

CHS Newsletter

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Carnforth
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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. Going forward our newsletters will be shared fortnightly to celebrate the fantastic work of our students and staff and to keep you informed about upcoming events.

I am really pleased to share that our students have made a very positive start to the new academic year, and their levels of commitment and enthusiasm have been excellent. This is seen in their engagement in lessons, their work ethic, and behaviour both in and outside of lessons.

I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their support in creating such a positive start to the school year.

Mr Staniforth

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 14th October – Year 7 Form Tutor evening 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 16th October – Year 11 Parent Information Evening 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Wednesday 22nd October – 3:25pm School closes for Half Term

Monday 3rd November – Return to school. Year 11 Mock Exams start

What Timetable

Week Is It?

W.B. 13/10/25 =
WEEK A

W.B. 20/10/25 =
WEEK B



Attendance Matters

At Carnforth High, we believe every day of learning counts to allow students to achieve their best academic outcomes, develop confidence and purpose and prepare for their future. **Attendance is a key part of this journey.** Our aim is for all students to achieve at least 97% attendance. We want to support our students and work closely with families to meet this target. We will communicate regularly with parents to keep you informed about your child's attendance. If your child is having an issue in or outside of school which is affecting their attendance please contact the school's attendance manager, Mr Milner, or the relevant Head of Year.

Attendance Matters Continued

To encourage regular attendance, we have the following rewards:

- 100% weekly attendance ClassCharts award – automatic entry into the assembly prize draw and student receives a raffle ticket for the end of term prize draw.
- Attendance improvement (weekly) - student receives a raffle ticket for the end of term prize draw.
- Half termly tutor challenge – the tutor group with the highest % attendance is invited to an end of half term celebration breakfast.
- Attendance celebration – students with 97.1% attendance or higher at the end of each term qualify for reward afternoon.
- 100% attendance – half termly/termly reward.
- 100% attendance year – special recognition awards.

An important part of good attendance is being punctual. Students should be arriving to school no later than 8:50am, ready for a prompt 8:55am start. Our school is open from 8:30am and **all** students in the school receive a free breakfast from our amazing canteen staff, with a wide range of food on offer.



Reading: A Key to Academic Success

We believe reading is not just an academic skill, but a gateway to:

- Accessing the curriculum.
- Developing an enquiring mind.
- Achieving the best possible academic outcomes.
- Supporting students in their lives beyond the school.

We have conducted our annual reading age assessments for all students. This has enabled us to identify who will require support with their reading this year.

Our students have engaged with this testing in a really positive and mature manner which has been fantastic to see. If we feel that you child would benefit from support with their reading, we will contact you prior to this intervention starting.

How Parents Can Support

We view parents as crucial partners in our pupils' learning journey. Some ways you can support reading at home include:

- Encouraging regular reading.
- Discussing books and reading materials.
- Creating a positive home reading environment.

If you would like any further information on how you can support your child with reading please contact the school.

Student Voice: Toilet Use

We regularly provide lots of opportunities for students to give feedback about our school and their experiences. We have recently had feedback from students they have said they would appreciate more access to toilets in school to support them in arriving to lessons on time. As a result, from Monday 13 October we will be opening two refurbished toilet blocks which students will be able to use during the day.

Students will have the opportunity to use the toilet every hour. This may be:

- Before or after school.
- During break or lunchtime.
- During lesson changeovers when there is no break time; for example between lesson 1 and 2. Time has been factored into our changeovers to allow children to travel to lesson and use the toilet should they need to.

We want our students to use the toilet at the correct time to enable them to maximise their learning, whilst making sure lessons are free from interruption.

Students with medical passes will of course be able to continue to use the toilet during lesson times if required. If you believe your child has a medical need which means they will need to use the bathroom more frequently, and they do not currently have a pass, please contact the relevant Head of Year who will be happy to support.

GCSEs

Year 11 GCSE Support

Our Year 11 students are fast approaching their first set of mock exams in preparation for GCSE exams in the summer term. Year 11 students have been able to access additional support sessions during the week to support revision.

