Carre's Grammar School



NEWSLETTER

October 2021

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Useful Dates:

Thursday 21 October End of Term 1

Friday 22 October Staff Training Day - School Closed to Students

Monday 1 November 2021 Start of Term 2

Wednesday 3 November 2021 Year 13 Parents' Evening (KSHS)

Week Commencing 8 November 2021 Year 13 Internal Examinations

Week Commencing 15 and 22 November 2021

Year 11 Internal Examinations

Thursday 4 November 2021 Covid Vaccinations for 12-15year-olds

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Foreword by Mr Law, Headteacher

At the end of a long term in which several students and staff have missed days due to Covid, we look forward to a break during which we can catch up with friends and family, relax, rest and recuperate and head into the shorter days of the winter months.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly the celebration of what would have been the 46th birthday of our dearly beloved Mrs Ellen Benney on 14 October. She passed away after a short illness in August, having been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March, and battled courageously and bravely; never complaining or wanting pity. Her birthday was quite an amazing day in school in which the whole community came together, and I am sure it would have made Ellen very proud. It was a non-uniform day with a lot wearing purple for Pancreatic Cancer UK – but the day was a lot more than that. There were cake sales with so many donated that they filled Ellen's old classroom, which we had closed for the day to teaching as a mark of respect. There was a tombola, raffle, Coding challenges and Pirate events. Senior students were 'soaked' by younger students and this event raised over £300 alone! Everybody in school got involved and it was a lovely day, with everybody having fun and being kind to each other. In total the school community raised £3450. We are very grateful to our parents who donated raffle prizes and gifts for the silent auction, assisted in the baking of cakes, donated generously to the PCUK, or simply sent in heartfelt messages of support. It made me proud and privileged to lead such a special school and this is echoed in the words of Michael, Ellen's husband, who wrote to me:

"Thanks for your message. That is absolutely amazing and overwhelming. An absolutely unbelievable effort from the school. Please pass on my thanks and gratitude. I know that Ellen would have been overwhelmed and humbled by it."

> **Pancreatic** Cancer U K



What's Been Happening at Carre's?



On Thursday 14 October, the whole school came together to raise funds for

Pancreatic Cancer UK in

memory of Mrs Benney on what would have been her

46th birthday. Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for contributing and taking part in the activities.



The fantastic sum of £3,450 has been raised – wow that's amazing – thank you!

Danny, Arrun and Jack selling raffle tickets















Well-Being Ambassadors

In July 2021, seven Year 13 students, including the Senior Prefer Team and two Well— Being Ambassadors, undertook mental health training led by mental health first aiders at Kesteven and Sleaford High School.

We worked with other Sixth Form students based at KSHS to develop skills and understanding of how to listen, non-judgementally, to those seeking support and encourage them to get further advice.

The aim was to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and to promote the Student Well-Being Support system. Some of the ideas that we are working to implement include an anonymous email, whereby students can seek advice from the Well-Being Team without the worry of speaking face-to-face.

We are working with the Carre's mental health first aiders and Student Support to implement a Well-Being Hub, where the ambassadors and leadership team act as a place where younger students can talk to someone of their own age. They can then be directed to any relevant support if required.

We believe that by having a Hub that students can easily access, it will encourage them to open a channel of peer-to-peer communication and reduce the stigma of mental health across the school.

Our roles as Mental Health Ambassadors will help to raise awareness and create a legacy within the school, that will last for years to come, where mental health is a priority for all students.



KierAnhexia



James





Molly



Charlie









Please see below a letter from the NHS regarding Covid Vaccinations

October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your Child's COVID-19 Vaccination

Lincolnshire Community Health Services will be visiting schools in Lincolnshire throughout October and November to offer covid vaccinations to children aged 12-15, in addition to these school visits we are now able to offer vaccination opportunities at the locations and times below. These sessions are on a 'walk in' basis, therefore no appointments are required and are available for any child aged 12-15, who may have missed the vaccine when we attended their school or for those who have yet to be offered a vaccination through school and would rather not wait for our school visit.

Please see the link below to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Covid The online consent form MUST be completed prior to attendance at the following centres as we continue to operate under specific rules set for the COVID-19 vaccine. We will be unable to vaccinate anyone aged 12 – 15 without the online consent being completed prior to their attendance even though parent/s are required to accompany them. You may also receive a letter from the National Vaccination Team inviting you to book an appointment for your child through the National Booking System, this offer is in addition to the process described above and the same process for completing the online consent prior to your attendance at the centre will apply.

