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Headteacher's Message

I would like to thank parents for their continued support with uniform. The new blazers look very smart, and all years will be wearing them for September 2025. The students showed their respect during Remembrance Day and when they were representing the school at the War memorial. A big well done to the Year 11 who have been very focused during their mock exams. This edition highlights the excellent work taking place daily in lessons.

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday 22nd November: Trust INSET Day (School Closed to All Students)

Thursday 28th November: Blood Brothers Drama Trip to Manchester

Friday 29th November: Enrichment Day 1

Tuesday 3rd December: Year 11 Parents' Evening 1

Tuesday 3rd December: Year 11 Art Mock Exam

Monday 9th December: Year 9 Reward Trip to Chill Factore

What Timetable

Week Is It?

W.B. 18/11/24 =
WEEK A

W.B. 25/11/24 =
WEEK B

GCSE Mock Series 1 Success

Year 11 have now completed their November mock exams and have demonstrated an excellent attitude as well as exemplary conduct and determination to succeed. Undoubtedly there will be a mixture of successes and disappointments, so it is vital that all Year 11 pupils reflect on the practices that helped them to achieve their best results and consider how they might use these strategies to improve in other areas.

To support ongoing revision, all pupils will have sessions on the upcoming Enrichment Day focused on study skills and how to build good habits over time. We will also be opening the library after school every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from the 25th of November, giving everyone access to the space and resources to do regular revision and homework in a quiet, supervised environment.

Year 11 Mock grade cards will be released during Period 5 on Tuesday the 3rd of December. This is the same date as Year 11 Parents' Evening which begins at 4.30pm.

The next set of mock exams will be in February, so Year 11 should now be looking at their current revision plan and adapting it with this in mind. As always, staff will be on hand to answer any questions they might have – we are all behind you Year 11!



Remembrance

On the 11th of November, at 11am, we held our traditional silence for Remembrance Day. Before the silence, students watched specially selected videos and readings about the importance of the day. All students were very respectful.

Before this, on Remembrance Sunday, three Carnforth High School students Isaac, Libby and Dusindi, represented the school and paid their respects to those who have died in the two World Wars and other conflicts around the World. The parade left the council offices on Market Street and proceeded to the war memorial via North Road and New Street. This year marks the 100th birthday of Carnforth's War Memorial.



Autumn	Spring	Summer
Christmas film	Inflatables hour	Bowling
Choice of 5 films – most votes will be watched	Inflatables in the sports hall – disco dome, obstacle courses, games	Morning or afternoon out of school Roughly £10
No number limit Good behaviour, good attendance	Potential number limit TBC Good behaviour, good attendance	70 Good behaviour, good attendance

Year 9

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Chill Factore	Inflatables hour	Food and games
Out of school most of the day Roughly £30	Inflatables in the sports hall – disco dome, obstacle courses, games	Either pizza or hot dogs and games
65 Good behaviour, good attendance	Potential number limit TBC Good behaviour, good attendance	No number limit Good behaviour, good attendance

Year 10

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Christmas film	Inflatables hour	Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Choice of 5 films – most votes will be watched	Inflatables in the sports hall – disco dome, obstacle courses, games	Full day out of school Roughly £35
No number limit Good behaviour, good attendance	Potential number limit TBC Good behaviour, good attendance	70 Good behaviour, good attendance

Year 11

Autumn	Spring
Level Preston	Inflatables hour
Half a day out of school All bowling then lazer tag or crazy golf Roughly £20	Inflatables in the sports hall – disco dome, obstacle courses, games
70 Good behaviour, good attendance	Potential number limit TBC Good behaviour, good attendance

Uniform Reminder

Here is a copy of the letter about uniform that was sent to all parents last week by Ms Newson:

"I am pleased to feedback that we have seen an improvement in uniform this term. The blazers look very smart, and pupils wear them with pride, having a positive impact on our school culture.

However, there is still a lot of confusion around the type of school trousers that are acceptable for (mainly) girls to wear. I would like to clarify the guidance already given.

We are happy for pupils to wear slim fitting, or even slightly flared trousers. The issue we currently have is around the material they are made from. Many girls have been wearing flared sports leggings (made of Lycra), or fashion flared leggings made from jersey-type material. **These are not acceptable.**

Acceptable school trousers should be made from similar material to that which school skirts/ boys school trousers are made from. They should not:

- Be Lycra material
- Be jersey material
- Have a 'ribbed' texture

They should:

