CARRE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL



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100 Club Letter

May I take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter. For those who are travelling, may you have safety and for others who are simply spending family time, may you have the chance to relax together.

After the Easter holiday we will be welcoming new colleagues to the school, with the arrival of both Mrs Green, as Deputy Headteacher and Mr Offah, who joins us as a teacher of PE.

Next term is a busy time for many students; Year 9 will soon be starting their SATs. Year 11 have little time before their GCSEs start in earnest. In Year 12 and 13 there is a last chance to increase the pace of their studies in preparation for their examination season. For so many students, leaving their efforts until later will be too late. This causes stresses and strains for many, but the sacrifices that are necessary now will bring better reward in the future.

I have been thrilled with the contributions that so many of our students have made in life outside of the classroom. Primarily, we are an academically focused school, where we judge our success against the attainment of our students. Their examination success is of prime importance. However, without the additional enrichment opportunities that are available, we would be a poorer school community. In recent weeks we celebrated another successful cup run by our 1st XI football team in the ESFA tournament. The team who got through to the final 16 in the country, losing on penalties to the prestigious public school, Shrewsbury School. Elsewhere, we have had great success on the rugby field in Lincolnshire cups. Also our Year 8 team again became Three Counties Champions, narrowly missing out on a return trip to Twickenham where, as Year 7s, sponsored by Sleaford Quality Foods. they made such superb progress last year. Our Junior Schools' Challenge Quiz Team defeated spirited competition and are now in the Regional Final. We have also enjoyed the stage performance of Johnny and the Dead, as well as musical recitals and the House Music final.

Once again, with the many activities that are offered

to students, there is little reason why your son should ever say that he is bored at school!

A number of students have learned the hard way that our monitoring of IT equipment has improved dramatically. Parents should feel assured that we have real-time checking that monitors all e-mail, internet and application activity. This identifies crude, lewd or time wasting activity and greatly reduces opportunities for anti-social behaviour. May I remind parents that with the extended use of video and picture phones, often with the accompanying technology to easily transfer images and videos, vigilance needs to be kept. This has been reiterated during school assembly.

Even though the school is such a busy environment for your son, teaching and support staff, this remains a wonderful community. We do have our occasional challenges, but by far, the majority of our school maintain excellent standards. I am grateful for your continued support that makes this school successful.

Mike Reading

Year II GCSE History visit to "Condemned" - The Galleries of Justice, Nottingham - Tom Shortland IIW

"Why do you want to do History?" people asked, "it's all in the past!". Well the 9 February was the day the GCSE Year 11 History students got to reverse the tables and laugh at the non-historians for a while. We were going on a school trip to the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham, as part of our Crime and Punishment through the ages course. Everyone else was staying in school. We spent the bus journey bartering sweets (or threatening if you like) from each other and hastily preparing for the court case we were due to re-enact.

By mid morning we had arrived at the Galleries, a large and grand building on a quiet street in Nottingham. Everyone crowded around the entrance, longing to experience the delights of the museum; such as radiators and central heating!

The two history classes would do the day in reverse order. Mr Fenton's (which I'm in) would do the Mock trial in the morning and the tour in the afternoon and Miss Mills' group, the other way round.

The trial was that of Daniel Diggle (real trial 1817) a person who had been accused of trying to kill his exboss, because the machines starting to come into use around that time had replaced him. Daniel, skilfully played by Chris Hues, insisted he was not intending to kill his ex-boss. He was unanimously found guilty by his classmates in the jury and Judge Ratcliff, and sentenced to hang. We're a friendly bunch really!

In Miss Mills' group, even the silver tongued Tom Siddons could not save himself. Although his colleagues found Daniel Diggle not guilty of murder, he was found guilty of criminal damage, and so Mr Justice Findlay passed the ultimate sentence - death by hanging.

The afternoon tour lead us around the museum, most of which used to be a real prison back in the 17th and 18th Century. The courtroom was a working one up until the 1980s. The cells, exercise yard and activities really brought to life what the punishment and judicial system was like from the early 17th to mid 18th centuries. Later dubbed the "bloody code", in this period you could easily be hanged for just stealing a loaf of bread, even if it was to save you from hunger. You were only slightly luckier if you got sent to barely inhabited Australia - a punishment that might not be so disagreeable today. The dark and dirty cells had a marked effect on everyone.

Overall we had an enjoyable day and learned a lot, and came back glad we didn't live under that kind of justice!

