

CARNFORTH HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

5 DECEMBER 2025

Message from the head!



As we approach the end of what has been an incredibly busy first term at Carnforth High, I wanted to share with you some of the wonderful highlights that have made these past few weeks so special.

We've had some exciting events coming up, including our first attendance draw where students have the opportunity to win a fantastic prize. It's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement this has generated across the school. I'm particularly proud of our sports teams and individual athletes who have achieved remarkable success. Special congratulations go to Mia, Lexi, Bobby, and George for their outstanding performances.

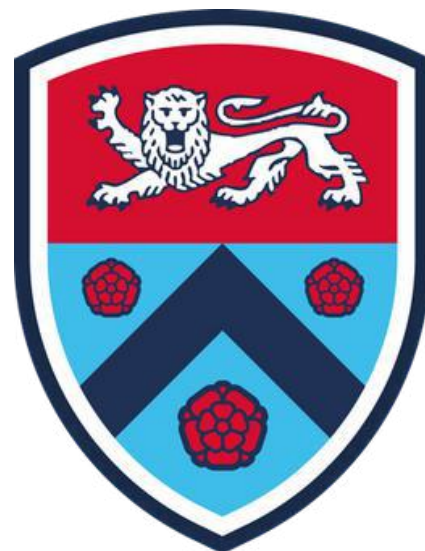
Our upcoming Christmas concert on 16 December is proving to be extremely popular, with tickets selling fast. I encourage you to secure your seats soon to avoid disappointment. For our Year 11 students, this has been a significant time as they recently received their mock results and are now carefully considering their next steps after their GCSE studies.

I'd like to remind you that we will finish the term early on the last day at 12:40pm. This will be a non-uniform day, and we'll be collecting items for Christmas hampers for our local community - another opportunity for our students to demonstrate their compassion and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. Your partnership is crucial in helping our students achieve their very best.

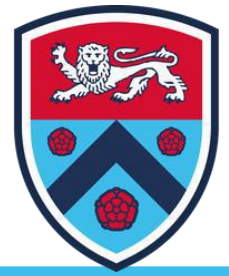
Upcoming Events

- 5th December - MBA taster morning - Y11
- 9th December - GCSE presentation evening
- 12th December - Spanish speaking mock
- 19th December - Half day for Xmas break
- 5th January - School reopens
- 13th January - Y9 Progress evening



Club News

Extra Curriculars



Half term 2 has been all about joining a new club! Club attendees now get raffle tickets for each club they attend as a great incentive for enriching their school day!

Students have been enjoying their various clubs this half term, from the launch of the Big Bang competition 2025, to Lego club, to the school show rehearsals to the PE department! Students have been having fun and finding belonging all around school.



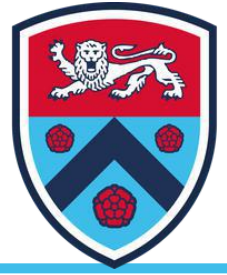
Student Celebration

We have lots of students to celebrate this issue! Well done to Mia, Lexi, Bobby and George for their achievements in dance, gymnastics and rugby!



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Sports



The start to half term 2 has been jam packed with sports successes - let's take a look at some of the highlights!



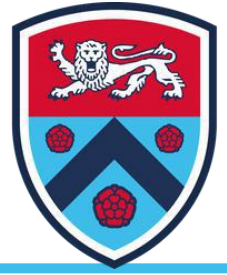
The year 8 boys travelled to Our Lady's in Lancaster for a handball tournament. All the teams involved played some very high quality handball and Carnforth blue ended the tournament as winners beating OLCC 'A' 3-1 in the final. There were some absolutely outstanding performances across the team!



The year 9 boys football team exited the Lancashire Cup in the second round, following a 7-1 defeat to Armfield who had travelled from Blackpool for the fixture. The game was very close in the first half. Armfield took a 2-0 lead, but Joseph T pulled a goal back capitalising on a defensive error. Credit to the Carnforth boys who did not stop battling and the 7-1 score was not a true representation of how close the game felt.