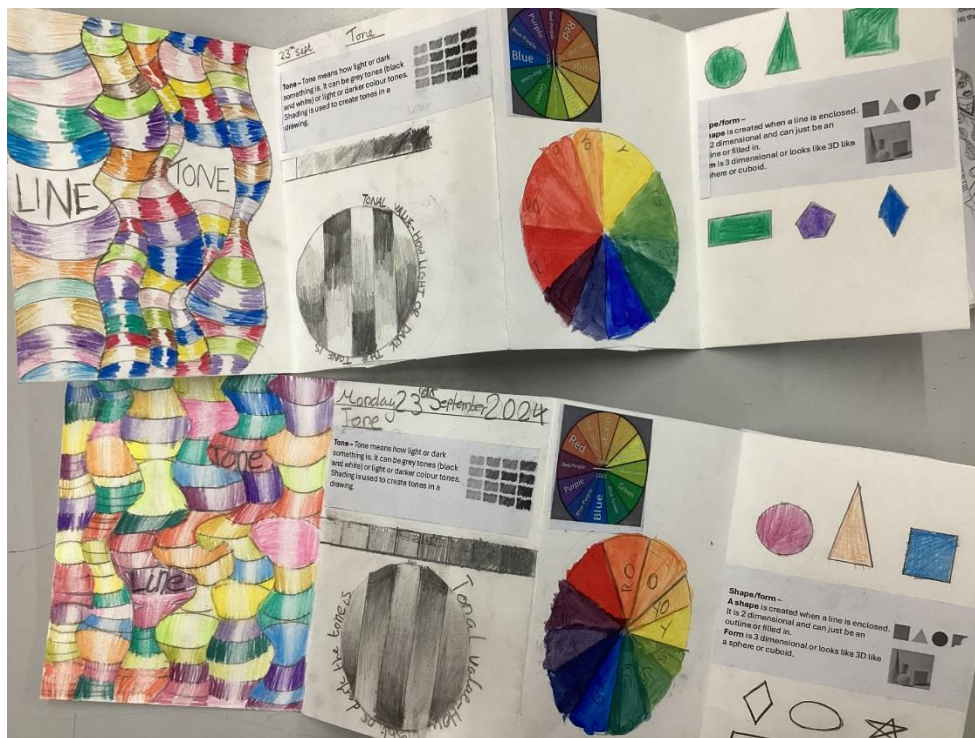
- Have a button and zip

I have included some images (all of which are available from 'Next') which are acceptable. Links were also provided in the letter. If you would like further clarification, or if you require financial assistance for school uniform, please get in touch."

