



CARLETON
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NEWSLETTER

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REWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Carleton ensures celebration of students achievements goes ahead with virtual awards event.

MENSA

Watch out Stephen Hawkin, there are some more geniuses in town!

COLOUR RUN

Carleton makes a splash with Rhinos legend Rob Burrow as students take part in powder paint colour run.

A warm welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter which covers a range of activities, events and information about what has been happening at Carleton.

We have had another very successful academic year and one that we will never forget. The year started with the incredible news that Ofsted had judged Carleton to be a good school and our GCSE outcomes were record breaking, however, the year has ended in a very different way for all of us.

The last few months have taught me that togetherness, community spirit, having a whatever it takes attitude and working together as part of 'Team Carleton' really does win the day. I remain astounded by how well the large majority of our students have conducted themselves since the school closure in March. I have been immensely proud of their commitment to their home learning, it has been absolutely fantastic. Our students will be known as the generation who lived through the lockdown and I have no doubt that they will be even more resilient as a result.

We also said an unexpected early goodbye to our year 11 students, it truly saddens me that our time was cut short. There was however, a special atmosphere on the day of the school closure and it was fabulous to see our young people, who have been dealt one of the biggest blows of all, with smiles on their faces as they left the school through our 'Carleton High School Guard of Honour'. I have no doubt that our year 11 students will go on to live hugely successful lives because of the people they have become over their five year learning journey at Carleton. I feel privileged to have worked with such a special bunch of young people and, I can honestly say, this cohort of year 11s certainly are an amazing group of individuals. I am incredibly proud of them and truly wish them all the best.

We really have achieved so much over the last few months together. This is a result of the strong working relationships that exist here amongst staff and parents. Everyone is totally dedicated to ensuring that students at Carleton receive a first class education and make outstanding progress, despite the school closure. I cannot express my gratitude enough for parents/carers support during this time. How you have managed to work and home school your children has been incredible, and our partnership will only be strengthened as a result

Also, I wanted to thank you for all of the kind words of support that you have sent into the school over this period of time. Your words are always shared with staff and are greatly appreciated by all, so thank you.

We are now in the fortunate position where we are looking forward to welcoming all our students back in September! We cannot wait, we have really missed our daily interactions with them, Carleton quite simply has not been the same without the presence of our students. Our students really are at the heart of what makes Carleton a special place to be.

In other news, the school has continued to raise an incredible amount of money for charity over the year, regardless of the school year being cut short. Over this academic year we have donated over £8000 to charity. This includes donations from our fundraising for the Salvation Army, St Georges Crypt, MacMillan Cancer and the largest number of donations totalled over £4800, which was split between the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Rob Burrow Foundation fund. Thank you to all of the students and staff for supporting the many fundraising activities that we have had.

Our mantra of Culture + Consistency = Excellence continues to be at the heart of everything we do, which means we don't put a ceiling on what our students can achieve. In September we will launch a new key stage 3 curriculum which will ensure we are widening our students knowledge, deepening their cultural awareness, helping them become more rounded individuals and developing their communication skills.

Finally, all that remains is to wish all parents, students and staff an enjoyable and restful summer break.

We look forward to welcoming the new year 7 intake, as well as all our current students, in September for another successful school year.



Mrs J Cross
Head of School

MOTIVATIONAL MONDAY, TIK TOK TUESDAY, WELLBEING WEDNESDAY, AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!

As well as knowing how important it is to keep up with work, one thing we knew students would really miss during lockdown was the social side of school. We decided to use our school Twitter account as a platform for seeing each other's faces, having fun, and to replicate all the small social interactions of a normal day that keep us feeling upbeat and happy. Staff have done lots of videos, talks and challenges that students have been able to see and interact with. We've shared art work, cooking projects, great examples of subject work, Virtual Head of School praise, had a CHS Pet Show, prize draws, a live Sports Day, and much more, all wrapped up in our social interactions weekly schedule.

Motivational Monday had us all feeling inspired at the start of the week, with examples of others who have faced challenges such as Sir Captain Tom Moore who I'm sure you're all familiar with. TikTok Tuesday made us all giggle, with Mr Simpson and Mr Corral battling it out for the title of TikTok King – however, the students were the stars, submitting their entries to be in with a shot at winning weekly prizes.

Well-being Wednesday saw Mr Smyth deliver live weekly workouts, and Thoughtful Thursdays always gave us things to think about, as well as doing good deeds for others in

these difficult times. Finally, the PE and Performing Arts Friday Lockdown Challenges every week were completely wonderful! It has been so hard to pick winners from the creative and impressive sights students have sent to us every week! We really have missed seeing our students so much, it's been great to be able to socially interact virtually – and we think it's been lovely for the students to see each other, and staff too!

