



# CARRE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Foreword by Mike Reading - Headteacher

As I write, there are usual signs that nature has an ever-repeating cycle, fulfilling the expectation that Autumn always follows the summer and that the nights draw in once again. However, at Carre's, this predictability of the seasons is contrasted by the many changes that have contributed to an exciting present for the school and give great optimism for a positive future.

We have just celebrated the openings of two examples of how the school is moving forward. We welcomed Lord Tom Pendry to the opening of the all-weather pitch and had a number of representatives from organisations and influential dignitaries. Lord Pendry, President of the Football Foundation, acknowledged the facility here at Carre's as unique in the area and one that reinforces the school's commitment within its community and strong status as a Sports College. Shortly after this opening we welcomed back an Old Boy of the school, Mark Brealey, who had previously been our guest at Prizegiving. He followed up his previous visit by sponsoring the school over a number of years. Due to Mark's generosity, we have been able to open up the Mark Brealey Learning Resource Centre. This has replaced the old school library as a first class centre for study and research, open not only to all of our students, but to members of the Joint Sixth Form.

Such developments are hallmarks of a successful school. They support our academic achievement, reflected in recent data received in school that shows our Key Stage 3 results are the strongest ever, both in terms of results and also progress made by students. This encourages many prospective parents and the successes over recent years means that in the 11+ selection process our numbers are at record levels for those wanting to take the assessment through Carre's and reaching the minimum qualifying standard.

Such successes are unworthy unless we are also able to support your son in additional ways. Recent successes in Local Democracy Week, on the rugby pitch and through the voluntary activities of students, have shown just how much success the school enjoys through its students. In January a number of students go to Senegal to support our international link with our partner school, Lycee Ahmadou Ndack Seck. This week, two of our students have been invited by the Deputy Prime Minister to join an International Debate on Slavery, meeting with students visiting the UK through the British Council International Programme. The debate will be broadcast on the BBC Parliament channel on 30 October (see write-up on page 2). The school is active, moving forward and is a happy place in which to learn.

Finally, a successful school is able to make strong appointments. It is my pleasure on behalf of the Chairman of the Governing Body to convey news that Mr Nicholas Law has been appointed as Headteacher of Carre's Grammar School from January 2008. Mr Law is currently Deputy Headteacher of Spalding Grammar School. In the next newsletter, we will include a profile and introduction to Mr Law.

As ever, if there are areas of concern or you simply wish to pass on a message to us, feel free to do so. You can reach me through my personal email, [mike.reading@carres.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:mike.reading@carres.lincs.sch.uk)

Best wishes  
**Mike Reading**, Headteacher

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## YOUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE MPs A GRILLING IN PARLIAMENT ON THE LEGACY OF THE SLAVE TRADE



**London, October 2007** Two students from Carre's Grammar School in Sleaford will make history when they join other young people on a debate on the abolition of the Slave Trade Act and its modern-day legacies in the House of Commons during Black History Month in October.

At the invitation of MP John Prescott, **James Clark, 16, and Sam Mason, 15,** will join more than 50 young people between the ages of 15-18 from across sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, United States of America and UK to explore the shared legacies of the slave trade and its contemporary manifestations with members of Parliament on Friday 19 October, 2007.

As part of the British Council's flagship Africa 2007 programme, the **British Council Slavery Youth Debate** in Westminster will examine the impact of the slave trade in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, two hundred years after the abolition of the Slave Trade Act. The debate will consider how a greater understanding of the issue can contribute to the eradication of modern-day forms of slavery such as human trafficking, sex slave trade and the recruitment of child soldiers.

The day will start with a 'Question Time' session chaired by Speaker of the House, Michael Martin, where participants will quiz a panel of MPs in the historic Grand Committee Room. This will be followed by a debate, chaired by the Deputy Speaker, Sylvia Heal, to explore the mechanisms that young people have today, such as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to protect against inequality and contemporary forms of exploitation.

Hull Truck Youth Theatre will perform a cutting-edge production of *Slavers*. This powerful piece of theatre is part of their Wilberforce 2007 season and recreates the shocking realities of the slave trade and its abolition as seen through the eyes of young people.

British Council Chief Executive, Martin Davidson, says: 'The sad fact is that slavery is still a reality in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The British Council Slavery Youth Debate gives young people a

crucial opportunity to tackle the issue of the slave trade and what can be done to eradicate its modern-day forms.'

'It also marks an important step change in how Africa, its Diaspora and the UK relate to each other. We must continue to encourage this kind of open dialogue so that we can build lasting trust and understanding between individuals, particularly amongst young people.'

