CARMEL COLLEGE HISTORY

Carmel College has come a long way since it opened its doors in 1987 to just over 400 students. The College took its name from the former girls school, Mount Carmel, whose site it took over as a result of the reorganisation of the Catholic schools in St Helens.

Key dates in Carmel’s history:
- Sep 1987 – Carmel College opens its doors for the first time.
- Sep 1993 – Carmel, along with other colleges, became independent of the Local Authority.
- Sep 1996 – First college Inspection.
- May 1999 - One of the first four Sixth Form Colleges in the country to be awarded Beacon Status.
- Dec 1999 - Carmel becomes the first Associate College of the University of Liverpool.
- Jan 2000 – Carmel awarded Accredited Status by the Further Education Funding Council.
- Apr 2000 – Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead, visits Carmel.
- Apr 2003 – Carmel awarded Learning & Skills Beacon Status. Principal is invited to a Reception at 10 Downing Street.
- Feb 2004 – Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools, David Bell, names Carmel as one of the best colleges in the country in his Annual Report.
- Nov 2004 – Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Kim Howells, visits Carmel.
- Jan 2005 – Carmel named in Ofsted’s “honours list” of England’s most successful schools and colleges.
- Nov 2005 – Carmel’s new Centre for Music and Media is officially opened by HRH The Duke of Gloucester.
- May 2007 – Minister of State for Health, Andy Burnham, visits Carmel to meet with Medicine and Dentistry students.
- July 2007 - Ofsted Inspection - “Carmel College is outstanding in all aspects of its provision.”
- Feb 2008 – David Bell, Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools visits Carmel.
- July 2008 – Work begins on the first phase of Carmel’s new build project.
- Sep 2008 – Carmel’s 2008 AS Level results are ranked as the best in the country (Band One) by independent organisation ALPS (A Level Performance System). ALPS also ranked Carmel’s 2008 A2 Level results in the top 10% of 700 schools and colleges.
- June 2009 - Opening of the brand new Notre Dame Centre for Art and Design
- September 2009 - Opening of the brand new 3-storey West Park building
- September 2010 - Opening of the brand new Dalton building housing a 200 seater Performance Theatre, Dance Studio and Student Services area.