Photos below left Judge Ratcliff and below right - The Jury

Holocaust Exhibition - 9 March 2006

As we got onto the bus and set off towards London, everyone was excited, looking forward to the day ahead; a day away from usual lessons, doing something different. After what seemed like ages we reached the outskirts of London, and as we travelled through the City towards the Imperial War Museum we saw many famous sights - the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye and a short glimpse of the new Wembley Stadium.

When we finally reached the museum, everyone was quick to get off the bus, stretch their legs and get a better look at the unfamiliar surroundings. Once we had eaten our lunch outside, amongst a large flock of very tame pigeons, we moved on into the museum itself and split up into groups to have a look around. Whilst we were walking around the museum we saw tanks, planes, vast arrays of guns, and a few lethal looking clubs, with what looked like nails protruding at the end.

Having spent a couple of hours exploring the whole museum and looking at all the different vehicles and weapons, we were taken into a large room. Here a historian called Steve introduced himself to us and proceeded to show us first his shoe, and then a shoe that belonged to a young Jewish child who had died in the Holocaust. We spent a few minutes discussing what we could say about the owners of the shoes, before being told about what we should expect to see in the exhibition.

Although we had been told briefly about what was in the exhibition, there was not just physical evidence of belongings of people who were murdered, but also people's first-hand experiences of the persecution of Jews, gypsies and the disabled. There were accounts from people who had been told that they were no longer welcome at their school and from people who had been told that they were second-class because of their religion. The acts that took place at the time were in places quite disgusting, evidence of people being locked up in very cramped conditions for days with no food, water or toilets, being left shut-up with the dead and the mad.

The numbers of dead became so large that they were meaningless, pictures showing piles of dead bodies being burnt or bulldozed into pits, made us realise that each one of those numbers was a person just like us, and not just a figure.

Everyone had a good day, as it was nice to get out of the classroom for a change, but what we saw will remain with some people for a long time, if not for the number of dead, for the brutality and the difference between living and dying. The thing I will remember most was how people were selected to live or die as they entered the concentration camps. If you were told to go to the right you lived, but if you were told to the left you died.

By George Jolliffe - 10X

All Who Lost -A Poem of Remembrance

The broken bodies
Filled with torture
Men so wicked
Filled with malice
But now a tear,
A tear of sorrow

A tear for all Who lost their lives A tear for all Who lost their spirit

The lethal fence
Built with hate
The camps of injustice
Built with pride
But a tear
A tear of anguish......

A tear for all Who lost their lives A tear for all Who lost their spirit

How can anyone Have such hatred How can anyone Have such blindness

Blindness to the True injustice Blindness to the Murdered beings Now I drop A tear for those.....

A tear for all Who lost their lives A tear for all Who lost their spirit

By Ian Caithness - 10Y

Holocaust Exhibition - 9 March 2006

Come Jews, they said as we got onto the train. They were very pleasant; to keep order, stop us panicking

Out you get please, they said with a smile, here is your new home, you'll be going back soon

Nothing to be concerned about, move along please, don't dally or you'll get left behind

Can you line up, get into a queue please; already splitting us up into two groups

 ${f E}$ veryone impatient, wondering, waiting their turn, we had been stood a while

Not like the rumours coming out of camps, we whispered to ourselves

 ${f T}$ wo ways to go; left with the men or right with the old and young

Right - a brick house with a chimney, left - out of the camp

Already our heads shaved to protect from the fleas

 ${f T}$ o the showers, they commanded with a grin

 ${f I}$ had no idea of the darkness lying within

Opened the roof and put crystals in

Not much of a shower we said

 \mathbf{H} ow thousands of

Ordinary

Lives were

Obliterated by a

Cruel and

 ${f A}$ utocratic regime

Unimpeded by

Subordinates who colluded in the

 $\mathbf{T}_{\mathrm{error}}$

Can't breath, locked in

By Alexander Baker - 10X

All around writhing

Must be gas

Panicking

Silence

ACROSTIC

Jews dying every moment

Entering into the camps

With personal possessions held near

Inside is the gas that kills

Showers not a good idea

 ${f H}$ ELP, but no-one can hear

By Liam White - 10Y

A Nation's Shame

Six Million lives snuffed out Pure evil of that's no doubt

A madman's vision put into operation Impossible without a nation's co-operation

A nation blamed A nation shamed

Few voices of dissent Many of consent

Never again, never again

By James Rose - 10Y

First Night Review - The Great History Dirty Boots Rock'n Roll Tour Galleries of Justice, Nottingham

A famous historian once said that good historians have to get out and about and get their boots dirty. That well established band Carre's Association 4 School History (CASH), led by its golden oldies, has taken this to heart. Their latest tour has taken in gigs in Europe at the 1st World War Battlefields, as well as a national tour appearing at Castle Rising, Southwell Workhouse, London Imperial War Museum and a guest appearance for their home town fans, along Sleaford Navigation. They now hit Nottingham Galleries of Justice with two performances of the Y11 hit concert Condemned.