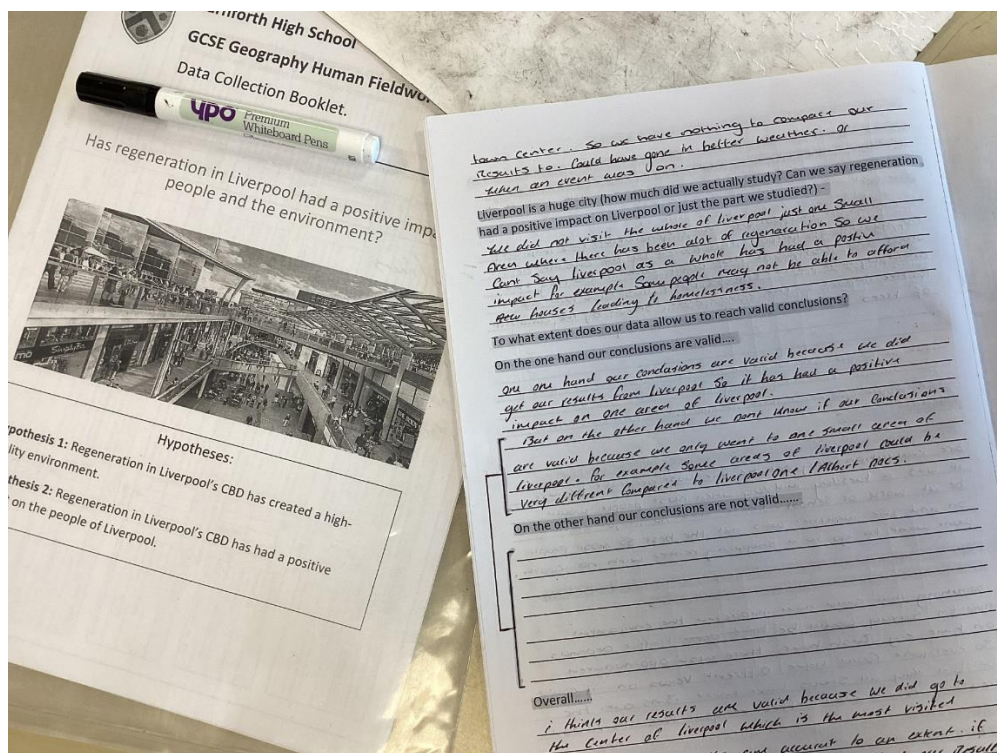


Looking at Lessons

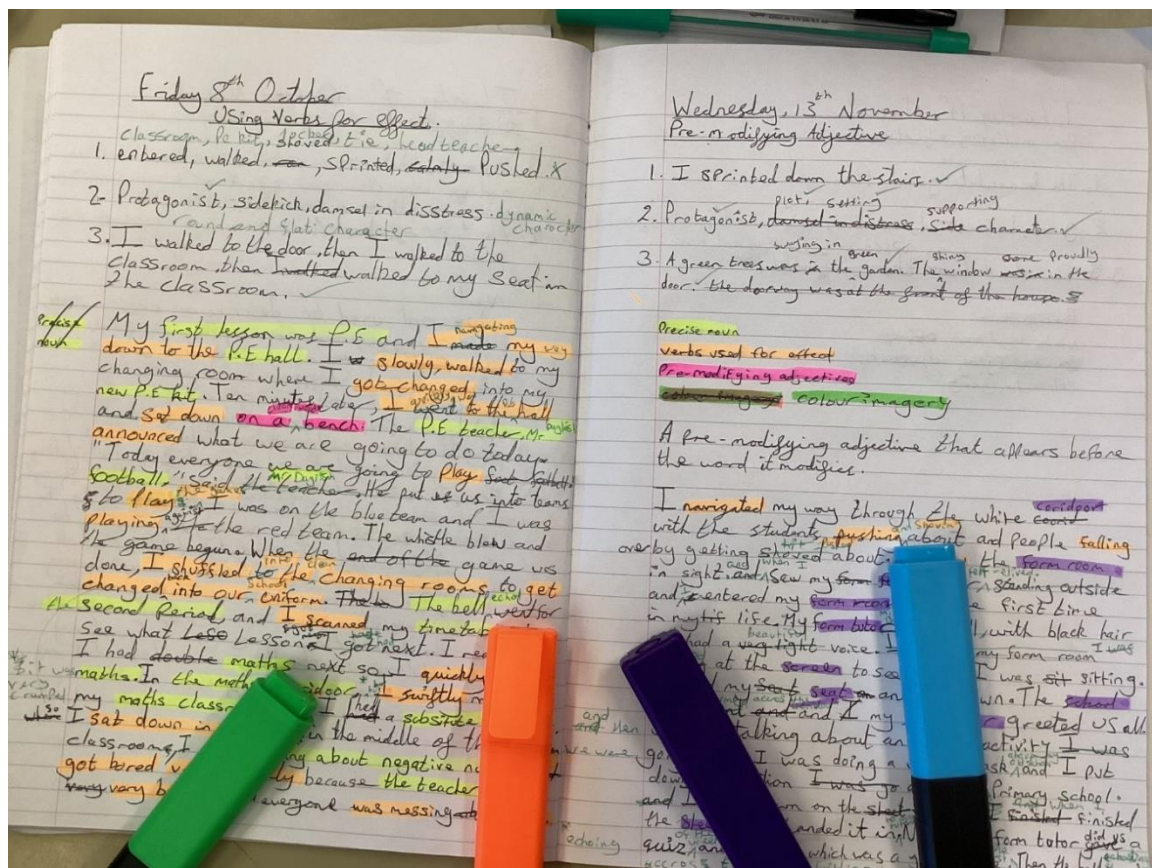
We like to regularly pop into lessons to take a look at the great learning that students are doing. Below you can see a couple of examples from the years we looked at last week, Years 11 and 7.



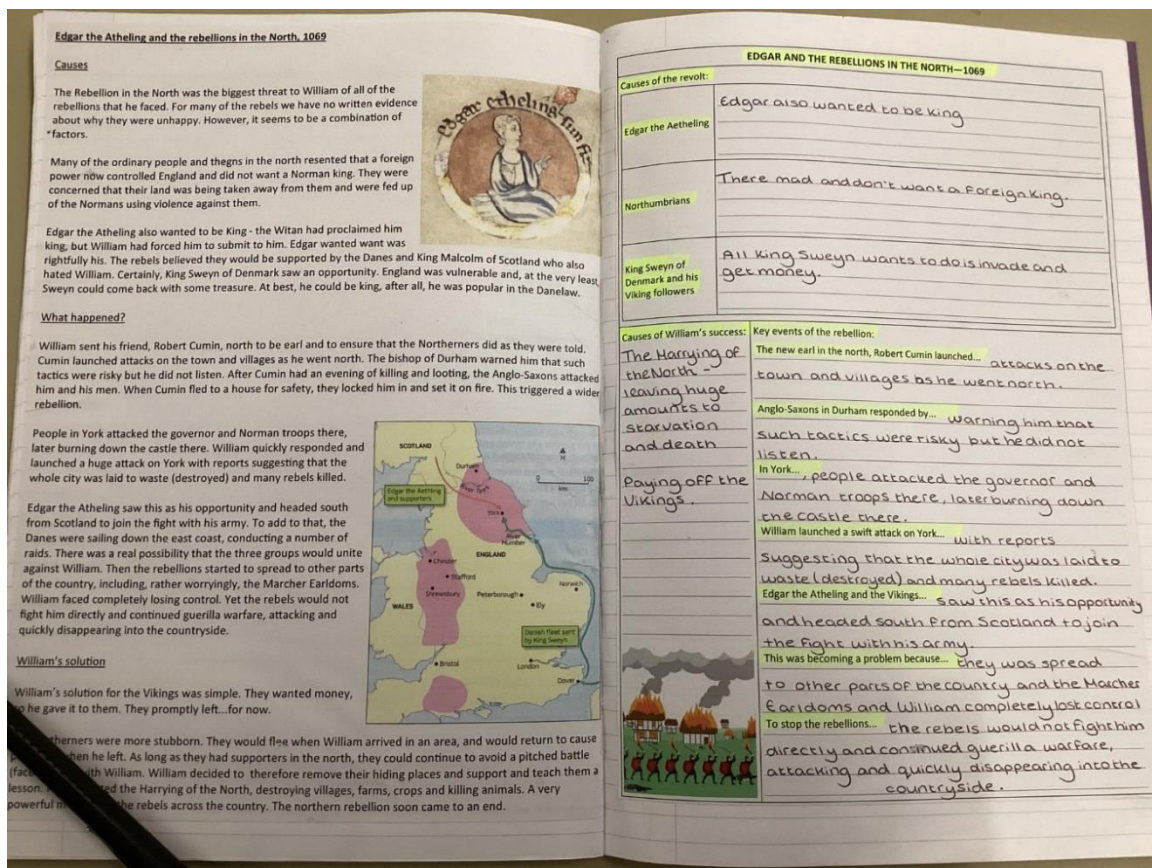
In Year 7 Art, each lesson starts by looking at the 'formal elements,' such as lines and tones.