Finally, we started lockdown with the now infamous 'Carleton Bohemian Rhapsody' lockdown video (well over 7000 views – wow!), starring so many of the staff, and we are finishing the year with the Spice Girls 'Wannabe'! We really wanted to end the year on a high and hope our students enjoy the video as much as we enjoyed making it!



Mrs J Crewe
Deputy Headteacher

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

It's one of Mrs Cross and Mrs Crewe's favourite days of the year, interviewing candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl. There was strong competition, with very thoughtful and detailed applications making the short list for interview. Students had to then give a presentation to Mrs Cross and Mrs Crewe, before facing a raft of questions. We couldn't be prouder of how they all did; it really is a privilege to listen to them each speak, and a joy to hear them at their thoughtful and articulate best. After a lot of deliberation, we selected Henry Groves as Head Boy, and Amelia Hardman as Head Girl. Henry and Amelia have already performed their first official duty, presenting live at our year 6 virtual induction evening where they gave a flavour of their

experiences of life at Carleton. Congratulations Henry and Amelia – we know you'll be exceptional ambassadors for the school and do a phenomenal job.



Mrs J Cross
Head of School



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

A once in a lifetime opportunity took place earlier in the year for Mr Mitchell and four of our year 10 students. Ruffert Taylor-Webb, Jessica Wortley, Daniel Chatham and Charlie Parkin were fortunate enough to be invited as special guests to the UK Commemorative Service for Holocaust Memorial Day in London.

Carleton was one of only four secondary schools in the entire country chosen to attend this prestigious event to mark the 75th liberation of Auschwitz. They were chosen due to the phenomenal work our year 10 students had produced in collaboration with Stop the Hate UK earlier in the year.

This event honoured the survivors of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The ceremony was attended by a number of influential people, including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prime Minister Boris Johnson and was broadcast on the

BBC. The ceremony was deeply moving and featured personal testimonies from survivors of genocide, films, readings and live music. We were also lucky enough to spend time speaking to some of the survivors of the Holocaust in person. To be in attendance to such a special event and to be in the presence of such resilient and outstanding people was a true honour for our students and an experience that Mr Mitchell and the students will never forget.



Mr T Marks
Assistant Headteacher

BRINGING A SMILE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CARLETON COURT CARE HOME

During such difficult times, we were delighted to be able to gift the residents of a local care home, Carleton Court, with a small goody bag containing a few treats, a card and some letters and poems written by some of our vulnerable students and our students who are children of key workers, while they have been in school during lockdown.

It is great to be in a position to offer a small gesture which was able to bring a smile and some comfort during this unsettled time. It's in our culture as a school to do what we can to help and be kind to one another. The care home were incredibly grateful at our students' thoughtfulness, and we enjoyed receiving some photos of the residents receiving their gifts.

The coronavirus pandemic is probably the biggest health crisis we have ever seen. Carleton is a school, but we are also a big part of the local community and we will always endeavour to support other people in our society where we can.



Mrs H Norman
Assistant Headteacher

WATCH OUT STEPHEN HAWKIN... THERE ARE SOME NEW GENIUSES IN TOWN!

A huge congratulations to James Davies, Ryco Attwood, Mia Garner and Tom Groves who have achieved exceptional IQ scores after sitting the British Mensa test.

Mensa is the largest and oldest high-IQ society in the world, and regularly sets tests for people to gauge their IQ. The genius benchmark is set at 140, and all four students scored over 150, placing them in the top two per cent of the population with the highest IQ. In fact, James, achieved the maximum score of 162, joining Finlay Byrne and Joshua Siddons who also scored 162 points last year. All three students IQ scores are two points higher than the IQs of theoretical physicist Albert Einstein and cosmologist Stephen Hawking, who have IQs of 160!

We are incredibly proud of them all; what an amazing achievement and we have no doubt that they will do or be whatever they set their minds on. The sky really is the limit!



Mr T Marks
Assistant Headteacher

STUDENTS ENJOY COLOUR RUN IN AID OF MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE



Back in March we held a sponsored 'Colour Run' event to raise funds for Rob Burrow and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. As you may know, Rob Burrow and his family live locally and our students were keen to support him and the Motor Neurone Disease Association as their chosen charities this year. As part of our fundraising activities, students learned more about motor neurone disease during form time.

We were fortunate that the event could take place and we were extremely grateful that Rob could attend, as it was held on the Friday before schools closed due to the pandemic. Rob attending our event increased its profile massively and the students were so excited to meet him.