The mock trial lacked the usual lead judge who was used to not only supporting lost causes, but creating good vibrations in court when dealing with heroes and villains. Nevertheless Mr "Rope the dope" Ratcliff more than ably brought the right amount of sanctimonious hypocrisy to the role. In the matinee performance Mr "flog' em" Findlay extended the repertoire to include more world music by bringing a dour Caledonian, celtic flavour.

Chris Hues as the alleged attempted murderer gave a rendition of *What People Say I Am That's What I'm Not* but to little avail. A spirited version of the golden oldie *I'm Heading for the last round up* by the jury, led by Ed Dodd, found him very, very guilty indeed on all counts and the judge

gave a satisfying performance in passing the ultimate sentence. Fine ensemble playing in the reprise performance in the afternoon produced a similar result, despite a more schmoozy appeal by Tom Siddons with his tribute band, Simply Dedd's version of *You Keep Me Hanging On.* This time the jury



responded with *Everyday I Love you Less and Less* and he too was found guilty.

The next set began with *I Predict a Riot*, which served as an introduction to the in house trial of Valentine Marshall who was transported to Australia for taking part in a huge protest meeting in Nottingham in 1832. This trial was run by the Galleries' own DJ (District Judge) and there was fine support from the students as witnesses.

The second half of the show continued the eclectic mix we have come to expect from this troupe with a blast of country and western and a fine cover of the Johnny Cash classic *I Walk The Line* and reinforced with *One Way Ticket to Hell*, followed by a medley of Goth and Heavy metal, as we descended

into the Darkness of the 18th century prison. Here, with the aid of the in-house facilitators, including the Rolling Stones' Honky Tonk Woman - the Matron, we ran the whole gamut of punishment over time from pulling your leg to hasten hangings, to porridge and turning the screw in the hand crank machine in each cell. There was an antipodean flavour with a bouncy medley of Kylie's I Should Be So Lucky, along with some sea shanties in the transportation of Australia section. The tour culminated with a brisk run through the best of Police, as we saw the evolution of the modern British bobby, with guest appearances from the police box inspiring the Tardis and Heartbeat's Morris Minor.

I now eagerly await the DVD of the concert "Condemned the Director's Cut, along with additional extras, giving in-depth information on crime and punishment from Roman times to the twentieth century.

We have missed the Brits and Baftas for this year, but based on this performance will they win the awards that really matter? We will have to wait until the results are announced on awards day in August (sponsored by OCR/GCSE). Perhaps then the whole ensemble can celebrate with their version of *Stairway to Heaven*.

'Graffix'

Year 7 student **Luc Chignell - 7B** is part of a lively, young three piece rock band called Graffix, who are based around Newark.



The band was formed in mid 2005 by three 11 year old school friends and they quickly established themselves by playing a series of gigs, featuring covers from bands such as Green Day and Blink 182. Since their first gig at an end of term school party at their primary school, Luc and his two friends, Jake and Kyle, have performed at several other parties and have recently been interviewed by local radio station Boundary FM. They are currently rehearsing for a spot at a local festival later this year.

Adding to their existing set of covers all the time, the band are improving constantly and are planning on writing and recording original numbers later in the year.

Outstanding Student

James Lloyd - 8X competed in a



3 man team at a national table tennis tournament at Rugby on 5 February. James

won 5 out of his 7 matches. A total of 15 other teams from across the country were competing. At one point James had to win a certain match for his team to go through. James was losing one set to nil, with the score at 1, 7 to his opponent. James came back to win that set and then won the next set, making it 2 sets each. In the final set James won it for his team by 5 points.

Congratulations also to James for coming second in the recent Lincoln Music and Drama Festival in his category of under 15s verse reading. Well done James! Nicholas Lynch - 7B

recently came 12th in the Junior British



Open Ice Speed Skating competition, competing against other competitors from all over Europe.