Vaccinations for those aged 12 – 15 years will be available on the following dates and times at Lincolnshire Showground (Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, LN2 2NA) and Princess Royal Sports Arena (Great Fen Road, Wyberton, Boston, PE21 7PB) Vaccination Centres (please note your GP is unable to offer vaccinations to 'healthy' 12–15-year-olds):

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 October between 10am – 4pm Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October between 2pm – 7pm Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October between 10am – 4pm Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November between 10am – 4pm Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November between 10am – 4pm Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November between 10am – 4pm

Please note, COVID-19 vaccinations cannot be given to those within 28 days of testing positive for COVID-19 but can be given at any time interval with any other childhood vaccinations.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against COVID-19. COVID-19 can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Covid. The vaccination is free and is an injection into the upper arm.

We would encourage you to discuss the information below with your child/young person when making your decision and want to reassure you that we will be working within the existing legal framework for consent, and that no vaccinations will be given to anyone who declines on the day, or in any cases where there is a difference of opinion about consent.

For further information for children, please follow this link to the information leaflet

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/PHE 12073 COVID-19 guide for all CYP.pdf

For further information for parents/guardians/carers, please follow this link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents

If you have any queries, please check the School Age Immunisation website https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations

For outstanding queries please email lccg.c.19vaccinationcell@nhs.net

Yours faithfully

NHS Lincolnshire CCG and Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust



The Historical Association Honorary Fellows 2021 Mrs Sally Wilson, Teacher of History





The Historical Association has a number of Fellowships and Fellows. Some are for teaching achievements, some are from participation on a course or similar, others are for lengthy membership such as our Jubilee Fellows – and then we have our Honorary Fellows. These are awarded to people who have shown dedication to history teaching, to the study of history, to the support of other history professionals and to the HA and its remit.

A limited number of people are made Honorary Fellows each year following nominations from the HA Branches and committees, with final approval coming from the governing body of the HA. It is, therefore, a prestigious award amongst the history and teaching communities.

Mrs Wilson receiving her award in London in September.

Please follow the link below to the main article from the School of Education, University of Nottingham.

Well done Mrs Wilson

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Representatives from the Robert Carre Trust Members, Trustees and Local Governing Bodies from both schools held their Governance Review Afternoon on 7 October in the Main Hall at KSHS. Trustees particularly felt that the event, which was last held in 2019 and will hopefully now return to a twice-yearly feature in the schools' calendars, was both productive and rewarding.





October is Black History

Month. These books can be
borrowed from the LRC

Personal Social Health Education and Citizenship

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. Dan Hawbrook, an Online Safety Officer working for The Safer Communities Service, will be running a special question and answer session for parents and carers on 25 November 2021. This free event will cover whatever YOU want to know - whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – this is your opportunity to ask a specialist those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this session:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-168597709287

Parent Protect Resources

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation has produced some fantastic, bitesize, information clips and resources for parents around protecting children and young people from harmful sexual behaviour both online and offline. Child sexual abuse is a major public health problem affecting more than a million children under the age of 16 in the UK. All available evidence indicates that the risk to children has grown during the Covid-19 pandemic. Parents can learn from short films telling them what they need to know about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it, including spotting the signs and online safety.

https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk

Mrs Tierney Teacher of English and PSHEC Coordinator The Carre's Grammar School Golf Team will soon be playing in these fantastic new team shirts, thanks to our new sponsors, ASALI Designs. Liam, Oliver and their teammates cannot wait to get playing!

ASALI is owned by a local entrepreneur, Mindy Arora. Mindy started the business after she spotted a gap in the market for high end aviation inspired gifts. In so doing she also found the solution to her annual dilemma of what to get her pilot husband for his birthday.



4 years old, the brand now provides personalised gift solutions to discerning aviation and military lovers of all ages. The collections include everything from coasters to travel bags inspired by the Lincolnshire based Red Arrows, Typhoon, Spitfire, Lancaster aircraft as well as their own brand.

The brand is MOD licensed, loved by elite pilots and celebrities. As well as supporting the school through this sponsorship, ASALI also donates to military charities with each sale.