Week A					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	English Study Club Support with Homework and Revision E1	Spanish Study Session MFL1	Maths Club M3	GCSE Art A1	
Afterschool			English Language Revision E1	Maths Club M3 Vocational Coursework IT3 Art Catchup A1 Technology T1	
Independent Study Room	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School
Week B					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	English Study Club Support with Homework and Revision E1	Spanish Study Session MFL1 Geography Revision GG2	Maths Club M3	GCSE Art A1	
Afterschool			English Language Revision E1 History Revision (Conflict USA)	Maths Club M3 Vocational Coursework IT3 Art Catchup A1 Technology T1	
Independent Study Room	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School	Library Lunchtime and After School

In addition, we have Maths and English revision sessions during form tutor in the morning and additional interventions during the school day. We will soon be introducing Masterclasses for Maths and English which will begin following the November mock exams.

We will be holding a Parent Information Evening on the 16th October where we will share advice and guidance on how best to support your child with revision. On the evening, we will provide a revision pack which will include stationery and resources to support revision alongside revision guides.



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Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

WB: Monday 10th November—Friday 14th November 2025

Monday 10th November			Tuesday 11th November			Wednesday 12th November			Thursday 13th November			Friday 14th November		
Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time	Start	Subject	Time
P1	9.20am	Triple Chemistry Trilogy Chemistry	9.20am	Maths Paper 3 H/F (Calculator)	1hr 30 min 1hr 15	9.20am	Triple Physics Trilogy Physics	1hr 45 1hr 15	9.20am	Hair DT Business	2hr 2hr 1hr30	9.20am	Catch up	
P2	10.20am		10.20am			10.20am			10.20am			10.20am		
BREAK TIME														
P3	11.40am		11.40am			11.40am			11.40am			11.40am		
P4	1.25pm	Geography Paper1&2	1.25pm	History Paper3:USA	1hr30	1.25pm	Media : component 2 RE: Themes	1hr30 1hr	1.25pm	Spanish: Reading F/H	45min / 1hr	1.25pm		
P5	2.25pm		2.25pm			2.25pm			2.25pm	Spanish : Listening F/H	35min/ 45min	2.25pm		

Year 11 Art Mock

In addition, there is an Art mock exam which takes place on Wednesday 19th November. This is an all day exam and takes place in the Art department.

School Council

Our newly formed, inclusive School Council has made a powerful and influential start to the academic year. With twenty-five dedicated tutor group representatives—one from every group across the school—the council meets half termly in the school library to discuss and act on matters that shape the daily experiences of our students.

We are proud to introduce our elected leadership team:

- President: Millie
- Vice President: Paige
- Secretary: Penny
- Treasurer: Emily

Each was voted in by their peers and has already shown exceptional commitment to their roles.

One of the council's first meetings focused on the Bulbs for Belonging Campaign, a trust-wide project symbolising unity and inclusion. Council members chose to personally plant daffodils and crocuses around the school grounds as a meaningful gesture of their service and dedication to Carnforth. We look forward to seeing these flowers bloom as a vibrant reminder that every student belongs.



Prefects

Our prefects have made an outstanding start to their journey as young leaders. Following a rigorous application and interview process, each prefect earned their place through dedication and passion. To mark the beginning of this exciting chapter, the team came together for a celebration lunch, where we shared ideas and set inspiring goals for the year ahead.

Since then, our prefects have embraced leadership training focused on fostering a positive school culture, supporting younger students, and balancing responsibilities during this pivotal academic year.

This week, the prefect team proudly volunteered to support Papyrus, a charity dedicated to preventing young suicide. They spread uplifting messages throughout the school community and helped run a successful cake sale to raise awareness and over £200 for the charity.

Looking ahead, our prefects are eager to lead initiatives around community fundraising, mental health awareness, inclusivity and diversity, and career readiness. Their enthusiasm, compassion, and drive to make a difference are a true reflection of the values we celebrate in our school.

Together, they are not just preparing for the world of work—they are shaping the world around them.



