

# CHAPLAINCY



“I have come  
that they may  
have life, and  
have it  
to the full.”

John 10:10

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Inspiring minds.  
Shaping futures.



“Through the Chaplaincy, you can get involved with all sorts of activities which make a difference to the college and the world.”

## Our Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy here at Carmel is at the heart of our college. The Spirit of the Gospel is at the centre of our way of life, relationships and community. We want to accompany each student on their journey through college, offering support and opportunities to develop spiritually, morally and intellectually. We are proud of our Catholic tradition whilst also welcoming students and staff of all faiths and none. Being a Catholic college means being open and inclusive.

Staff and students are welcome to use the Chapel at times of personal reflection, grief or thanksgiving. Discussion and interest groups, formal and informal, meet in the Social Area, depending on the interest of the staff and students each year, so if you feel passionately about something, come along and be the change you want to see in the world.



The Chaplaincy building is a multi-functional space, consisting of a number of different areas.

**Sacred space** - This is where our weekly Mass and reflection time takes place and can also be used for quiet reflection. There are books and resources available to help you with this.

**Social space** - where students can come to relax during the college day, especially at break and lunch time.

**Prayer room** - our multi-faith prayer room is available at all times for staff and students wishing to pray or seek a quiet place for personal reflection. This has an adjoining ablutions room to prepare for prayer.

It is important to us that our Chaplaincy's multiple functions are available and are treated with the utmost respect.

## Worship

As a Catholic College we celebrate the seasons of the Christian year, while ecumenical services are held to mark major events in College life and in our world.

Morning prayer takes place one morning a week and is open to **all** staff and students.

Mass or a short prayer service is celebrated weekly and **all** are welcome.





“The Chaplaincy is very welcoming and has a great sense of community. The chaplaincy gives all students a place where we can be ourselves without judgement.”

## Enrichment

The Chaplaincy's enrichment programme changes year on year depending on the interests of staff and students. One example has been students working with asylum seekers at the 'Our Warm Welcome' base in St Helens town centre. We hope this community link will continue as long as is needed.



Asylum Seekers Christmas Party



## Young Leadership Programme

CAFOD is the official aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Across the world they work with local churches in poor communities to end poverty and injustice. They strive for a safe, sustainable and peaceful world, so that everyone can live life to the full. The programme offers sixth form students an opportunity to take the lead by volunteering for CAFOD, allowing them to meet new people, grow in their faith and gain confidence, skills and experience.

## College Ambassadors

Students are offered the opportunity to apply to be a College Ambassador, which involves representing the college at open events and parents' evenings as well as being outstanding members of the college community. This enables them to live out the college ethos and Gospel values in their everyday lives and to strive to make the college the best place it can be for all individuals.

You can apply to be a College Ambassador in the Easter Term.

## Interact Rotary Club



Interact gives students the chance to make a real difference while having fun. Sponsored by the local Rotary club, students meet weekly to plan and deliver at least two service projects a year: one that helps the college or community and one that promotes international understanding.



Fairtrade Fortnight



## Social Action

Social Action forms a huge part of Chaplaincy life at Carmel. The college is actively engaged in promoting and supporting the work of a number of local and national charities. There are lots of opportunities to get involved and the Chaplaincy is the central hub to much of the planning of whole college events.



Students are encouraged to get involved in volunteering and fundraising throughout the college year, and we are always open to suggestions for events from students!

We want our Chaplaincy to be a place where our students can follow the message of Pope Francis and really change the world!



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MY DEAR **YOUNG PEOPLE,**  
A **BETTER WORLD CAN**  
**BE BUILT AS A RESULT OF**  
YOUR **EFFORTS,**  
YOUR **DESIRE TO CHANGE**  
AND YOUR **GENEROSITY!** **99**  
POPE FRANCIS

## Want to get involved?

Drop into Kathryn's office near the Café, or keep an eye on Connect and the bulletin. All are welcome!

## Need to talk?

Life can get a bit much for us all at times. Kathryn is always ready to listen and point you in the direction of other help in college and beyond.

Information can be found in the Chaplaincy section of Carmel Connect.

### Chaplains:

Kathryn & Fr Tom

### Student Council & Chaplaincy Team:

Student representatives, elected each year.



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