CHS Newsletter

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As we enter the half term holiday there is a lot taking place, from year 11 revision classes to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations hosted by Carnforth Town Council taking place on the school field. The new half term will see years 7-10 completing end of year exams, year 10 completing work experience, year 9 continuing to work toward their Duke of Edinburgh's Award and years 7-9 Sports Day. We will also be welcome our new year 7s for the first time at our Transition Evening and Day.

Principal's Message

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 6th June: School Re-Opens for All Students Monday 6th June: Year 11 GCSE Exams Continue Monday 6th June: Year 10 Mock Exams Begin Monday 20th June: Year 7, 8 and 9 Exams Begin Wednesday 29th June: Year 11 Prom Thursday 30th June: Celebration Evening

What Timetable Week Is It?

W.B. 6/6/22 = WEEK B

W.B. 13/6/22 = WEEK A

Year 10 Mock Exams

As our year 11s continue with their GCSE exams, our year 10s will now begin a period of **2 weeks for their mock exams**. A year from now these students will be completing their GCSE exams and so this is an important beginning point in a year of preparation for them. The mock exams at this point provide the students (and their teachers) with the best picture of where their knowledge and skills currently stand. This allows for the best feedback and plans to improve. Students will complete exams in all of their subjects. For the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) the exams will take place in the **Sports Hall** (where our GCSE exams take place) to give them the best experience of what an exam 'feels' like. The timetable for this is on the next page. For all other subjects, subject teachers will be holding exams in their classrooms during normal lesson times. Teachers have been asked to make sure all details (including revision tasks) have been placed on **Epraise** for the students to reference.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW About exams in 2022

Year 10 Core Subjects Mock Exam Timetable

	Monday 6 th	Tuesday 7 th	Wednesday 8 th	Thursday 9 th	Friday 10 th
P1	Maths Paper 1 – 1 hour				
P2					
P3		Biology – 1hour		Chemistry – 1 hour	
P4	English Language – 1 hour				
P5					

Monday 6th June – Friday 17th June 2022

	Monday 13 th	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th	Thursday 16 th	Friday 17 th
P1					
P2					
P3			Physics – 1 hour	Maths Paper 2 – 1 hour	Maths Paper 3 – 1 hour
P4					
P5					

Year 11 GCSEs in Spanish and French Continue

There is one remaining exam for GCSE Spanish and GCSE French.

Exam dates:

- GCSE French Writing will take place after the half-term holiday on Thursday 16th June
- GCSE Spanish Writing will take place after the half-term holiday on Friday 17th June

How can my child prepare?

Students should head over to ePraise and click on the links which include questions, answers and examiners' comments.

There are a small number of revision workbooks written by examiners available in school. Please contact reception if you would like one for your child.

They are £2.70 each or students may borrow one.



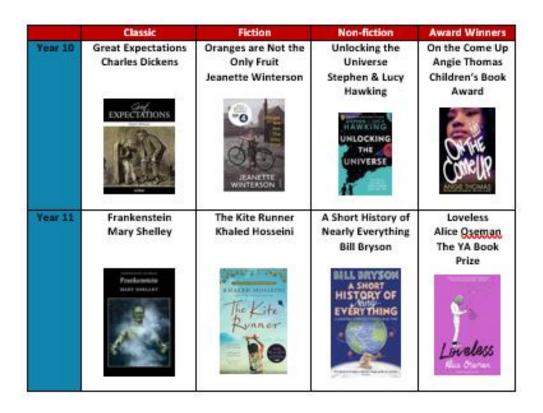
Literacy Corner

Time is running short for the Carnforth High School Reading Challenge. All entries should be given to Mrs Fletcher by Friday 8th July. All students who complete the challenge are awarded 100 Epraise points and are entered into a prize draw for a £10 book token. It is not too late to take part in this Reading Challenge!

Reading widely and often is hugely beneficial. We want to make sure that all of our students are sufficiently challenged with their reading. The *Reading Challenge* is designed to encourage students to read more broadly and try genres that are unfamiliar to them in order to develop a life-long love of reading.

Each year group is encouraged to read three out of four recommended books. The books fall into the following categories: Classic, fiction, non-fiction and award winner. Students are then asked to write a book review for each of the three books. If they complete this challenge, they will be awarded 100 Epraise points and they will be entered into a prize draw for a £10 book token.