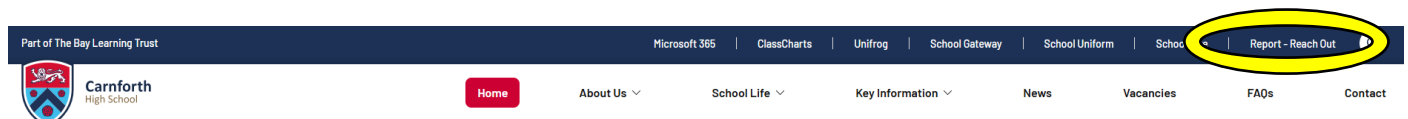
Behaviour Reminders

I am immensely proud of the behaviour of our students in and around school. Visitors to the school always comment on how quiet, calm, and purposeful our school is which is a testament to the hard work of our staff, and to the excellent attitudes displayed by our students who are always polite and courteous.

Bullying – if your child is a victim of bullying, they should report this to **any** member of staff in school. Parents or children are also able to report this via our school website using ‘**Report – Reach Out**’ which can be found on our home page (image below). A link to this can be found here: [Report - Reach Out](#)

Uniform – our students look incredibly smart in their school uniform, and it is wonderful to see them proudly wearing this each day which in turn supports their belonging to school, and creates a real sense of community. When purchasing uniform, please can you ensure you are using our school policy, and if you are not sure about specific items (for example shoes), please get in touch. A link to our uniform expectations can be found here: [Uniform and Appearance](#) As always, if you are struggling with the cost of uniform please get in touch.

From the top right of our school website homepage, you can click ‘Report – Reach Out:’



Welcome to Carnforth High School

This will take you to a Microsoft Form that you can complete to report your concerns:

Reach Out - Carnforth High School

This form can be used to report anything you are worried about in school or out of school, including bullying, sexual harassment and hate incidents or any form of harm. The information will be sent to an inbox and checked **once per day** by one of our specially trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.

So we can respond appropriately, we will ask for some details, including your name. One of our Designated Safeguarding Leads may need to speak to you in order to provide help.

For any **urgent** concerns, please seek **immediate help** by speaking to someone directly. You can also reach out to external services.

Childline: **0800 11 11**

NSPCC: **0808 800 5000**

Samaritans: **116 123**

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Below you can see our excellent offer of lunchtime and after school clubs. This timetable is also posted around school and shared each week in form time so that students know what they can attend each day. Please speak to your child(ren) about clubs they might be interested in attending.

What Can I Do at Lunch and After School?



Lunch Time in Half Term 1 of 2025/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Duolingo Club in MFL2 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Medical Society in L2 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Maths Club in M3 SKILLS & SOCIAL	KS3 Pokémon Club in IT2 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Science Club in L2 SKILLS & SOCIAL
Board Game Club in E3 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Girls' Reading Group in E2 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Music – Percussion Club in Music SKILLS & SOCIAL	Queer, Straight Alliance Club in LS1 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Film Club in E6 SKILLS & SOCIAL
Youth Speaks in E2 (by Invite) SKILLS & SOCIAL	Lego Club in LS1 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Years 7-9 Gymnastics Vaulting in the Dance Studio SPORT	Music Band Practice in Music (by Invite) SKILLS & SOCIAL	Music – Band Practice in Music (by Invite) SKILLS & SOCIAL
Chess Club in T2 SKILLS & SOCIAL	KS3 Art Club in A1/A2 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Year 9 Boys Football in the Sports Hall SPORT	Netball Shooting Trials/Practice SPORT	Years 9-11 Fitness in the Gym SPORT
Music – Ukelele Club in Music SKILLS & SOCIAL	Music – Choir in Music SKILLS & SOCIAL			
Year 7 & 8 Dance in the Dance Studio SPORT	Years 9 & 11 Dance in the Dance Studio SPORT			
	Year 7 Handball in the Sports Hall SPORT			

After School in Half Term 1 of 2025/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Show Rehearsal in the Main Hall (by Invite) SKILLS & SOCIAL		Sewing Group in E2 SKILLS & SOCIAL	Maths Club in M3 SKILLS & SOCIAL	School Show Rehearsal in the Main Hall (by Invite) SKILLS & SOCIAL
Year 9-11 Netball in the Sports Hall SPORT		Years 7 & 8 Netball in the Sports Hall SPORT	Years 7-11 Girls Football on the Field SPORT	Year 7 Boys Rugby on the Field SPORT
Years 7 & 8 Boys Football on the Field SPORT		Years 8-11 Boys Rugby on the Field SPORT	Boys District Sports Fixtures SPORT	
			Girls District Sports Fixtures SPORT	

Do you have an idea for a club?



