"THE QUALITY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING IS OUTSTANDING."
Ofsted June 2019
I am delighted that you are considering joining us.

Whatever your interests and ambitions, Carmel can help you gain the qualifications and personal development you need to succeed.

Carmel's students have an enviable reputation for their academic achievements. Year on year they achieve impressive exam results which is testament to the talent, hard work and commitment of both our students and staff. I am very proud of the progress our students make from GCSE and this is what makes Carmel stand out from other colleges. In our Ofsted inspection at the end of April 2019, we retained our Outstanding status, making Carmel the only Sixth Form College nationally to retain its outstanding grade over the last ten years.

There is a huge range of different subjects to choose from here so you'll be spoilt for choice; we offer more than 40 different courses as well as provision for students with moderate learning difficulties. There are also opportunities to help you develop additional skills through our Enrichment Programme which offers UK and overseas trips and visits, sport, performance and many other activities.

You can also be assured that from the moment you arrive at Carmel, all our teachers will go out of their way to provide the guidance and support you need to help you succeed. They are passionate about working with young people and are real experts in their subjects. At Carmel, we value your aspirations for the future and will be fully committed in supporting you on your university or career based journey. Did you know you can even start a degree here at Carmel?

I hope this prospectus gives you a taste of the opportunities available here and that you take the next step to your future with Carmel College. I look forward to meeting you at one of our Open Events.

Mike Hill, Principal

Visit our website www.carmel.ac.uk for more information.

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The Times % A grades 101
Welcome to Carmel

Choose Carmel

Applying to Carmel

Apply online
By 21st Feb 2020

entry requirements
6 steps to joining us
your study programme

Outstanding Student Success

98% progression
to university, further education jobs or apprenticeships
(niveau distinctions)

Exam results
Student progression

Outstanding Environment

Carmel’s Campus

£23m of investment
in technology-rich facilities

Outstanding Support for All

Supporting you
additional support
Student services
prepare for your future

Outstanding Teaching & Learning

Rated OUTSTANDING
since 2002

Life at Carmel
Course information

40+ high quality courses
to choose from

Exam results
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Outstanding Opportunities

Future professionals
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Our Mission: To be a centre of educational excellence, opportunity, challenge and support within a caring Christian environment.

A Catholic College for the Community

Carmel College is a welcoming community where mutual respect and care for the individual lies at the heart of college life. Our students are given the opportunity to flourish both academically and as individuals.
HIGH QUALITY COURSES

FIRST CLASS TEACHING
by highly qualified, dedicated staff specialising in 16-19 education.

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT
ensuring every one of our students gains the academic & personal development they need to be successful.

STUDENT SUCCESS
every year with outstanding results & personal achievement.

OUTSTANDING
The quality of teaching and learning is OUTSTANDING
TRIPS AT HOME & ABROAD THAT COMPLEMENT ACADEMIC STUDY.

ENRICHMENT & SKILLS ACTIVITIES THAT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE FRIENDS, GAIN CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOP EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS.

COME ALONG AND SEE OUR EXCELLENT FACILITIES AND HAVE A CHAT WITH OUR FANTASTIC STAFF!

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70+ TRIPS AT HOME & ABROAD THAT COMPLEMENT ACADEMIC STUDY.

EXCELLENT TRANSPORT LINKS USING CARMEL BUSES OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT, MAKES TRAVELLING TO US EASY.

EXCELLENT TRANSPORT LINKS

ENRICHMENT & SKILLS ACTIVITIES THAT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE FRIENDS, GAIN CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOP EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS.

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE THROUGH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WORK EXPERIENCE, WORKSHOPS & UNIVERSITY VISITS.
Carmel is a very diverse community welcoming students of all faiths and from all backgrounds. Students apply to us from over 90 schools every year.

**JOIN US**

#joincarmel2020

Entry requirements can be found on our website: [www.carmel.ac.uk/applying/admissions-information](http://www.carmel.ac.uk/applying/admissions-information)

View individual course pages for subject specific entry requirements.

The specific entry requirements for your Study Programme will be given to you at your guidance interview. Personal circumstances, disability or interrupted schooling are taken into account as they may affect your examination performance. You will have an opportunity to give us details of any relevant circumstances at your interview.

**Foundation Learning**

Please contact Caroline Oates, Head of Foundation Learning for further details.

Six simple steps...