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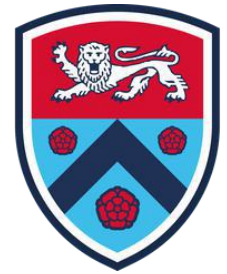


Year 7 had our fixture netball fixture against Kirkbie Kendal on Monday. We took two year 7 teams to compete. For a lot of the girls this was their first netball game and they were awesome!! Fantastic fixture and we look forward to playing Kirby again next week with our year 8 and 9 teams



The year 8 Carnforth netball team hosted Kirkbie Kendal at home on Thursday. The team have been playing really well all season and were ready to take on a team they had not played before. During the first 2 quarters the teams were incredibly evenly matched, with each team battling hard to intercept and win the ball

In school Focus

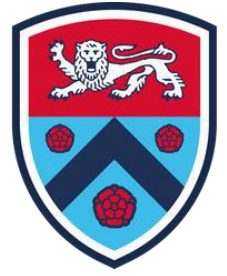


There has been such a buzz about classrooms over this half term, lots of exciting things going on in lessons and plenty of learning! Let's have a look into some of the things going on around school!



Firstly, our music students are very excited to share that tickets are available for the Christmas concert this year. Please find tickets at reception or you can pay on the door!

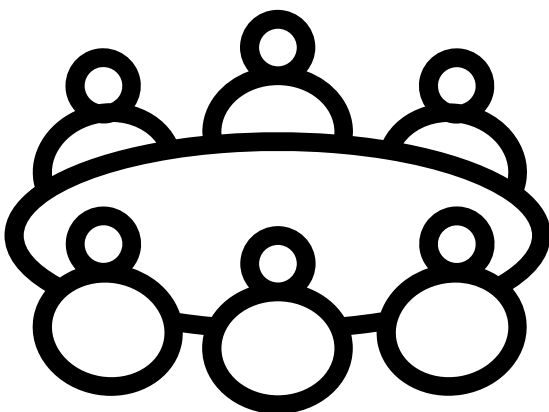
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Recently, Year 11 students completed their mock exams. To celebrate their hard work and positive attitude, we had a well earned sweet treat while considering how to build on these successes. students should now be replanning their revision which is supported with a range of sessions in school. For more details on in-school support, check the Carnforth High School Website and make sure to regularly check Classcharts. Well done Year 11 - keep it up!



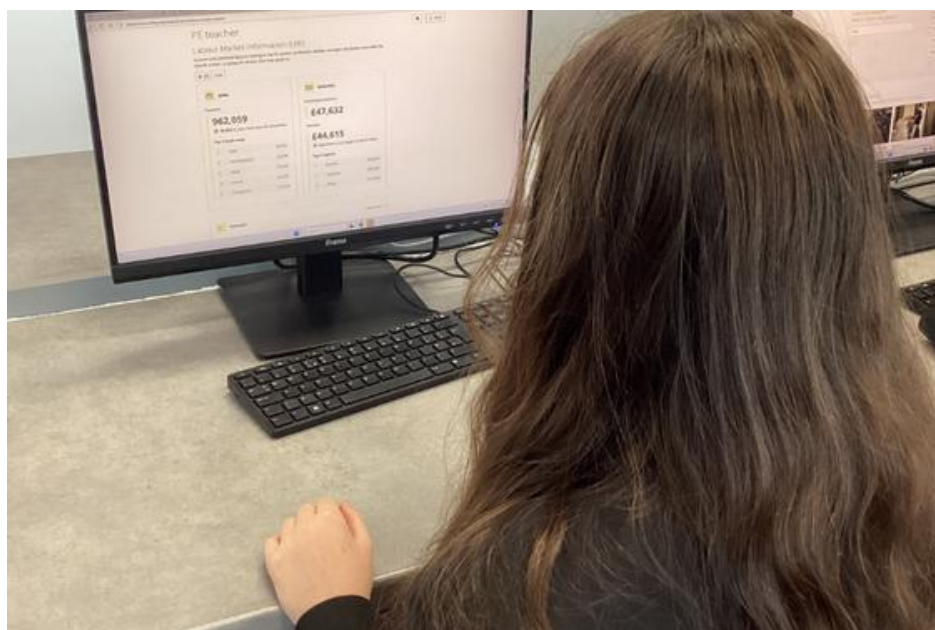
Important meetings have been happening with our student council and head teacher. The council have brought ideas forward given to them by their forms and peers. Mr Staniforth has carefully listened to the opinions of students and is working on actioning some their brilliant ideas for school improvement!