Nicholas was also picked for the Nottinghamshire U13s for Sportshall athletics, competing in two events obstacle relay and standing long jump and took gold and silver. The Nottinghamshire team will also attend the national finals to be held in Birmingham in April.

Congratulations Nicholas!

Liam Earth - 11Z has been making headlines again by gaining a Gold in Sparring and Bronze in Patterns in the recent



Midlands Tae Kwon Do competition. Liam competed in the Mens' Division.

More recently Liam competed in the English Championships at Coventry. He should have competed in the Cadets Section but decided to compete in the Men's competition instead. Liam reached the finals in Sparring and gained a Silver medal, narrowly missing out on Gold.

Liam will be travelling to Davos in Switzerland on 5 April to compete in the European Tae Kwon Do Championships.

In his spare time Liam has completed his Umpires course and is now a fully fledged Umpire. This achievement means he can now officiate in Tae Kwon Do competitions.

Congratulations on your achievements Liam and good luck in Switzerland.

Jamie Bentley - 11X recently participated in a county gymnastics competition at Gainsborough. Jamie became overall boys champion taking Gold. He had to perform specific requirements on the floor and also competed against 40 other gymnasts to secure his Gold medal. Congratulations Jamie!

Students Plan Trip to help Zambian Children

Ex Carre's student, **Daniel Dowler** and Sleaford girls, Lorna Day and Hannah Broughton, are hoping to raise £2,000 each to visit Zambia where they hope to help underprivileged children. All three students attended Sleaford Joint Sixth Form and Daniel is currently studying at Keele University. The trip has been organised by the charity Hope for Children and the Manchester Rag.

The trip will be for two months, but the trio are trying to raise more money so that they can stay longer to help the children. Once they get to Zambia they hope to build upon the progress made by previous volunteers for Hope, by working in urban centres such as Livingstone and the capital Lusaka. They will help build schools, work in orphanages and provide education on such issues as HIV and AIDs. If you would like to help the students with their fundraising contact Daniel on 07716 839191 or Hannah on 07716 839186.

(Photo right courtesy of Sleaford Standard) Lorna Day, Daniel Dowler and Hannah Broughton

Key Stage Updates March 2006

Year 7 Charity Week 3 - 7 April



As part of our PSHEC programme Year 7 students will once again be engaging in our annual fund-raising activities for the benefit of "Send a Cow". This is the culmination of our first Citizenship module where we have considered the role of a good citizen and looked at the plight of children in the developing world who do not enjoy the opportunities that our young people do.

"Send a Cow" provides livestock, beehives or saplings for families in Africa and thus gives them with the means to become self-sufficient. Each form will be encouraged to raise money for specific items from the Send a Cow catalogue. They will then plan various activities and enterprises for the last week of term to raise the necessary funds. Thank you in advance for your support and please pass on our thanks to your generous family members and neighbours.

School Council

The School Council was relaunched this term with a revised format. Key Stage 4 elections took place during the Democracy module at the start of the year. Earlier this term elections were held in Key Stage 3 to select the student representatives. Each form fielded a candidate and students were encouraged to run an election campaign. Hustings and voting took place in Year Assemblies. The two candidates who polled the highest number of votes in their year became Student Councillors.

The two unsuccessful candidates will act as deputies and ensure that their form is kept informed of School Council discussions and decisions. Each Year now has two representatives on the council and the Council meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Lunch is provided to enable the representatives to spend the whole lunch hour debating the issues of the moment.

The School Councillors are:

Year 7 Ben Clark 7W Harry Price 7L

Year 8 Sam McDonald 8Y Austin Wellbelove 8Z Year 9 Gresham Smith 9W Tim McManus 9Y

Year 10 Lewis Collier-Williams 10W Adam Dodsworth 10W

Surviving Teenagers

As parents we are often on a steep learning curve with our teenagers. Having teenagers in the house can be great fun but it can also be quite challenging. I have vivid memories of my sister's "red sock days" as a teenager. Her school uniform was brown and her socks were meant to be of that colour...so when the

red socks flashed as she whirled out of the front door we knew we were in for a rough day! I am pleased to say she has turned out to be quite a nice human being in her old age!