John Prescott MP adds: 'It was during a recent visit to see the pioneering work of the British Council's Connecting Classrooms programme in Ghana that I was inspired to invite young people to Westminster to debate the legacy of the transatlantic slave trade. The British Council Slavery Youth Debate is a tribute to the energy and vision of young people who want a better future for themselves and their children. I look forward to their recommendations for tackling modern-day forms of slavery to be presented to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting youth forum in Uganda this November'.

The UK's international body for cultural relations, the British Council, is using a range of programmes to bring together participants for the event including Connecting Classrooms, Dreams & Teams Africa and InterAction. Young people from Connecting Classrooms schools in countries across sub-Saharan Africa include Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Tanzania whilst participants from the UK come from schools in London, Hull and Middlesbrough.

Guests include John Prescott MP, Chair of the British Council, Lord Kinnock, Speaker of the House, Michael Martin, Deputy Speaker of the House, Sylvia Heal, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Innovation, Universities and Skills, David Lammy MP and the Paramount Chief of Elmina, Nana Kowdo Condua VI.

The chief will also make history as it is the first time a paramount chief from Elmina has set foot on UK soil for more than a century when he lifted a 134 year-old ban on flying the Union Jack in the Elmina community to commemorate the passing of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act at a British Council Reflections

commemoration in Elmina Castle on 25 March, 2007.

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### Notes:

The British Council works in 110 countries worldwide to build trust and understanding between the UK and other countries through the arts, education and training, science and technology, sport, good governance and human rights. Our income in 2006/07 was £551m, of which grant-in-aid from the British government was £189m. For more information, please visit: [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

**Africa 2007** is a long-term programme that explores culture and identity to generate fresh ideas and new understandings between individuals and communities from Africa and the UK. It aims to build sustainable partnerships that challenge current perceptions of the relationship between Africa and the UK. The regional programme involved the UK and a number of African countries including Cameroon, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and South Africa. For more information, please visit: [www.britishcouncil.org/ghana-arts-and-culture-africa-2007-main.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/ghana-arts-and-culture-africa-2007-main.htm)

**Connecting Classrooms** is a partnership programme for schools in sub-Saharan Africa and the UK and is supported by BBC World Class. The programme facilitates intercultural dialogue through three-way school partnerships. It aims to increase knowledge and understanding of different societies through joint curriculum projects. For more info, please visit:

[www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm) or [www.bbc.co.uk/worldclass/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldclass/)

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## The Sleaford Navigation - by Luke Tupholme 11Z

For Y10 coursework in History, we have been studying the Sleaford Navigation. Mr Fenton, Mrs Hickmore and Mr Lord took us out of school for the morning of the 25 September for a field trip into Sleaford to see some of the places we had been discussing.

That morning, we travelled along the route of the Navigation, from Lloyds Bank to Navigation House, ending up at Cogglesford Mill. Along the route we were taught about why the Navigation came to Sleaford, and who supported the building of the route. We did not have enough time to walk to Bone Mill Lock, but learned about its role as a small industry in grinding of bone for the production of china. The mill used the navigation system to transport the product; it was cheaper and caused less damage than transport on the poor roads of the time. We also learned about why the Navigation eventually declined, the main reason being because of the development of the railway.

Along the journey, a new member of the party joined us.... an elderly woman! It seemed she was twice

as old and twice as eager as the student body to learn about Navigation House! It was highly entertaining as Mr Fenton tried to explain about the Coat of Arms located above the door to Navigation House.

For many of us, it was the first time we had actually been around the town and realised what certain features really were. It was interesting to discover the navigation system was supported by investment by local businesses, rather than wealthy businessmen. The Navigation was actually supported by local businesses, because they recognised the value of the system to the expansion and growth of their own businesses.

As you can see, the morning was very productive and will hopefully help provide the current Year 10's with plenty of notes to successfully navigate their selves through the coursework.

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### Mr Fenton wrote:

The following day the other Year 10 History groups completed the fieldwork with Mrs Rayfield, Mr Clare and Mr Fenton. This time they were able to go into Navigation House to see the exhibits (and play the games) to learn more of the history of the site. In addition, Cogglesford Mill was opened up and they saw a milling demonstration culminating in a bread tasting session, with true organic flour ground at the Mill.

I would like to thank Denise Spearman of Sleaford Tourism for arranging to open Navigation House and Cogglesford Mill. Thanks also to Mark Tony at Navigation House and Michael and Barry at Cogglesford for giving their considerable expertise to the work.

## British Land UK Chess Challenge

Earlier this year Rajarajan Gowribalan, 8B, was entered by Mr Haines into the British Land UK Chess Challenge. He represented the school in the Lincolnshire Megafinal at Lincoln Castle on 6 May 2007. Four out of six games had to be won for qualification into the next round - the Northern England Gigafinal at Manchester University on 15 July 2007. If he accumulated enough points he would then qualify for the Terafinal in London. The winner of the entire event would receive over £2000.