In school Focus



The PE department has recently hosted 8 local primary schools for an athletics tournament. We are proud to work closely with our local primary schools, we loved to see the skill and talent of some of our younger peers and our students made great referees!



Year 7 have had their first taste of Unifrog over the last couple of weeks. They are beginning to be introduced to the work of careers and getting opportunities to think about their future!



Reading Focus

Our students are currently in a really exciting time for reading at Carnforth High School. Whatever their reading ability, whether struggling, reluctant, 'doing ok' or flying high and never gets their nose out of a book – something is being offered to them.

You may remember the reading tests that every student took earlier this term to inform us of exactly what their reading abilities are. These tests are so detailed that we have been able to put together a comprehensive, tiered approach. This has ensured that every single one of our students is able to access their subjects, read important writing outside school, begin to read for pleasure or spread the joy of reading for pleasure to younger students.

Some students will be working on Fresh Start Phonics to address fundamentals of reading skills; some will be working on building language reading skills through vocabulary work; some will be working on developing word study, grammar and comprehension, and others working in partnership with older students as reading mentors.

We continue to enjoy being read aloud to in form time and years 7 and 8 are looking forward to receiving their free book from Book Buzz. We are excited about welcoming students to the library for more reading for pleasure and using their new words in their lessons across school.



YEAR 7

MIA
JOEY
GRACE
SOPHIE
NOA

YEAR 8

ELLA
OLHA
IVY
MAIA
THEO
CORA

YEAR 9

BETH
CHARLOTTE
EMMA
REGGIE
ROSE

YEAR 10

LUCAS
ANNE-MARIE
VIC
IMOGEN
FINLEY

YEAR 11

NELL
NOAH
JOSH
NAT
GRACE

**ACHIEVERS
OF THE
WEEK**

Form Rankings

Congratulations to the top forms for this issue with the following percentage of their forms points being positive!

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10E
9D
8R
7E

Top Attenders!

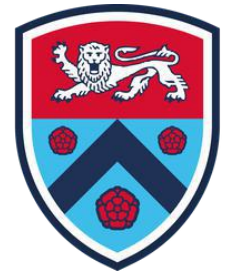
Congratulations to all the students with 100% attendance over these last two weeks. That's two tickets! The more tickets students get, the more chance they have of winning one of our amazing prizes! You have to be in to win!

Well done to everyone who has improved their overall attendance over the last few weeks. We see you, we are glad you are here and you will also get raffle tickets!



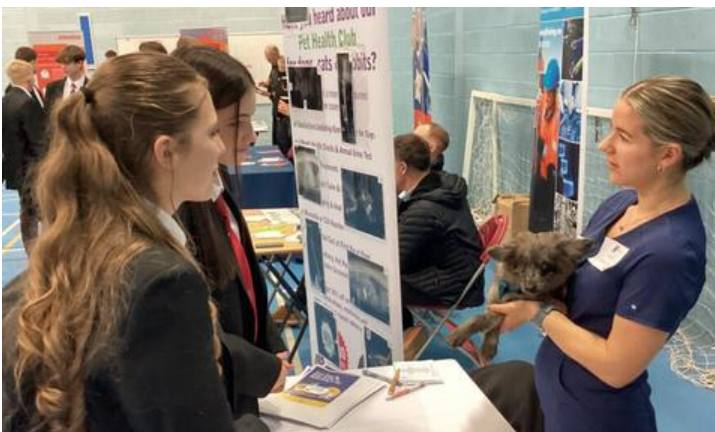
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Plans in place...



At this time of year, we have a strong focus on supporting our Year 9 students to prepare for their Options process after Christmas and in ensuring that our Year 11 students have well-informed and aspirational plans in place for both post-16 and beyond. To facilitate this, we held our annual Careers Fair on 20th November.