Our School Council meets every half term.

If you've got an idea for a new club (or better yet, you want to start one up or offer to run sessions within it!) then speak to your School Council form representative before the next School Council meeting.

PLANS IN PLACE

Why choose MBA Sixth Form?



Morecambe Bay
Academy

We are a sixth form which has high aspirations for all our pupils to go onto a great university or a high quality apprenticeship

- A wide range of A level and vocational courses
- Superb support with UCAS applications to help you fulfil your potential
- An industrial mentoring programme to support employability skills
- Learning outside the classroom with a wide range of trips and residential visits
- Excellent individual careers guidance
- Variety of enrichment opportunities including sport and service to the local community

Upcoming Sixth Form and College Events

It's very important that students in Year 11 are well-informed about their post-16 options in order to complete their applications this term. As part of this process, we highly recommend taking your child to as many open events as possible. On the next page please find a list of all upcoming events for local Sixth Forms and colleges. You can find links to each of these institutions from our CHS Careers page here: <https://www.carnforthhigh.co.uk/school-life/careers/> where you can read more details about upcoming events and the institutions themselves.



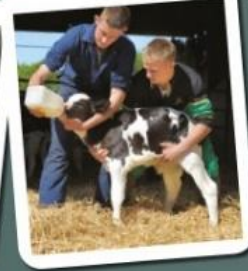
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COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

Saturday 4th October
Saturday 15th November
Starts 10.00am

CENTRES IN PRESTON, LIVERPOOL, WARRINGTON AND MANCHESTER

School Leavers | University Degrees | Apprenticeships



	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 16 th October, 5.30pm-7.30pm
	Ripley St Thomas Sixth Form	https://ripleystthomas.com/sixth-form/	Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 2 nd October, 4.30pm-6.30pm
	Dallam School Sixth Form	https://www.dallam-school.co.uk/sixth-form/	Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 27 th November, 5.00pm-7.00pm
	Queen Elizabeth School Sixth Form	https://ges.org.uk/sixth-form/	Sixth Form Open Evening	TBC
	Lancaster Girls' Grammar School	https://www.lggs.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome-to-lggs-sixth-form	Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 6 th November
	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	Wednesday 15 th October, 6.00pm-8.00pm
	Lancaster and Morecambe College	https://www.lmc.ac.uk/	Open Evening	Wednesday 22 nd October, 4.30pm-7.30pm
	Kendal College	https://kendal.ac.uk/	Open Evening	Wednesday 12 th November 4.30pm-7.30pm
	Myerscough College	https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/	Course Advice Morning (Preston)	Saturday 4 th October, 10.00am-1.00pm



This document will be **updated regularly** when we send this newsletter to you!

Open Evenings

Wednesday 12th November
Thursday 4th December
Monday 2nd March
4.30pm – 7.30pm

Discover Kendal College!

- Meet our staff and students
- Explore our facilities
- Find the right course for you

Join us at our Open Evenings and see if Kendal College is the place to start your future.

Milnthorpe Road Campus

 Agriculture	 Animal Care	 Barbering, Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy	 Construction	 Education & Early Years	 Engineering	 Foundation Learning
 Health & Social Care	 Hospitality & Catering	 Motor Vehicle	 Sports & Outdoor Adventure	 Uniformed Services	 English & Maths	 Professional Business Services

Arts & Media Campus

 Art & Design	 Film Production	 Games & Concept Art	 Music	 Performing Arts	 Theatre & Event Technology	 Fashion & Textiles
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Westmorland Campus

 A-Levels	 Access to HE	 Business
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Find out more &
 book your place at
kendal.ac.uk/visit

Apprenticeship Open Evening

**Thursday 29th January
4.30pm - 7.30pm,
Milnthorpe Road Campus**

An ideal opportunity to see first-hand
what options are available to you.