We had a fantastic week of events leading up to the Colour Run day, with staff withstanding the Ice Bucket Challenge (it was SOOOO COLD!), a Leeds Rhino themed bake sale, non-uniform day, and then finally the big event. Staff loved throwing the paint, and it became a real challenge to see who got covered in paint more, the throwers or the runners! We were lucky enough to have the Rhinos legend himself Rob Burrow, who joined

us for the colour run and started the race. He was also kind enough to meet with students, sign autographs and present them with their certificates. We all had a fantastic time, and were thrilled with how much our students had raised in sponsorship. In the end, we were extremely proud to present over £4800 to Rob and the MND Association.



Mrs J Crewe
Deputy Headteacher



THE CHS BIG SLEEP OUT!

Earlier in the year, forty year 8 students and staff braved the freezing cold for a sponsored sleep out to raise awareness of homelessness, and raise funds for St George's Crypt homeless charity. Staff and students slept rough outside in the school grounds, with nothing but cardboard and a sleeping bag for comfort! It was certainly a chilly night, but spirits were high as the rain held off!

The cold night served as an example of what those without a home are forced to go through on a day-to-day basis - without a warm bed to sleep in and warm food to eat. It was an experience for all involved and we are looking forward to launching our second CHS Big Sleep Out next year with our new year 8s.

We want our students to leave Carleton and be part of a generation that can say, 'I see it. I know about it. Now I have to make a difference about it' and we feel experiences like this will support our students in doing just that!

Well done to Mrs Cross, Mr Mitchell, Miss Corbett, Miss Parsons and Mrs Arthur for sleeping out with the students overnight. We were very proud to raise over £1200 for the charity, as well as really help pupil understanding of the difficulties of being homeless.



Mrs H Norman
Assistant Headteacher

VIRTUAL AWARDS EVENT

It's been a strange year for everyone but one thing hasn't changed, and that's the brilliance of our students. So, whilst it was impossible to host our annual celebration awards evenings, we felt it was more important than ever to recognise the fantastic achievements of our students.

Therefore, we were delighted to hold our first-ever Virtual Annual Awards Event. This took the form of videos hosted on YouTube and featured contributions from the senior leadership team and curriculum leaders. Students also received their certificates and an invitation to the event in the post.

We were determined to celebrate the achievements of our students in the best way we could this year.

Although we couldn't be together, it was a great end to the year and we enjoyed, albeit virtually, having the opportunity to celebrate their achievements.

The event comprised a variety of award categories ranging from 100% attendance to individual subject awards for outstanding attainment and effort. The virtual awards event was a great example of the innovative approaches that we have adopted throughout the school closure, and it was really well received by students and their families.

Congratulations once again to all our award winners!



Mrs J Cross
Head of School



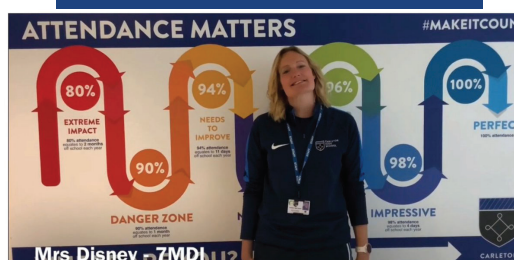
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Miss Myers - 7GMY



Mrs Disney - 7MDH



Miss Smith - 7CSM



Mr Cowlishaw - 7DCW



Mrs Thompson - 7HTH

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO YEAR 6 TRANSITION PRAISED

Carleton has risen to the challenge of supporting the transition of our year 6 students, despite the disruption caused by Covid-19.

Normally, all year 6 students spend three days at our incredible school in July. The transition days help students to prepare for the new world of secondary education by enabling them to become familiar with the layout of the school site, meeting their teachers, form tutor and much more.

The pandemic made us think very differently about the approach to transition this year and we responded with enthusiasm to the challenge ahead!

We didn't want the students who are coming to us to feel as though they'd missed out. In fact, we wanted to make sure they felt as if they were part of something really special. So, as well as a virtual tour and welcoming videos by staff and students, we hosted a live year 6 induction evening. The event was extremely popular with over 180 families logging on to Zoom to listen to live presentations from Mrs Cross, Mr Dean, our new Head Boy and Head Girl and their form tutors. There was lots of positive feedback and families were even shown a video of some of the reasons why we think Carleton is a special place to be and why we know our new year 6 students are going to love it here at Carleton!

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new year 6 students into year 7, and can't wait to meet them all in person, see you in September year 6!



Mr A Dean
Assistant Headteacher

TWITTER

We love updating you all on Twitter every day with achievements, surprises, events, trips, or simply fabulous moments! There is never a dull moment in a school, and the newsletter just isn't enough to keep you up to date while celebrating our amazing students and staff. We have tweeted over 2000 tweets, and have over 1200 followers. Follow us on @PATCarletonHigh to keep up with the latest – you never know who or what we'll be celebrating next!