Find out more and solve your

gift dilemmas here: https://asalidesigns.co.uk/



Music

George Morton was in my form when I first started at Carre's and I taught him GCSE and A level Music (he was here approximately 2001 - 08 I think).

He arranged some music which was used in this year's Last Night of the Proms!

Please follow the link below to view the arrangement - it is from just before 20 minutes in: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6ebhJCPylU

Here is his website: https://www.georgeconducts.co.uk/arranging.html

Mrs Quinton Head of Music

School Photographs



Mr Jones having his photograph taken in the sports hall by Tempest Photography

Outlook Expedition to Borneo

The Robert Carre Trust is offering Year 10 and 11 students and incredible opportunity to take part in something amazing – an expedition to Borneo in 2023 with Outlook Expeditions, the leading independent provider of youth development programmes in the United Kingdom.

Expeditions are so much more than a school trip. They develop character, build resilience, and improve well-being – the tools required to be a leader and tackle life's challenges



effectively. Taking part in this inspirational, immersive learning experience – outside the classroom – also enables students to accelerate development of core skills. As part of the programme, we support students through Pay Your Way which providers, guidance, resources and support to help participants earn the cost of their expedition through enterprise activity.

Where can I find more information? Outlook Expeditions hosted a webinar on 11 October to give interested parents and students an overview of the expedition.

For more information see outlookexpeditions.com



Mr Newell, Head of Year 7, speaking to parents about life in Year 7 and beyond.

Mr Smith, Head of Sixth Form speaking at the Year 12 Information Evening





Representatives of the Sixth Form meeting Dr Caroline Johnson, MP for Sleaford and North Hykeham



Year 5 students arriving to take the 11+ at Carre's on one of two Saturday mornings in October

Our War on Plastics

8W have been watching the news recently and decided it is time to make a stand about the amount of single use plastics we use. We would like you to join our campaign with Surfers Against Sewage to make a difference to this massive environmental crisis.

Our challenge to you:



Can you recycle your crisp packets rather than sending them to landfill? You can recycle crisp packets at Tesco's in Sleaford, the Co-op on Lincoln Road or you can bring them to 8W's form room (Room 21) and we will take them to Nationwide where they will be recycled and money will be given to LIVES.

Rather than buying water in a bottle please bring a re-usable bottle to school, like us.

If you buy a can from The Chill, please put it in the Helipad collection container by the Tech block



We have realised that if everyone takes a few small steps it can make a huge difference.

Thank you – Form 8W

Cam's Walk for Cancer

Whilst the majority of us spent our summer break catching up on some well needed rest, 8C were busy stomping their feet for a good cause. After sadly losing his Aunty and Uncle to cancer, Cameron Linnell decided it was time for action and set about organising a 20 mile walk to raise money for the charities that provided invaluable care and support to his family when it was needed.

Completing the walk over two days, Cameron was joined by family, classmates, James, and Henry; and his year 7 Form Tutor; Mrs Tierney. Fuelled by Henry's never-ending supply of snacks, the team raised a fantastic amount of £1488.00 which will be split between Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Research.

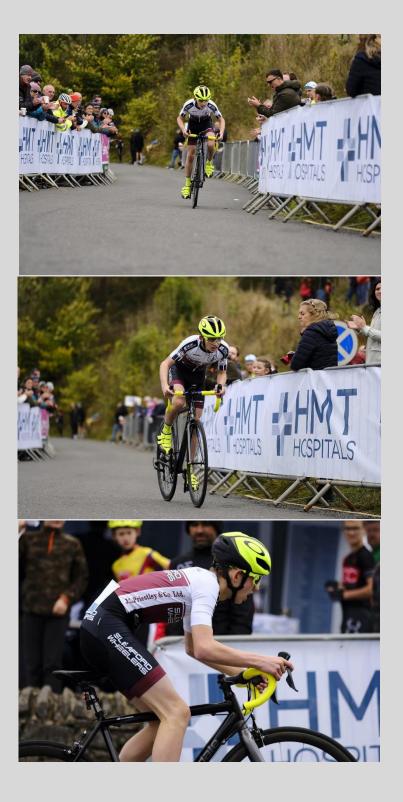




Mr Scholefield assisting with 'bringing in the harvest' to help feed the nation.

Noah Starbuck recently took part in the Monsal Hill Climb competition in Derbyshire was placed 4th out of 32 competitors in the under-16s category and 88th out of 202 competitors overall (most of which were adults).