Find out more &
book your place at
kendal.ac.uk/visit



Supported Internship Information Evenings

**Tuesday 17th March
Tuesday 19th May
4.30pm - 7.30pm**

Developed in partnership with DFN Project
SEARCH and the NHS. This 5-day per
week internship is aimed at young people
aged 17-25 with an EHCP, and ready to
make the transition from education
to employment.

**For further information about
Supported Internships, contact
anna.harrison@kendal.ac.uk**



"As Supported Internship Lead, I bring 9 years' teaching and quality assurance experience at Kendal College. Alongside my PhD research in Technology Enhanced Learning at Lancaster University, I ensure every programme is tailored to each learner's needs—helping them build the skills, confidence and independence for a successful future."

Anna Harrison

Other Upcoming Post-16 Events

A range of other providers offer post-16 routes for our students outside of sixth form and college. Including technical training providers, apprenticeship providers, the armed forces and organisations like the NHS. See below for more upcoming events.

T Level Information Event for Parents/Carers & Educators

SPILL THE T

Join us on for our 'Spill the Tea on T Levels at Tea Time' Webinar Live on Microsoft Teams, **Thursday 16th October, 7.00-8.00pm**

Learn more about **T Levels in Health** and how they could support your **child's bright future!** An opportunity not to be missed - aimed at **parents and school staff.**

Scan the QR code to register today!

With **testimonies** from **Health T Level students** and **NHS and Social Care staff** plus a **15 minute Q&A!**

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

NHS, Social Care and Further Education colleagues from across the North West are delivering an information session on T-Levels, with a focus on the Health T-Level. We aim to bust some myths and provide expert advice on this pathway and the Industry Based Placements associated with the course.

Spill the Tea on T Levels at Teatime

Thursday 16th October 2025, 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Live Webinar on Teams

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bh55q4fzXB>

Or use this QR code:

Spill the Tea Webinar Sign up -
October 2025



Arnold Clark

Come along to our

Apprenticeship recruitment events



Apprenticeship Recruitment Event – Arnold Clark Morecambe Vauxhall

Thursday 30th October
3:00pm – 6:00pm

We're excited to invite you to our apprenticeship recruitment event at our Morecambe branch.

This is a great chance to:

- Explore our apprenticeship opportunities in the automotive industry
 - Meet our team and current apprentices
- Ask questions about applications, training, and career progression

Parents, guardians, and family members are welcome to join too.



Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

We have an independent Careers Advisor in school each week from Career North.

Last week we asked every student in school to let us know their current future plans, even if it's just letting us know what sort of careers they might be interested in pursuing in the future. For Year 11, we also asked if they would like a Careers Advisor appointment this half term.

For the majority of **this term, our Careers Advisor will be focusing on meeting with every student in Year 11.** This will support them with applications to Sixth Forms, colleges, etc.

We will then prioritise Year 9 as they get ready to make their Options choices in Term 2.

However, if your child would like to be added to the Careers Advisor appointment list, please tell them to inform their form tutor, who will let our Careers Leader, Mr McGauran, know.



Careers of the Week for September

Each week our students have a 'Personal Development' session in form time. A key part of this is always Careers. This month, the students have been looking at the careers below by looking at the YouTube links beside them and then discussing these questions:

- What are the main roles you'd be doing in these jobs?
- What is the salary you'd earn in this job, and is there much opportunity for promotion?
- What qualifications would you need to do this job?

Please speak with your child(ren) about these careers and their thoughts about them.

Week 1: **Aerospace Engineer** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzdlwtXLff4&t=9s>)

Week 2: **Air Cabin Crew** (https://youtu.be/dO_EWa9Cflw?si=L6N_tHyg7lmi7dTr)

Week 3: **Architect** (<https://youtu.be/jxUKCWGAe54?si=dRHmgvXoV1qbOBEh>)

Week 4: **Barber** (https://youtu.be/VsNHMtJq_1g?si=R_D8MQwXgOP277Ye)