We welcomed a wide range of visitors (including 7 ex-students!) to speak to all of Year 9 and 11, with a Careers Fair in our Sports Hall and talks about college courses, A-Levels and T-Levels taking place in our Main Hall. A massive thanks to all our visitors and well done to our students for engaging so proactively and respectfully with all the visitors.



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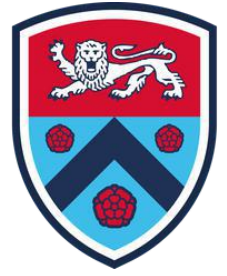
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| | Institution | Website Link | Next Event | Date and Time |
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|  | Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form | https://morecambebayacademy.co.uk/join-us/sixth-form/ | Application Deadline | Wednesday 10 th December |
|  | Ripley St Thomas Sixth Form | https://ripleystthomas.com/sixth-form/ | Application Deadline | Friday 5 th December |
|  | Dallam School Sixth Form | https://www.dallamschool.co.uk/sixth-form/ | Application Deadline | TBC |
|  | Queen Elizabeth School Sixth Form | https://qes.org.uk/sixth-form/ | Application Deadline | TBC |
|  | Lancaster Girls' Grammar School | https://www.lggs.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome-to-lggs-sixth-form | Application Deadline | Tuesday 27 th January |
|  | Lancaster Royal Grammar School | https://www.lrgs.org.uk/sixthform | Application Deadline | |
|  | Our Lady's Catholic College Sixth Form | https://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Sixthform&pid=12 | Sixth Form Open Evening | Friday 28 th November (Late Applications Accepted) |
|  | Lancaster and Morecambe College | https://www.lmc.ac.uk/ | Open Evening | Monday 2 nd March 4.30pm-7.30pm |
|  | Kendal College | https://kendal.ac.uk/ | Apprenticeship Open Evening | Thursday 29 th January, 4.30pm-7.30pm |
|  | Myerscough College | https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/ | Course Advice Morning (Preston) | Saturday 7 th February, 10.00am-1.00pm |

Other messages

Plans in place...



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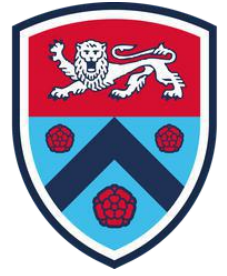
Saturday 6th December 2025*
Saturday 7th February 2026

* Preston and Liverpool only

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Plans in place...



Lancaster & Morecambe College

OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening is the perfect chance to find out more about our campus, to view the fantastic facilities, get a feel for College life, as well as chat to tutors and current students about the courses available including Full Time, T Levels, Apprenticeship and Higher Education.

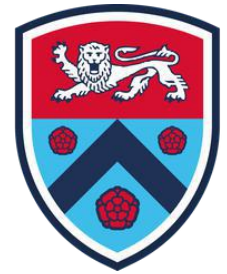
Tuesday 9 December

4.30pm - 7pm



Other messages

Plans in place...



We know our year 11 students are anxiously anticipating their next steps now. We are here to help. Please refer to the following open days:

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

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

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| Agriculture | Animal Care | Engineering, Manufacturing & Building Trades | Construction | Healthcare & Social Care | Engineering | Business Computing |
| Health & Social Care | Healthcare & Computing | Motor Vehicle | Science & Culinary Services | Uniformed Services | English & Media | Professional Business Services |

Arts & Media Campus

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| Art & Design | Photography | Dance & Contemporary Art | Music | Performing Arts | Visual & Screen Technology | Fashion & Textiles |
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Westmorland Campus

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| Arts & Design | Business to B2B | Business |
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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.



"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."

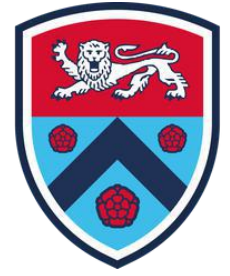
Anna Harrison

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

MORE UPDATES COMING SOON

Other messages

Job of the week!



Please refer to this section to see the latest updates in job of the week! 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.



Job of the week!

Firefighter:

<https://youtu.be/m5xg0pC-fOw?si=-jCj7VlhktsKyQIU>