So if you are feeling in need of some survival tips or indeed have a few to share with those of us who are relative novices, Mr Wilson and I are hoping to offer parents the opportunity to contribute to a workshop on the challenge of parenting teenagers. The workshop will not be about providing all of the answers but an opportunity to explore the experience of having teenagers and learn from each other. So if you've seen the video

and got the t-shirt we'd love you to get involved in this workshop. We are hoping to offer a couple of dates during the summer term. If you would be interested in getting involved or would like more information please email me at school rosemary.brooks@carres.lincs.sch.uk

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Summer Dress Code



As the summer term approaches with the possibility of warm weather I would like to remind students of our expectations regarding dress. Boys will be expected to continue to wear blazers when moving around school unless Mr Reading has determined that shirtsleeve order is appropriate. Boys will be expected to have top buttons fastened and wear a tie when shirtsleeve order applies. In view of the changeability of our weather boys should exercise common sense and make sure that they have their blazers with them should the weather turn cooler once shirtsleeve order has been declared.

To simplify communication a yellow disk will be displayed in the school dining room when shirtsleeve order applies.

Private Reading Books

Students are expected to bring private reading material into school every day. Should a teacher be unavoidably delayed at the beginning of a lesson, students can use their time profitably meeting their private reading target. Students should plan ahead to ensure that they always have some private reading material with them.



Set-Work During Absence

We have recently received several requests for work to be set for students who are absent due to family holidays or illness. It is not our policy to ask teachers to set work in these circumstances. If a student is not well enough to attend school he is unlikely to be well enough to complete set work. In exceptional circumstances, for instance temporary physical disability, it may be appropriate to set work and we would do our best to support any student in this situation. However, in the case of absence due to holiday or illness it is the student's responsibility on their return to find out what work has been missed and catch-up. It would be sensible for students to consider photocopying notes where appropriate and we will assist in this wherever possible. I trust that this clarifies the situation regarding set work.

Y11 GCSE Revision Support

It is now only a matter of weeks before the Y11 students will be sitting their final examinations. If the students require any additional support then there is a range of support sessions available during lunchtimes. Students have been informed of what is available. Subjects currently offering support include Maths, English, Languages and RE.

Y11 Work Experience 3 - 14 July 2006

The Y11 students should currently be choosing their Work Experience placement and they should see Mr Scholefield to confirm their choice as soon as possible. They should also be completing their Curriculum Vitae and letter of application in preparation for their placement induction process. We recommend that students who are leaving school still complete at least a week of Work Experience in order to furnish them with potential references and valuable workplace experience that they would be able to draw upon in an interview situation.

Mr Wilson & Mrs Brooks Key Stage Managers

Year 10 GCSE Music Dance Workshop - 14 March

Dance Tutor, Joan Matson recently came to teach Year 10 Music groups from Carre's and the High School how to do basic ballroom dances, including Jive, Waltz and Cha-cha-cha as part of their studies on 'Music for Dance'. Star performer of the day was Alistair Allen - who was said to be "a natural".

Below - Joan putting the students through their paces!







A Level Music Recital

This year's Music Recital took place at St Denys' Church, Sleaford on Monday 20 March and was recorded for performance coursework to be sent off to the examiners. A2 students performed for 20 minutes each and AS students performed for 5-6 minutes each. **Will Darbyshire** showed exceptional talent on guitar and voice, singing numbers such as 'Hallelujah' and Eric Clapton's "Hey, Hey". At AS level **Shaun Wadsley** performed pieces by Albeniz on the guitar very proficiently.

(pictured right - participants in A Level Music Recital 2006)





HOUSE MUSIC FINAL 27 March 2006

The results of the House Music Competition were:



Junior : 1st Niall Grady 10Y 2nd Joshua Rea 7L 3rd Steven Fortune 9X Senior: 1st Will Darbyshire 2nd George Morton 11Y 3rd Shaun Wadsley L63

The House competition results were:

1st Carre 2nd Bristol 3rd Welby

4th Lafford

Over 40 boys had auditioned. There was a very high standard of performance, especially in Lower School.

Sports Round-Up

Year 7 Rugby - capped off a very successful season by coming second in the Lincolnshire emerging schools tournament to Bourne Grammar School. They then went on to win the South Kesteven District Tournament.

Year 8 Rugby - won Lincolnshire Schools' Championship, going through six county rounds (Leics, Lincs, Notts, Cambs, Derbys, Northants). The boys beat the Notts and Derbys teams (unofficial NLD champs), but unfortunately did not progress further.



This week we competed in the Lincolnshire Schools 7's championships at Market Rasen and became the U18 plate winners. Around 15 teams took part.