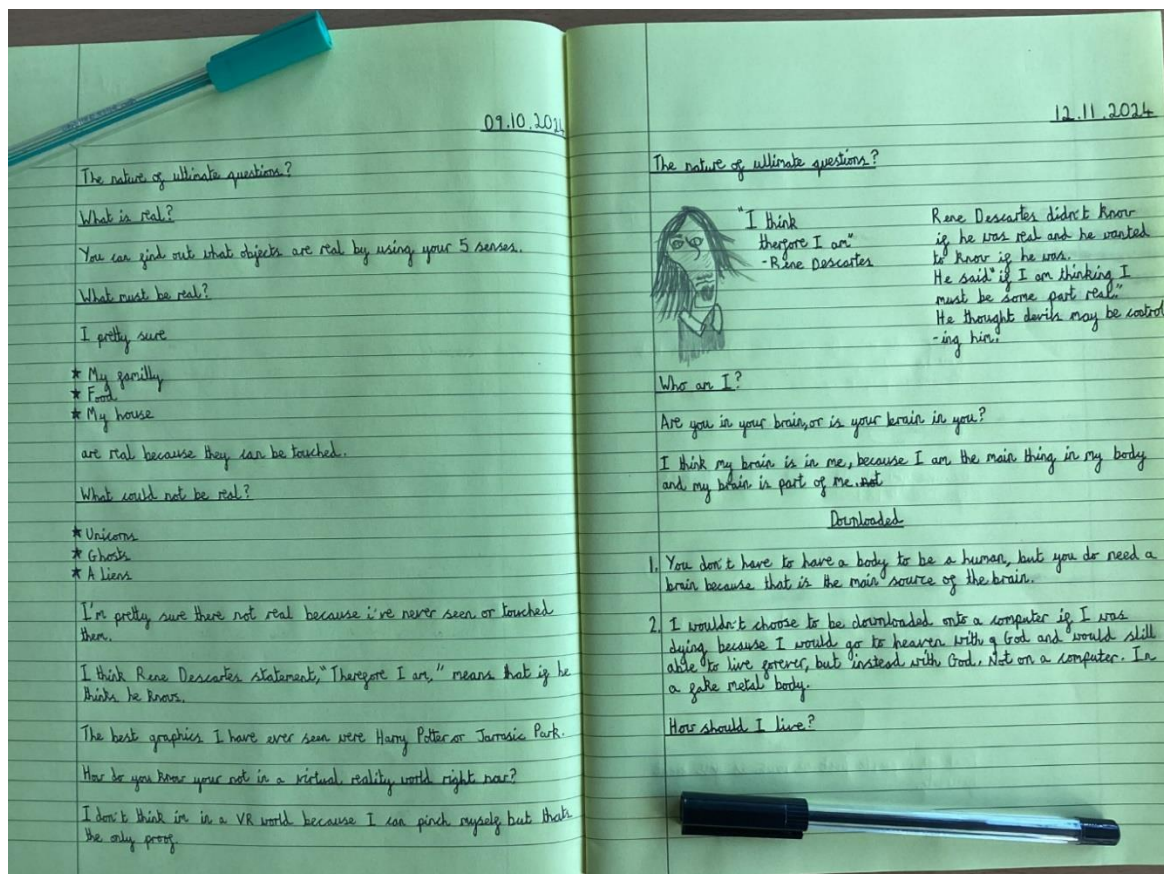
In Year 11 Geography, GCSE students were completing their final writing up of the fieldwork study they went on earlier in the course.