Rajarajan tells us below about his experience at the British Land UK Chess Challenge Gigafinal:

*After a long two hour drive to Manchester, I was ushered into the University in total awe of its sheer size and was stunned to see the copious amount of players shuffling around the tables. To qualify for the Gigafinal you must first get at least four points in the Megafinal, however to qualify for the Terafinal you must be the winner of your age group in the Gigafinal. Although I did not qualify for the Terafinal, I was still proud to represent my school and win three of my six matches. I would not have been in the tournament if it was not for Mr Haines' Chess Club and expertise. The Chess Club runs every lunchtime in Room 8.*





## Year 7 Poetry Competition

Earlier this term, some Year 7 students took part in a poetry competition, timed to coincide with the National Poetry Society's National Poetry Day on 4 October. This year the society came up with the theme of 'Dreams' and many of our students wrote imaginative and thoughtful poems on this subject.

Entries were judged by two of our Year 9 students with Adam Foster of 7C emerging as the winner. Two worthy runners-up were Samuel Ball and Daniel Midgley, both from 7W.



## Yr 13 Geography Trip, North Yorkshire Moors 17 - 18 Sept

At 8:30am on Monday morning we departed Carre's, accompanied by Mr Holland, Mr Wilson and Mrs Manley.

Our first stop was the almost famous village of Goathland, where Heartbeat is filmed..... we went swiftly on to 'The North York Moors Centre' where we had a lecture on tourism in the National Park and the importance of sustainability. We all took notes which we would later use in the classroom. Our final stop of the day was Robin Hood's Bay. The wind was howling as everyone attempted to hold on to their notes, inevitably there were casualties, but most notes made it!

Scarborough Youth Hostel was where we had our much anticipated evening meal.... enough said! The highlight of the trip was upon us when we rolled up in Scarborough town and hit the arcades.

On our home journey the next day we stopped at successive locations studying coastal landforms north to south along the North Yorkshire coastline. Thankfully the weather had improved significantly, putting a smile on one or two unimpressed faces.

After surviving the trek down and then up some slightly dodgy stairs, which claimed the dignity of Hannah Chaffey, we had a

group photo and headed home! We did have one final stop in Bridlington for something to eat.

Many thanks to Mr Wilson and Mr Holland for putting their 'differences' aside, for most of the trip, and to Mrs Manley for looking after them both!

Glen Wilson - U64

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Flamborough Head



A very windy Ravenscar!

## Opening of Carre's All Weather Pitch

Our fantastic all-weather pitch was officially opened on Friday 28 September by Lord Pendry, President of the Football Foundation (picture below).

Following the official opening at 10 am, a primary school 6 A Side Football Tournament took place, with 18 teams taking part from 16 different schools. The winners were Claypole, runners-up Osbournby and the Fair Play Trophy went to Church Lane B team, who only got together the day before and didn't win a single game, but gave it their all!!

The winners received a set of two mini soccer goals, worth £150, donated by

Mark Harrod and the runners-up received a bag of footballs, donated by Sporting Lincs. The trophies were donated by Heydour Construction, who built the pitch, and were presented by Mr Ray Tinkler.

All visiting pupils had a great time and were extremely well behaved. The Sixth Formers who assisted did a great job of making sure everyone parked in the right spot and arrived in the right place!

The officials did a sterling job, especially in encouraging teams that weren't doing particularly well and were losing heart. Thanks also to the

group of Sixth Formers who looked after the team from Helpringham School. The school had received notification the day before of an OFSTED visit, which meant that no staff were able to escort them.

Despite the very grey and miserable day, the event was a huge success.

Well done and thank you to Charlotte Williamson for her fantastic organisation of this very successful event.

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## Welcome to Andy Allen - Partnership Development Manager

*With the departure of Kirsty Rossington in July, Andy Allen (pictured below) was appointed as the new Partnership Development Manager. Andy tells us a little bit about himself below*

I am the newly appointed Partnership Development Manager for the Lincolnshire Central School Sport Partnership. The School Sport Partnership is one of 450 partnerships nationwide, funded as part of the Government's investment in Physical Education, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL strategy) which aims to deliver on the Government's 2008 target to see that 85% of 5 to 16 year olds receive at least two hours each week of high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum.

Carre's Grammar School, as a Specialist Sports College, host the Partnership Development Manager, who works alongside members of staff from seven other secondary schools and 36 primary schools to develop the opportunities for both children and staff to access the initiatives which will see children benefit from a high quality PE, school sport and club link experience.

The seven secondary schools have a School Sport Coordinator funded two days a week to support their cluster of primary schools. The partner secondary schools are St George's College - Sleaford, Kesteven and Sleaford High School, Coteland's School - Ruskington, Sir William Robertson High School - Welbourn, The Aveland School - Billingham, The Lafford School - Billingham and the Gartree School - Tattershall.

