgh practice trip (Ancaster)
16 June	Governors' Finance and Resources committee meeting
17 June	Year 5 Taster Day (1)
17 June	Year 8 Parents' Evening
18 June	Lincolnshire Show Rewards Trip
19 June	Year 5 Taster Day (2)
23 June	UCAS Evening
24 June	Parents' Information Evening (Open Championship)
25 June	Year 13 Leavers' Party
25-27 June	SJSF Induction Days
26 June	Year 13 Prom (Jacostas)
27-28 June	Duke of Edinburgh qualifying trip (Scopwick)
30 June	Curriculum Day
30 June	New Intake Evening
30 June–4 July	Year 11 Work Experience
30 June–4 July	Year 7 and 8 Assessment Week
4 July	Grammar Day Conference trip (London)
4 July	New Intake Day

7 July	Year 11 Prom (Kelham Hall)
8 July	Open Day and Evening
9 July	Sainsbury's School Games
9 July	Music trip to Halle Orchestra (Grantham Mere's)
11 July	Year 10 trip to Holocaust Centre
14 July	Governors' Teaching and Learning committee meeting
14 July	Governors' Full Governing Body meeting
14-31 July	Ecuador trip
16-18 July	Open Golf trip (Royal Liverpool)
17 July	KS3 Rewards Assembly
18-20 July	MFL trip to PGL, France
19 July-5 Aug	Rugby trip to Australia
22 July	Rewards Trip to Alton Towers
23 July	Junior Prizegiving
23 July	END OF TERM 6

Finally, I would like to thank parents for their support and encouragement in the education of our students and wish you and your family all the best for the summer.

Yours faithfully



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