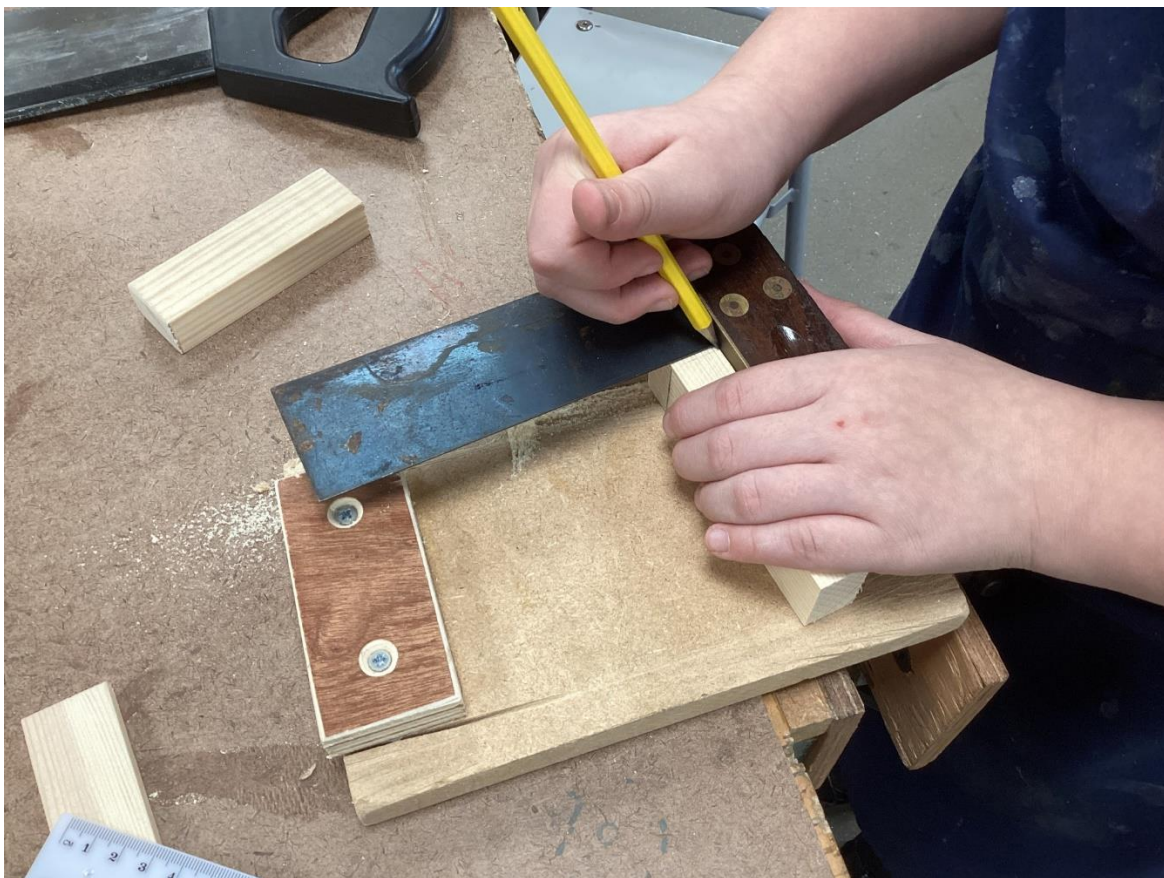
In Year 7 English, students were considering how to use effective language, as well as understanding how to go back and edit and improve their work.



In Year 11 History, students have been putting their notes together to ensure that their books serve as effective revision guides.



In Year 7 RE, students have been hurting their heads (in a good way!) by considering some important philosophical concepts, such as how we know what is real and how we should live our lives.



In Year 7 Technology, students are starting work on one of their first practicals. They are currently learning how to correctly measure and cut, as they get ready to design and create their own boxes.

Optimistic October

Last month, Creative Wellbeing students explored the theme of Optimism.

The students shared uplifting ideas and strategies with one another, which helped conversations within a supportive environment to help everyone feel more positive.



Optimism is
essential to
achievement
and it is also
the foundation
of courage and
true progress.

- NICHOLAS M. BUTLER

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Sparx Reader in English Reminder

A reminder that the English Department has set all homework for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 pupils on Sparx Reader. Sparx Reader is a personalised reading programme which helps pupils to practise decoding language, builds vocabulary and develops independent reading stamina. **This homework runs every week and resets every Monday morning.**

Each student must achieve a minimum of 300SRP (Sparx Reader Points) or more. Sparx Reader can be accessed on a computer, tablet or phone via the Microsoft 365 Single Sign On. Pupils can also use the library laptops before school, or lunch time to complete this homework. Prizes will be awarded for those who reach the top of the leaderboard!

Please contact Mr Grieve at: jgrieve@carnforthhigh.co.uk if you have any issues.

Sparx Reader

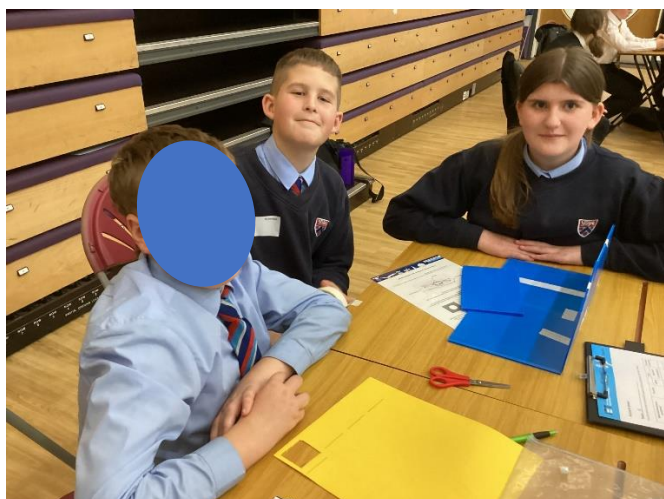


IET Faraday Challenge Science Team

Five Year 8 students from different science classes were identified as being excellent ambassadors for Science at Carnforth High School. As a result of their commitment in science lessons, they were chosen to be represent the school at a STEM event at Ripley St Thomas School in Lancaster. At the event, they competed with other schools from the Trust.

The event was run by an external agency, the 'IET Faraday Challenge,' and gave the students the opportunity to explore their interests around Science and Engineering. They were selected to be part of a team to take part on a National School competition for 12-13 year olds. The students received an industrial cadets Challenger Award for taking part and completing a hands-on problem solving and critical thinking activity.