Football



Years 9, 10 and 11 all beat Deepings School.

Years 7 and 8 (A&B) teams played Stamford School. All won apart from 8B who narrowly lost 4-3.

Ski Trip 2006 - by Nick Britten 9Y

On Thursday 16 February the bus left school at midnight - destination Chatel. We arrived at Gatwick and got through check-in without any problems. The flight was on time and the coach trip through France was lengthy and sent a lot of people to sleep. We checked into the hotel before lunchtime. This was the point when most of us realised that the KGGS girls from Grantham, who had been on our flight, were in our hotel too and Mr Scholefield wasted no time in laying down the law where they were concerned! We began unpacking with a standard boys' amount of organisation (absolutely none). The food in the hotel was good for the week, but I never want to see ham or cheese ever again! Later we were fitted with boots and skis and, for the better skiers, poles. At dinner that evening we were put into our groups for skiing.

The next morning everyone hit the slopes expectantly, after being shouted at in French for trying to use our ski passes in the wrong way! It took some people less than the first lesson to decide that they were in the wrong group and for the first couple of days everyone was switching. By the end of the week nearly everyone could parallel turn, which is a good stage to be at after only a week. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the skiing, even though some people (especially me) fell over quite frequently! Everyone got an award of some kind on the last day at a visit to a creperie at the top of the gondola.

The evening entertainments were good as well. A town trail (which took about 30 seconds to turn into a snowball fight), Crystal Maze quiz (in which Schoey's Barmy Army were the winning team), ice skating (where Josh Stamp made the most spectacular fall and got a large lump on his head for his show), bowling (exhibition style), karaoke (why bother - I just used the gondola!?) and a disco (nearly everyone went in fancy dress as themselves)!

After packing on the last day (which took some time due to items mysteriously disappearing under beds) everyone rushed off to buy last minute presents with what little Euros they had left. Anyone who didn't sleep on the way back must be an insomniac because everyone was really tired (partially due to Mr Scholefield's unique wake-up calls throughout the week).

It was a brilliant trip and everyone enjoyed all of it (with the possible exception of Mr Wilson who had a stomach upset on the second day) and it was well worth the hard work of the staff. A big thank you to Mr Scholefield, Mr Broadhurst, Mr Wilson, Mr Cattermole and Mr and Mrs Jessop.

(Skiing photos will be published in next time's Newsletter due to lack of space)

Tesco - Computers for Schools 2006



Carre's are once again collecting the Tesco Computers for Schools vouchers. Last time we collected enough to buy a computer, which is fantastic and a big thank you to everyone who sent in their vouchers.



There is a collection box outside of the school office and we would be very grateful to receive your vouchers, plus any unwanted ones from friends, neighbours (and the person in front of you in the queue at Tesco's who does not want theirs!). Vouchers will be available in store until Sunday 14 May and we have to send them in to Tesco by Friday 7 July.

Fundraising at Carre's



A very big thank you to all those students taught by Mr Lord, who in the week before half term donated their loose change. This was prompted by a story regarding a family friend whose four week old little boy was seriously ill. Unfortunately the little boy lost his fight for life and the sum of £27.50 has now been donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Plant Sale Proceeds to go Macmillan Cancer Relief

Following the success of his plant sale last year, **Daniel Tarry 8X** will be again be selling his home grown plants:

Varieties will include:

- Sunflowers tall and dwarf
- Marigolds
- Asters
- Petunias
- Busy Lizzies

A letter and order form will be send out in April, but if you require any further information please send your enquiries to Daniel Tarry via the school office.

All proceeds from the sales will be donated to Macmillan cancer relief.



Non-uniform Day - Friday 7 April

A non-uniform day will be held on the last day of term. Students will be required to pay £1 to participate in this event. Proceeds will go to Cancer Research/Gifts and members of the 6th Form will collect the donations.

Carre's 6th Former gets the message to drinkers

Jordan Nicholson - U62 has found an innovative way of promoting safe sex by printing warnings on a beer mat. He has designed and created 5,000 beer mats as part of his A level Communications Studies coursework and the mats has now been distributed around 10 pubs in Sleaford. Jordan came up with the idea whilst watching "Hollyoaks" on TV where there was a storyline about date rape drugs. He thought that beer mats would be a good way of getting the message across to young people. Jordan worked with North Kesteven District Council's Graphics Manager, Steve Wallhead, to come with the designs and the Council and some town pubs helped him fund the project. Jordan had to go around all the pubs in Sleaford asking if they would donate money to enable him to produce the beer mats and he managed to get £270 from the pubs and the council gave him £280. This amount was enough for him to get 5,000 mats printed.