• • • • •	Classic	Fiction	Non-fiction	Award winners
Year 7	The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C.S Lewis	When the Sky Falls Phil Earle	Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank	Witch Hat Atelier Volume 1 Kamome: Sbicahama Excelsior Award
Year 8	Animal Farm George Orwell	The Book Thief Markus Zusak	When Stars are Scattered Omar Mohamed	The Haunting Margaret Mahy Carnegie Medal
Year 9	To Kill a Mockingbird Harper Lee	The Vanishing of Katharina Linden Helen Grant	Musical Truth Jeffrey Boakye	Noughts & Crosses Malorie Blackman The YA Book Prize



Next week's 'word of the week' from Geography is *extent*. Definition: the particular degree to which something is or is believed to be the case. Example: "To what extent can the effects of tropical storms be managed?" Please encourage your child(ren) to use the word extent in a sentence.

'Drop Everything And Read' for year 7, 8 and 9 students will be on Tuesday p1 this week and Tuesday p2 the week after. Please make sure they remember to bring in their reading book or, if they don't have one, they can get in contact with our librarian Ms Fletcher to borrow a school library book- perhaps they could ask if any of the *Reading Challenge* books are available! (efletcher@carnforthhigh.co.uk)



5 Star Kitchen Rating

A big congratulations to our kitchen team on recently receiving a 5 star rating after their Environmental Health Inspection.

Uniform Requirements

Over the Spring term there has been a decline in the standards of student uniform across year groups.

In recent weeks the students have been reminded of the standards expected. We have held assemblies and delivered messages in form, as well as a uniform check on the entrance to school to remind students of the expectations. The majority of students have corrected minor issues, or are in the process of doing so. The parental handbook contains our full uniform policy.

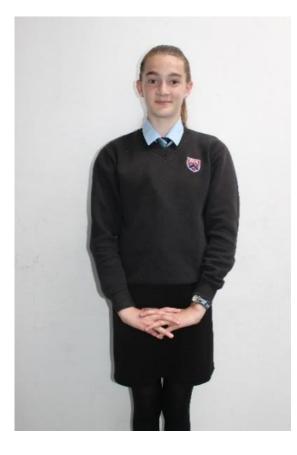
Below are some reminders of the school uniform policy:

- Trainers and canvas pumps (converse style trainers) are not appropriate for school; students should be wearing formal shoes
- Facial piercings are not allowed in school
- Hoodies are not allowed in school
- Students should have a school jumper, even if they wish to take it off due to warm temperatures
- Outdoor coats are not to be worn indoors
- Jewellery currently students are allowed to wear a necklace underneath their uniform (it should not be visible), one plain stud in each ear and one plain ring
- Skirts must be black, pleated skirts.

Our school shop has replacement items for sale through the school website at:

https://www.carnforthhighuniform.com/shop







CHS Award for Half Term 6

As you'll know, we pride ourselves on offering a strong Personal Development offer for our students as well as our strong academic offer. All students in year 9 are enrolled in the bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and students in year 10 who have completed the bronze award have the opportunity to complete the silver award.

This year we also launched the CHS Award for years 7 and 8. Based on the style of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the CHS Award allows students to complete four key elements by attending physical and skills-based clubs as well as taking part in volunteering and experiences in order to earn their bronze and silver CHS Award badges. Next year we'll also be introducing a gold award level for those who have bronze and silver and want to take on leadership roles.

We have three exciting new skills club this half term, the Adventure Film Festival, the Drama Club and the (new) Textiles Club. You can see information about these below.

Adventure Film Festival

Wednesday, Lunchtime, in GG1



During the CHS Adventure Film Festival we will be showing screenings of short adventure films once per week. It's a chance for students from any year group to watch the very best short adventure films from around the world. From skateboarding in Afghanistan, to mountain biking in the Alps and crossing the Empty Quarter desert on foot. There's an adventure for everyone!



Textile Artists

Thursday (and some Mondays), After School, in T2



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Whether you have experience or are a complete enthusiastic beginner, we would love to have you at the Textile Artists group. Learn how to make and decorate clothes and accessories for yourself and to create gifts for others. You will learn how to make your own garments from patterns or make something new from old. Regular meetings are each Thursday after school and Monday if required. The group meets until 4.30pm.