The day focused on fun, teamwork and transferable skills, whilst putting the project into a real-world context. Well done Team Science!



Community Event – Coffee and Connect

Lancaster and Morecambe Family Hub are inviting you to join them in the Carnforth Hub (next to Carnforth High School). This is for anyone, any age, to join them to get warm, have a brew and a chat.

This starts on the 22nd November and then runs every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month.

Advice and signposting will be available if needed from Children & Family Wellbeing, Support Workers and staff from health services (who will pop in when they can). The hope is that the community attend these 'drop ins' allowing for the sessions to develop next year, according to needs of our community, having specialists in SEN, Employment, Relationships, Health etc. run sessions.

A poster for a community event titled 'Coffee & Connect'. The background is orange with a white banner at the top containing the title. Below the banner, on the left, is a light orange box with the text 'WARM SPACE' and 'FREE HOT DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED AND TOYS AVAILABLE TO KEEP YOUR LITTLE ONES ENTERTAINED TOO. EVERYONE WELCOME'. To the right of this box is a large orange circle containing a list of bullet points. Below the circle is another orange circle containing the event schedule and location. At the bottom left is an illustration of a gingerbread man next to a cup of coffee with a snowflake. The bottom of the poster features logos for Lancashire Family Hubs Network and Lancashire County Council, along with the Facebook logo and the name of the organizing body. A dashed yellow line curves across the bottom of the poster.

Coffee & Connect

WARM SPACE

FREE HOT DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED
AND TOYS AVAILABLE TO KEEP YOUR LITTLE
ONES ENTERTAINED TOO.

EVERYONE WELCOME

- A CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO DROP IN AND CONNECT WITH PEOPLE IN A WARM AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.
- SUPPORT AND SIGNPOSTING TO LOCAL AGENCIES.
- FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE.
- SOMEONE TO TALK TO SOMEONE TO LISTEN.

STARTING 22ND NOVEMBER

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY
OF THE MONTH

9:30-11 AM

CARNFORTH FAMILY HUB
KELLET ROAD
CARNFORTH
LA5 9LS



 **LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE FAMILY HUB**

 [EVENTS.APPS.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/W/WEBPAGE/ALL-EVENTS](https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/all-events)

PLANS IN PLACE

Upcoming Post-16 Events

Year 11 parents were recently emailed regarding upcoming events at our local colleges and sixth forms. Remember that students in **Year 11 should aim to apply for their post-16 places before Christmas**. Attending events at colleges and sixth forms can support students and parents in understanding the different institutions and courses available to them, as well as how to apply. Below is a list of all upcoming events. Most sixth forms have now had their open evenings, but further details can be found on their websites. Links are below. This list will be updated next issue, as colleges have regular events.

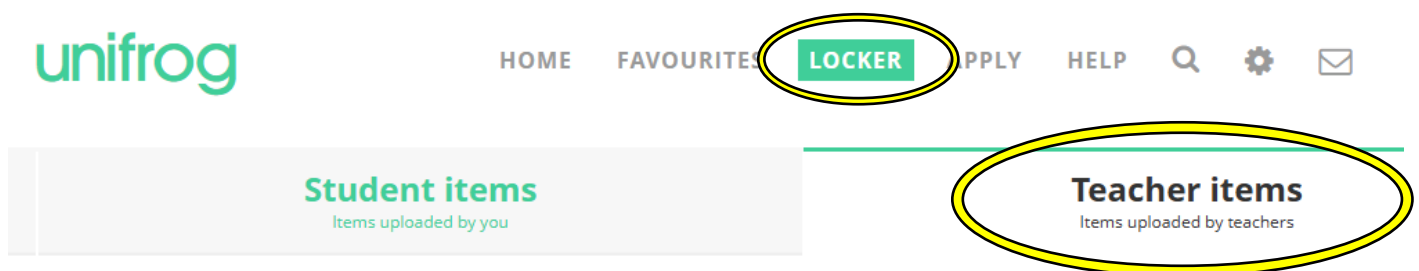
	Institution	Website Link	Next Event	Date and Time
	Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form	https://morecambebayacademy.co.uk/join-us/sixth-form/	Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 14 th November, 5.30pm-7.30pm
	Ripley St Thomas Sixth Form	https://ripleystthomas.com/sixth-form/	Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 7 th November, 5pm-8pm
	Dallam School Sixth Form	https://www.dallamschool.co.uk/sixth-form/	Sixth Form Open Evening	Tuesday 26 th November, 6pm-8pm
	Queen Elizabeth School Sixth Form	https://qes.org.uk/sixth-form/	Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 13 th November, 5.30pm-8pm
	Lancaster Girls' Grammar School	https://www.lggs.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome-to-lggs-sixth-form	Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 6 th November, 5.30pm-7.30pm
	Lancaster Royal Grammar School	https://www.lrgs.org.uk/sixthform	Virtual Open Evening	Virtual Open Evening Available on Website
	Our Lady's Catholic College Sixth Form	https://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Sixthform&pid=12	Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 14 th November, 5pm
	Lancaster and Morecambe College	https://www.lmc.ac.uk/	Open Evening	Wednesday 4 th December, 4.30pm-7.00pm
	Kendal College	https://kendal.ac.uk/	Open Evening	Thursday 28 th November, 4.30pm-7.30pm
	Myerscough College	https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/	Course Advice Moring	Saturday 16 th November, 10am-12.30pm

What's the Plan?