Above - Jordan Nicholson and his beer mats - photo courtesy of Lincolnshire Echo

Carre's Students join Lincoln City

Jamie McCormack 11W and **Tom Siddons 11Y** are both joining Lincoln City full-time as young professionals on 1 July.

Congratulations boys - what a fantastic achievement!



DATA PROTECTION ACT - FAIR PROCESSING

A letter regarding the above has been placed on the school's website - www.carres.lincs.sch.uk (please note change of website address) and should be read by all parents/guardians/students over 16 years of age. It can be accessed by selecting "About the School", then "School Life", then towards the bottom of the list you will see "Fair Processing". Please could you read the letter and, if required, make a response by the end of April

Parents' Teachers' and Friends' Association

Support your PTFA

Why not raise money for the school and have fun at the same time!



Forthcoming Events Sunday 2 July 2006



5 A Side Football Tournament to be held in the School Grounds Football Tournament - 10 am to 1 pm

BBQ - 12 to 2pm

- No need to buy a ticket just 'Pay as you go'
- A selection of food and beverages will be available for your consumption
- Games
- Bar
- Full programme of events will be available nearer the time

Friday 13 October 2006

Wine & Wisdom Quiz Night - 7pm at the School

- Licensed Bar
- Selection of Nibbles
- Selection of Wines
- Maximum of 8 per team
- Further details to follow nearer the time



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Dates for Your Diary

- 3 6 April GCSE MFL Orals
- 7 April End of Yr 10 exams
- **7 April -** Last day of term/non-uniform day
- 24 April First day of term
- 26 April Yr 9 Geography fieldwork
- 27 April Form and Group photos
- 27 April Yr 7 & 8 Maths Challenge
- 28 April Sleaford Schools' Golf Championships - Sleaford Golf Club
- 1 May School closed
- 2 May 5 May KS3 SATS exams
- 4 May PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 8 May Yr 10 Geography fieldwork
- 8 May Yrs 7 & 8 internal exams begin
- 12 May Yr 10 exam results published
- **12 May -** Yr 7 & 8 exams end
- 15 May GCSE, AS & A2 exams begin
- 16 May Yr 8 RE trip to Leicester
- 22 May Yr 12 Study Leave begins
- 22 May Yr 10 Parents' Evening
- **25 May -** Sports Day, Princess Royal Arena, Boston
- 26 May End of Term

Changes to Student Usage of Library from Mon 27.3.06

Students in all years will be required to sign in and out of the library. This will help us monitor the usage of the Library, track students, stop disruption when the Library is booked and ensure the Library is used correctly. This procedure will not operate during break and lunch times, or when full classes are booked into the Library.



Also students from Years 7 to 11 wishing to use the Library during lesson time will be required to have their planner signed by their teacher, also giving an outline of what work they are expected to do. This is to ensure they have been given permission to use the library and for what reason. Students will then be able to carry out the work set and I can guide them to suitable resources when required. Any student not been given written permission will be sent back to their lesson. Please could teachers check the Library is not already booked out before sending any student to work in the Library.

Please can I also remind staff that should they wish to use the Library for lessons, it is necessary to complete the online booking form or to see me prior to the lesson. The online booking form is on the "T drive" (Works drive).

Thanks

Emma Whitton - Librarian

Messages from the Office

- Absences from School Thank you to all parents who phone
 in promptly to report their sons' absence from school. This is
 very helpful to us and we do appreciate your efforts. Could we
 also remind you that boys SHOULD NOT phone in their own
 absence from school.
- Lost Property We still have a mountain of lost property and are hoping to hold a Lost Property Amnesty next week (details will be posted in school). Any items remaining after the amnesty will have to be given to charity. We are no longer able to keep items in school indefinitely due to Health and Safety issues.
- Items for the Newsletter. We are always happy to receive items from parents for the Newsletter. Please either send them in to the office or email: melanie.woolgar@carres.lincs.sch.uk We are also open to any comments you might wish to make regarding the Newsletter.
- School Term Dates. Although these were included in our October Newsletter, we are still getting requests by phone for school dates. If you require a new list of dates, please send your son to the school office to collect one.
- Happy Easter everyone!