Drama Society

Wednesday, Lunchtime, in the Dance Studio

Do you want to the opportunity to shine in the spotlight? To create captivating costumes? To make up the faces of future stars? To build the sets of far off fantastic places? Then CHS Drama Society is for you! A fantastic opportunity to develop your acting and designer skills, to take part in whole school productions and be part of the wider school community. If this sounds like an experience for you, come to the CHS Drama Society, please speak to Miss Barton.



What Can I Do at Lunch and After School?



Lunch Time in Half Term 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chess and Draughts Club in HI2	GeoGuessr in the Music Room	Origami Club in M2	Eco Schools Club in GG2 (WEEK B ONLY)	Jewellery Making Club in GG3
SKILLS	SKILLS	SKILLS	SKILLS	SKILLS
Cooking Club in T3	Years 7 & 8 Basketball in the Sports Hall	Adventure Film Festival in GG1 skills	Years 7-11 Post-16 and Careers Advice Drop-in in the Library	Reading, board games and study in the Library (12.55-1.20)
CHS Pride	Year 11 Study/Revision Club in IT3	Drama Society in the Dance Studio	Reading, board games and study in the Library (12.55-1.20)	
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After School in Half Term 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Textile Artists in T2	Years 7-10 Girls	Homework Club in	Textile Artists in T2	
(Additional Session if	Rounders on the Field	HSC1		
Needed)				
SKILLS	PHYSICAL		SKILLS	
Homework Club in	Years 7-10 Boys		Years 7-10 Mixed	
HSC1	Cricket on the Field		Athletics	
	PHYSICAL		PHYSICAL	
	Homework Club in the		Homework Club in the	
	Library		Library	

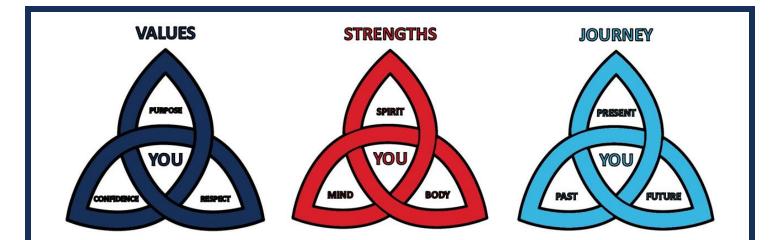


Our Life Skills Curriculum This Half Term

As part of your child's education at CHS we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Life Skills curriculum. This subject gives students the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. We hope that our students learning will be a constant conversation throughout their time at CHS, with their teachers, form tutors and with adults they trust at home too. With that in mind, we will be sharing the content that we are covering in Life Skills with you at the beginning of each half term so that you can have the opportunity to speak about these topics with your children outside of school too. Below are the topics that we are covering in Life Skills this half term:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Attraction & crushes	Sexually transmitted infections	Consent & consequences	Being an active bystander	Exam support – mental health, wellbeing & how to
Families & family relationships	Methods of contraception and consent		The criminal justice system	cope during times of pressure.
FGM & Forced marriage	The dangers of pornography	Methods of contraception	Exploring job sectors & preparing for work	
Smoking & energy drinks	The importance of sleep		Understanding behaviours for work	
Alcohol	Mental health issues & stereotypes	Cancer awareness	Work experience week	
Drug education	Maintaining positive mental health		Feedback & evaluation of work experience – what lessons were learnt?	

We have designed the Life curriculum to meet all of the Department for Education's recent changes to relationships and sex education (RSE). As a reminder, is also a requirement for us to let you know that if you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the sex education lessons that we deliver, you can ask that they are withdrawn. You will be asked to come into school to discuss this decision and we will grant this in all but exceptional circumstances, up until three school terms before your child turns 16, at which point they must choose for themselves. If you have any questions about this or the Life Skills Curriculum then please email Mrs Gregory, Teacher in Charge of Life Skills at <u>sgregory@carnforthhigh.co.uk</u>.



Personal Development – Assemblies Update

Our assemblies are used to help students develop their cultural capital, part of which is to understand key world events, how these affect them and be able to discuss these with others. Assemblies (and the activities students complete the next day) are closely linked to Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC). It's always great to find out how your children are developing in this area of personal development, as well as on their academic journey, so here is a quick summary of what we've been looking at in assembly over the last two weeks:



Assembly: Sports Day

Ms Sharples spoke to the students about this year's Sports Day for years 7, 8 and 9. Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 12th July, when year 10 students will be out of school on work experience. Ms Sharples explained the events that will take place on the day as well as the potential rewards!