At this time of the year, we hire a trained Careers Advisor to conduct Careers Advice and Guidance Meetings with our students. So far, our Career North Careers Advisor, Mr Brown, has spoken with 80 of our Year 11 students and 12 of our Year 10 students. With mocks completed, Year 11 students will continue to be the focus over the coming weeks in order to support post-16 applications.

All students who have had a meeting with Mr Brown have been given a personalised Action Plan to help them consider what they need to do next. Students can review these plans at any time in school or at home by logging on to our careers software, Unifrog. This can be accessed from our school website homepage or at: <https://www.unifrog.org/>

Once in Unifrog, students just need to click on 'LOCKER' at the top of the screen and then 'Teacher items' to see their plan:



What Else is Happening?

In addition to the Careers Advice and Guidance Meetings, students in Year 11 will also be using Unifrog during our upcoming **Enrichment Day 1**, on Friday 29th November. On the day, they'll have a chance to tell us what they intend to do next year (as well as whether they have applied), which will help with future Careers Advisor Meetings, and will also use Unifrog to create a CV, which most jobs (and some post-16 placements) require.

On Friday 13th December we'll also be holding our annual **Careers Fair**. At this event, students in Year 11 will have a chance to meet with a range of employers and post-16 institutions to discuss their future education and careers plans. There will also be talks from local colleges and sixth forms for those students who are still unsure of what to apply for.

Our Careers website (<https://www.carnforthhigh.co.uk/school-life/careers/>) also has loads of information and support that you and your child can use.

Careers at CHS

"Students will be confident that they have well-informed and aspirational plans in place now, to enable them to achieve their best next steps and have successful careers in the future."

Carnforth High School recognises and values Careers guidance for all our students. We are committed to empower our students to make well-informed aspirational choices about their future. Each student will receive quality, impartial careers advice and guidance, structured throughout their time at CHS. The impact of our programme is assessed regularly through student voice (including using the Future Skills Questionnaire), termly against the Gatsby Benchmarks with visits from Inspira and annually with references to leavers' Destinations data.

Unifrog Careers Platform



All of our students and staff have a login to the 'Unifrog' careers platform: <https://www.unifrog.org/>. The school provides access to this excellent career planning tool which allows students to research the world of work, and understand the skills they will need for their future career plans. There is a wide range of Careers information on the platform, from apprenticeships, CV building, interview skills, to job profiles and videos. The students can work through modules and save information into their personal lockers for future reference. This is also the way in which students organise their Work Experience placements (see below).

November events

- Tuesday 19th November - Milnthorpe Road Campus Tour
- Monday 25th November - Arts & Media Campus Tour
- Thursday 28th November - Open Evening

More information & booking forms are on [our website](#).

The KC Sixth event planned on 12th November will no longer take place and instead we are recommending that pupils book a place on our 28th November open evening. We were hoping to run the KC Sixth event at our Westmorland Campus, but due to an external contractor letting us down, our new A-Level centre will now be opening in the New Year. Since planning the event, we have also launched the new AAQ qualifications. Our open evenings at our Milnthorpe Road Campus, will enable pupils to speak to both our A-Level team and our AAQ vocational specialists.

Our course guides

Our new course guides are ready! They can be downloaded online by clicking on these links:

- [School Leaver Guide](#)
- [KC Sixth Guide](#)
- [Apprenticeships Guide](#)

We are also looking to produce a new 'Your Bright Future' guide, for both school pupils & our students, linking to our [YBF website](#), combining employability & money information.

Course changes

The following courses are now available

- Agriculture, Level 2
- Animal Care T-Level (Animal Science)
- Site Carpentry, Level 2
- Vocational Studies has changed to a wider 'Link 2' programme
- Criminology Diploma, equivalent to one A-Level
- Film Making, Level 4

Courses no longer available

- Beauty/Hair Level 1 (Link 2 may be of interest)
- Beauty/Hair T-Level (L2-3 courses instead)
- Onsite Construction T-Level
- Film Production, Level 3 UAL (replaced by the T-Level)
- Media Broadcast & Production (Events & Venues Technician), Level 3 (UAL theatre courses instead)

Science courses replaced by A-Levels/AAQs

- Biomedical Science, Level 3
- Forensic & Criminal Investigation, Level 3
- Science T-Level



Year 8 Netball vs LGGS

Year 8A played a fantastic game of netball against LGGS in our first away match this season. We knew it would be a tough first game of the season, but they were ready and prepared. The girls worked vigorously during the four quarters, and exchanged positions tactically to strengthen play too. Unfortunately, LGGS had the edge over Carnforth from the first whistle and were attacking very aggressively. Carnforth Defenders did an incredible job to keep as many goals as possible out, with excellent marking of the shooters and rebound shots. Player of the match was awarded to Freya in GD for her relentless marking of their main shooter GA. Well done to all that played, you tried your best and played with great team spirit.