The primary schools in the partnership all receive up to 12 days a year for their PE coordinator to be released from their timetable to develop the high quality PE opportunities within their school.

As Partnership Development Manager, I am responsible for developing a Partnership Development Plan, managing the programmes' finances, coordinating the training and opportunities, alongside the School Sport Coordinators, and developing external relationships and partnerships with agencies. In simple terms, I am trying to ensure that all young people in the partnership experience high quality PE and school sport and reach their



sporting potential within and beyond school.

Before joining the staff at Carre's Grammar School, I spent a year as Partnership Development Manager for the Lincolnshire North West School Sport Partnership, based at Cherry Willingham Community School. Prior to that I spent almost 20 years at South Kesteven District Council working within sport development and leisure facility management.

I enjoy volunteering within the local community as a FA qualified coach and also as Chairman of Caythorpe and Fulbeck Junior Football Club. The last few years have been particularly rewarding for the club as they have secured funding, built new facilities and been awarded Lincolnshire's FA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year for the past two years.

Having had two sons attend Carre's Grammar School and a daughter attend Kesteven and Sleaford High School, it is most enjoyable to now be working within this particular school sport partnership. I am hopeful that I can build on the good work of my predecessors and see the Lincolnshire Central School Sport Partnership maintain its status as an excellent and high achieving partnership.

# **Saturday Soccer Stars**



**Every Saturday from:**

***20 October 2007***



**Boys and Girls**

**Age 4 to 8 years**

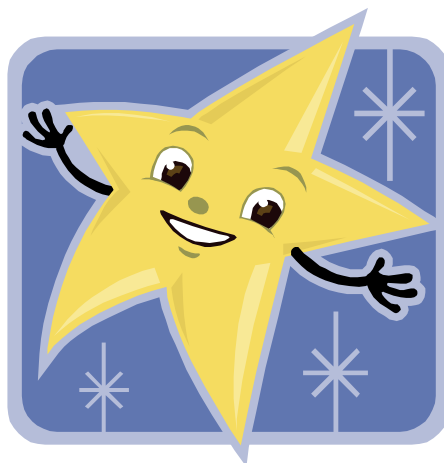
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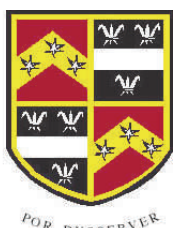
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## Parents' Consultation Dates 07-08

Year 7	Monday 19 May 2008
Year 8	Thursday 24 January 2008
Year 9	Tuesday 11 March 2008
Year 10	Monday 28 April 2008
Year 11	Tuesday 9 October 20-07
Year 12	Wednesday 6 February 2007 (KSHS) 6pm
Year 13	Wednesday 7 November 2007 (KSHS) 6pm

**Fair Processing Notice - please could we draw your attention to this notice which is found on the school website. (front page)**

## Tesco Sport for Schools Vouchers

Thanks to all of you who have been sending in your vouchers - we've had a very good response so far. The scheme is due to end on 4 November, so please keep sending those vouchers in!

## School Nurse Drop-in

Our School Nurse, Kathy Davey, will be recommencing her weekly drop-in sessions in the new term. They will be held on a Tuesday lunchtime in Mr Kyte's office in the school house.

Students can go along to see Kathy and discuss concerns they might have regarding their health, bullying, relationships etc. Appointments do not have to be made, just go along to the room and pop in and see her.



## Young People to give MPs a Grilling in Parliament on the Legacy of the Slave Trade ( continued from page 2)

**InterAction** is an all-Africa and UK programme that assists emerging Africa leaders as they strive to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The programme provides support to vibrant and creative individuals who, in their search for alternatives, seek to challenge inherited and established practices of leadership. For more information, please visit: [www.bc-interaction.org](http://www.bc-interaction.org)

**Dreams & Teams** is a joint initiative set up by the British Council in conjunction with the Youth Sport Trust and now operates in a wide range of countries around the world. Its aim is to partner schools in Sub-Saharan Africa with Sports Specialist Schools in the UK, using sport as a motivating factor for inclusion in education and willingness to learn, and as a basis for intercultural dialogue and for developing leadership skills in young people. For more information, please visit [www.britishcouncil.org/dreams-about.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/dreams-about.htm)

**Hull Truck Theatre** was established in 1971 and continues to push the boundaries of contemporary theatre. The company brings critically acclaimed productions to new audiences both in Hull and through its national touring programme. . *Slavers*, written by Rupert Creed and directed by Bella Tristram, is a powerful piece of theatre that has been specially commissioned for Hull Truck Youth Theatre as part of the Wilberforce 2007 celebrations. For more information, please visit: [www.hulltruck.co.uk](http://www.hulltruck.co.uk)