The next half term.

 In the next half term there is a lot going on for students at Carnforth Sports Day is coming up and it will be great to see many of you getting involved and showing off your skills.

Year 7-10 have assessment weeks. Year 10 are on work experience. Year 11 are going to be fully in their exam season



Lets Make the Final Half Term a Good One!!

· We have done a lot of work on behaviour and expectations and whilst ne are still not getting it right, so many of us have impro With so many rewards on offer it really does pay to get involved and work to get the basics right. Remember -we are always striving to be the best version of ourselves Our behaviour reflects in the way that people view us. Choose to be a better person and people will think better of you.

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Assembly: Rewards

Ms Leck has been working hard around behaviour this term, but a key part of behaviour is rewarding those who are getting it right! Ms Leck explained the rewards raffles that we will be having next half term and how good behaviour, such as 100% attendance or no sanctions, can lead to extra tickets.



PE News

The year 7, 8, 9 and 10 rounders teams played host to Ripley St Thomas on Tuesday 17th May. This was the first match of the season and the year 7's first Rounders match ever. All the girls represented Carnforth so well and played united as a team.

The final results for the evening were: The Year 7 result – 10-12. They lost by 2 rounders, but played exceptionally, with Erin Walker being awarded player of the match for CHS. Year 8 result- 8.5- 15.5. They lost but again played well as a team and have come away from the match with things to work on in preparation for the district tournament. The player of the match for CHS was awarded to Amy Taylor. Year 9 result- 9.5-14.5. Unfortunately, a loss, but with many players showing exceptional skill whilst batting, bowling and fielding. Player of the match for CHS was Martha Sowerby. Year 10 – result - 9-9. A draw which is fairly rare in Rounders, showing the teams were evenly matched with the CHS team excelling during the second innings to draw even at the end of the game. Player of the match was awarded to Jenta Walker.

Well done to all the girls, with 40+ players from CHS alone it was a great turn out for all the matches. Please can any girls who wants to play rounders come to training Tuesdays afterschool, there's no sign-up sheet and all are welcome.

PE Department Kit and Behaviour Policy

Well done to all the pupils who have continued to follow the PE department zero tolerance policy on PE kit, trainers and behaviour. 95% of all pupils are now in full PE kit, including socks and trainers, for all PE lessons. The PE department would like to thank all parents for their support and for solving any kit issues that your child may have had. A reminder that it is a lunch time detention for any pupil who fails to bring any item of their PE kit, including appropriate footwear (trainers/boots), to their PE lesson. There are numerous signs around the PE department to remind all pupils of the expectations and behaviour that is expected in the PE department. Please continue to keep your standards high throughout the final half term of the academic year.

Year 11 Kit Donations

The PE department politely requests that any year 11 leavers donate any PE kit to the department. Therefore, should you not have siblings in lower year groups and you plan to throw your kit away then the PE department would gladly accept it to put to good use for future pupils. Please, either drop off your kit at main reception or bring it down to the PE department. Thank you in advance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see below an updated extracurricular timetable for the remainder of the half term.







PE Department Extra Curricular Programme June 6th - July 15th 2022

	LUNCH 12.45pm - 1.15pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3.30pm - 4.30pm
MONDAY	GCSE PE Revision - Sports Gallery (CC)	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Y7-Y8 Basketball - Sports Hall (CC/NW)	Y7-Y10 Girls Rounders - Field (NS & LN) Y7-Y10 Boys Cricket - Field (CC & JD)
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
<u>THURSDAY</u>		Y7-Y10 Mixed Athletics (JD, CC & LN)
<u>FRIDAY</u>		

Boys & Girls Y7-11 if you are a regular team member, please look on the fixtures board for this half term's fixture list. You MUST bring trainers for <u>ALL lunch time</u> clubs or you will not take part.

Look out for Future Issues!

This year our school newsletter will be released **every two weeks** via Schoolcomms email and the school's website. Look out for future issues for all the latest information about what's going on in and around Carnforth High School and the local community.

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