Well done Noah - great achievement!



Jack Edwards (Year 13) – Work Experience with Momart at Frieze Art Fair, Regent's Park London















Notices

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Please look at our new school website which is full of useful information about life at Carre's



Masks/Covid Measures

- Face coverings are to be worn in all indoor communal areas, including in the queues to the Chill. Please provide your child with at least two face coverings so that they always have a spare if one is lost or broken;
- Students will be encouraged to be outside at breaktimes;
- Handwashing will be encouraged, even if students have to be escorted to the sinks at the end
 of each lesson;
- Students will once again be sitting facing forwards in classroom and not in groups. Classrooms will be rearranged to accommodate this.

Student Illness/First Aid

If your son/daughter is ill or requires first aid during the school day, they will be sent to the medical room for assessment/treatment by the qualified first aiders. Students are not permitted to call parents and ask to be collected. Parents/carers will be contacted by the first aiders if their child needs collecting due to illness or injury.

We have a small number of students and staff in school who are immunocompromised. It is therefore vital that you update the school regarding any illnesses so that we can take appropriate action. This does not refer specifically to Covid, but also to other illnesses such as chicken pox.

PE Kit and School Property

On the last day of each term, we hold a lost property amnesty. All unmarked property is put out for students to recognise and claim. Any unclaimed items after the amnesty are given to charity. It would be helpful if all your child's property is named as this makes it easier to return property which is often claimed to have been 'stolen', when in most cases, it has been left somewhere in the school.

ParentPay – School Dinner Money

Please ensure your son/daughter has sufficient funds on their ParentPay account to pay for any food/drinks purchased in The Chill.

Robert Carre Trust Shop/ParentPay

Payments for school trips/music tuition/revision guides etc can be made on ParentPay. Joint Sixth Form trips can be found on the Robert Carre Trust Shop along with some items of school uniform and equipment. ParentPay and the RCT Shop can both be found on the front page of the school website by clicking on 'Payments'.

School Term Dates and Holidays

Term dates are published on our website. We would respectfully request that holidays are not taken during term time and requests will not normally be authorised, apart from exceptional circumstances. Please use the form on the website (Parents – Forms) when making such requests. We look at each request on a case-by-case basis and nationally, Government policy is to encourage schools to minimise the amount of teaching and learning time lost as a result of term-time holidays.

For further information about the school's position on absences, please see our Attendance Policy on the school website.

Parents' Cars on the School Site

May we remind parents that for safety reasons we do not allow students to be dropped off on the school site after 8am. Similarly, in the afternoons, parents should not bring cars onto the site before 3.30pm.

Wireless Network and Mobile Devices

There is a wireless network throughout the school. This is to help with administration, but, more importantly, with teaching and learning. We witnessed the benefits for the Sixth Form students who use their own devices, largely for research and accessing online resources, and have rolled this out to the whole school. Mobile phones may be used for this purpose only during lessons, with the teacher's permission, breaches of this will result in the phone being confiscated and being made available for return at the school office at the end of the day. Should this happen a second time, parents will be required to collect the phone in person from the school office.



The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage of personal devices.

The policies in place regarding the use of mobile devices are available via the school website:

Home - Students - Mobile Phone Policy Home - Students - ICT Policies - Bring Your Own Device

Uniform and Appearance

We have a formal uniform which reflects the traditions of the school and our policy in school uniform is stated in the prospectus and on the school website. We expect our students to maintain high standards of dress during the school day and also when travelling to and from school. This means that shirts/blouses should be tucked in, for boys top buttons should be done up and blazers/jackets should be worn. Hooded tops are not part of our uniform, and neither are extreme hairstyles. For boys, visible piercing is not permitted, and they should be clean shaven. The dress code is also intended to respect cultural sensitivities. If there are any concerns, please contact the appropriate Head of Year.

School uniform should include:

- Black trousers (not excessively flared or too narrow)
- Grey or black socks
- Black <u>formal</u> shoes (suede or trainer style is not acceptable)

3G Pitch

Having such a superb facility available for the school to use has only been possible thanks to large investment, so it is no surprise that our funding partners hold us accountable for how it is used. In order to protect the guarantee, we must ensure that it is managed appropriately. This includes ensuring all users wear appropriate footwear during lessons and recreational time.