38Bs were also prepared for their first match of the season against LGGS and were looking forward to getting back to playing netball matches this season. The LGGS side started fairly strong and attacked our defensive third relentlessly for the first 2-3 minutes. However, Carnforth came back strong and held their own, with some encouraging plays from Daisy, Millie and Emily to send the ball back into our attacking half.

Each team did not give in, continually contesting the ball after each centre pass. Carnforth played some encouraging sideline and backline passes ensuring players were being manipulated into positions and space was being created. Well done to all players 8B, you played great. The end score resulted in 16-3 to LGGS. However, our players committed to the game and never dropped their heads, even when their score increased. POM was awarded to both Charlotte and Emily for their great shooting skills, and their defensive play respectively.

Year 7 Netball vs LGGS

7A had a fantastic start to their netball season against LGGS. The girls knew it would be a difficult game. Both teams started off extremely strong; Carnforth started off strong with a 1-0 lead, with a brilliant team attack. LGGS gave it their all to score and equalised in the first quarter. Both teams played a good match, and they were equally matched. LGGS got off to a head start, which meant CHS had to fight back and give it their all, the game finished 3-3.

7B had a difficult start to their netball season against LGGS, they knew going into it would be a difficult game, but they never gave up. The girls had some strong attacks on some occasions but unfortunately it was not enough against the strong LGGS team.



Year 8 Netball vs Bay Leadership Academy

Carnforth started very strong in this game against Bay Leadership and gained the lead in the first quarter, scoring first too. Our girls showed some great attacking plays and began to increase their lead. However, by half time Bay Leadership had found their feet and came back strong against our side, with it being 6-4 to them.

After a good team talk and some new tactics Carnforth were ready for the second half. Defenders Freya, Star and Lily were relentlessly trying to hold off the Bay attack during the next two quarters, working tirelessly to defend each ball and mark their players. They did this very well, unfortunately however a few too many balls made their way to their shooters and Bay slotted just a couple more past us, to end the game 10-8 to Bay. POM was awarded to Jessica for her excellent shooting and movement in the D. Well done to the entire team, you played a very determined and energetic game and all of you gave it 100%.

Under-16 Handball Tournament

Students from Year 10 represented the school in the under-16 handball tournament, hosted at Our Lady's. The tournament included teams from LRGS, Morecambe, OLCC, Ripley and Carnforth. The boys lost the first two games to Ripley and LRGS but showed excellent resilience to draw the final two games, 1-1 with OLCC and 2-2 with Morecambe. Rob was player of the tournament with his relentless runs from centre half to power his way through to goal to score for Carnforth.

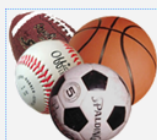


Year 9 and 10 Girls Football

Students from Years 9 and 10 represented the school in a football tournament hosted by MBA. The tournament included teams from MBA, OLCC, RST, BLA, LGGS. For a team that has not played together they played their matches with a robust attitude. After a quick start, the girls played their first game and drew 0-0 against RST, POM was Eva R. Game 2 the girls played against OLCC, unfortunately they lost 1-0, but still showed a great attitude, they didn't let the goal put them down, they had many counter attacks, but unfortunately it just wasn't their game, POM was Natasha. Game 3 saw us on the loss again against hosts MBA; they had two lucky goals that couldn't be helped, both the defence and Natasha worked extremely well together, POM was picked up by Miley. Game 4 CHS started off strong with attacks from both wings, despite playing such a good game together they again seen the defeat by LGGS, POM was picked up by Eva for some amazing runs down the wing and having some good shots. Game 5, the last game of the tournament we played winners of the tournament BLA, the game started off serious. CHS matched the game that BLA were playing and weren't going down without a fight, the whole team played their best game yet. BLA struck with a lucky goal, CHS didn't let this get to them, and played some fabulous football before playing it out on the wing to Eva, who struck gold with an absolute screamer into the side of the net which brought it to a 1-1 draw.

Extra-Curricular Sport Payment

The PE department is offering the opportunity for parents to make a one-time electronic payment of £25 to cover their child's annual extracurricular transport payments. Currently the PE department charges £1 for home fixtures and £2 for away fixtures; this covers a percentage of cost for transport and competition fees. Parents will be able to make the payment on the School Gateway. It is hoped that parents find this a preferential method of payment, for those students who are regular team members, rather than paying in cash on the day of the fixtures. Letters with further details can be acquired by your son/daughter from the PE department.



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PE Department Extra Curricular Timetable November - December 2024

	<u>LUNCH 12.45pm - 1.15pm</u>	<u>AFTERSCHOOL 3.30pm - 4.30pm</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>		Y7-11 Girls Football - Astro (GLC) Y7-9 Boys Football - Field (JW & JD)
<u>TUESDAY</u>		Staff Meetings
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		Y7, 8, 9 Netball- SH (NS) Y8-11 Boys Handball - Astro (JD & CC)
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Y7-9 Gymnastics - Dance Studio (GLC)	Y10 & 11 Girls Netball - SH (NS/GLC) Boys District Fixture Afternoon (JD & CC)
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Y10-11 HRF - Fitness Suite (HW) Y7-11 Dance - Dance Studio (NS)	

Boys & Girls Y7-11 if you are a regular team member, please look on the fixtures board for this half term's fixture list.

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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