It is essential that students only use the pitch with suitable, **clean**, footwear. Flat shoes (including some trainers) damage the carpet fibres so **must not** be worn. Football boots are the best! As part of school uniform requirements, students should already have a pair of football boots for outdoor PE. A poster is up by the main gate to help everyone understand what is suitable.



Behaviour on Contract Transport

Despite frequent reminders of our expectations, we are always concerned about any unsatisfactory behaviour on the journeys to and from school. We would be grateful if you would reinforce our expectations by reminding your son/daughter about the importance of remaining seated during the journey.

Free School Meals

If you receive any benefits, you should tell your school as they can get extra funding called the Pupil Premium grant. This includes:

- Universal Credit your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
 - 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 can also get free school meals.

To apply for Free School Meals, please navigate to the Lincolnshire County Council website and click on the Schools and Education link.

Useful Dates

Internal school examinations will take place during the following weeks:

Year 7 – week commencing 20 June 2022

Year 8 – week commencing 20 June 2022

Year 9 – week commencing 7 March 2022

Year 10 – weeks commencing 2 and 9 May 2022

Year 11 – weeks commencing 15 and 22 November 2021 and 21 and 28 March 2022

Year 12 – weeks commencing 25 April and 27 June 2022 Year 12 – Formal Assessments weeks commencing 8 and 15 November 2021

Year 13 – weeks commencing 8 November 2021 and 7 February 2022

Parents' Consultation Evenings will take place on:

Year 13 – Wednesday 3 November 2021 (Kesteven and Sleaford High School)

Year 12 - Wednesday 5 January 2022 (St George's Academy)

Year 11 - Thursday 3 February 2022

Year 8 - Wednesday 9 February 2022

Year 9 - Thursday 3 March 2022

Year 10 - Wednesday 9 March 2022

Year 7 – Wednesday 23 February 2022

KS4 - Year 9 Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 26 January 2022

A fond farewell to Mrs Warhurst, Mr Roberts, Mrs Almond and Mrs Mallinson who left Carre's in July



Wednesday 24 November - Engine Shed University of Lincoln

The exhibition hall will be open from 09:30-15:30

It's official, The Health & Care Careers Event is back for its 5th Year and the Lincolnshire Talent Academy would like to invite your school to come along!

This **FREE** event will provide an insight into the diverse range of occupations in Health & Care across Lincolnshire,

not just Nursing and Medicine but Engineering, Catering, IT, Corporate Services and lots more, all under one roof!



Apprenticeships

The National Apprenticeship Show North highlights apprenticeship opportunities and offers information from Northern England's top employers and training providers.

- Registering will give you the opportunity to chat with exhibitors via text chat, watch online video content, as well as download useful resources. The event 'goes live' on 17 November 2021 from 11am 6pm
- It is recommended that you research exhibitors that you are interested in ahead of the event to ensure you're prepared with any questions.

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DOES YOUR CHILD PLAY FOR, OR DO YOU RUN, A GRASSROOTS JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB
IN NEED OF FUNDING?!

Lincs FM's Cash for Kids have launched the Charity Sports Challenge, a fundraising competition giving YOUR CLUB the chance to win up to £5,000 of funding on top of what you raise!

After the last 18 months, many clubs are struggling to stay open because of lack of funds and many kids are unable to attend because they are unable to afford to go. This challenge helps you to raise the vital funding you need to be able to buy kit or equipment, or to subsidise fees to keep kids in sports.

Cash for Kids will arm you with the fundraising tools you need before you start and will help you along the way. There are three prizes up for grabs of £5000, £2000 and £1000 and every club will get every penny they raise back!

For more information and to register visit https://preview.planetradio.co.uk/lincs-fm/charity/events/sports-challenge-lincs-21/

The Voice Kids will be returning to our screens on ITV in 2022 and we're looking for super talented singers/rappers and duos aged 7-14 who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage.

I was hoping to see if you know of any exceptional young singers that attend your school who would be interested in taking part in the next series?

Parents are welcome to email directly to chat further or they can submit an application form via this link; itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids. Please note that we cannot consider any child for participation unless we receive an application form from a parent or duly authorised legal guardian – please do not include any details of any child in any response you send.

Applications must be submitted by a parent/legal guardian and auditions are taking place in October and November 2021.

If you have any questions or wish to find out more, please feel free to get in touch with me directly at mica.ramsey@itv.com.