1. **Investigate your options**
   
   Read the prospectus, look at the college website and start thinking about your choices. If your school has a link with Carmel, one of our Liaison Officers will visit your school to give a talk to Year 11.
   
   Don’t forget to come along to one of our Open Events to see the college and meet the staff.

2. **Make your application**
   
   All applications must be made online through the college website [www.carmel.ac.uk by 21st February 2020](http://www.carmel.ac.uk).
   
   You will receive an automated notice that your application has been received.

3. **Attend your guidance interview**
   
   Interviews will take place between December 2019 and March 2020 and you will be able to book an appointment online at a time that is convenient for you.
   
   The interview is very informal; we will discuss your career aspirations, predicted GCSE results, choice of subjects and entry requirements.
4. Spend a day at Carmel

In May we will send you an email invitation to our Taster Day on 29th June where you will try out your chosen subjects.

5. Enrol on your chosen courses

GCSE results will be published on Thursday 20th August 2020. Providing you meet the entry requirements you will be able to enrol at Carmel on 20th August.

An appointment time for your enrolment will be sent to you in June.

6. Start college in September 2020

You’re a Carmel student now!

You will begin an Induction Programme to help you settle into college life.

We look forward to seeing you!
What will I study?

The majority of students at Carmel will follow a Level 3 Programme studying three A Levels (or equivalent) with some students studying four.

At Carmel the timetable is extremely flexible and many different course combinations are possible including studying A Levels alongside BTECs. If you don’t achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths you will re-sit these or alternatively you will gain a Functional Skills qualification in English and/or Freestanding Maths. Guidance and advice regarding your subject choices will be given to you during your guidance interview and also at enrolment.

At Carmel you can choose from a wide range of course options including A Levels, BTEC courses, the UAL Art & Design Diploma and Foundation Learning.

Your personalised Study Programme will help you to prepare for your next step whether that be university, an apprenticeship, further training or employment.
Do I need to have studied a subject at GCSE to study it at A Level?
The majority of Level 3 courses require you to have studied that subject at GCSE but this is not the case for every subject. Further information can be found on individual course leaflets which can be downloaded from the college website or you can pick one up at our Open Events.

What else will I do?
In addition to your subjects, you will also take part in activities that develop your personal skills and build your confidence. We aim to develop the 'whole person' to ensure that you benefit from a well-rounded education and leave Carmel feeling well prepared for the next step after college. Activities include:

- **Enrichment options** such as sports, Student Council, Duke of Edinburgh, charity fundraising etc
- **Additional skills development** through activities such as Young Enterprise or from the High Achievers' and Future Professionals Programmes
- **Work Experience** placements
- **10:10 RE sessions** providing opportunities for social, moral, spiritual and cultural education
- **10:10 Personal Achievement Tutor** group sessions to help you achieve your full potential
- **Additional support** through subject tutorials, study skills sessions, careers guidance and Personal Achievement Tutor progress reviews.

What’s a typical timetable like?
All students study full time at Carmel. The college day starts at 9.00am and ends at 4.05pm with a break in the morning and an hour for lunch. As a Sixth Form College student, alongside your lessons you will have a number of independent study periods which will enable you to complete the recommended five hours of study per subject per week. This will help you to become more independent, an essential skill not only for university, but also for employment and your future in general.

A LEVELS

**ART & DESIGN**
- 3D Design
- Fine Art
- Fashion & Textile Design
- Graphic Design
- Photography

**BUSINESS STUDIES**

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**ECONOMICS**

**ENGLISH**
- English Language
- English Literature
- English Language & Literature

**FILM STUDIES**

**GEOGRAPHY**

**HISTORY**

**LAW**

**MATHEMATICS**
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Statistics

**MODERN LANGUAGES**
- French - Spanish

**MEDIA STUDIES**

**PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS & RELIGION**

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**POLITICS**

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**SCIENCE**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

**SOCIOLOGY**

**BTECS/OTHER COURSES**

**BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE**

**BTEC BUSINESS**

**LEVEL 3 CORE MATHS**

**LEVEL 3 CRIMINOLOGY**

**BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

**BTEC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTER SCIENCE & IT**

**BTEC PERFORMING ARTS (THEATRE)**

**BTEC SPORT**

**UAL DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN**

**FOUNDATION LEARNING**

**FOUNDATION LEARNING ENTRY LEVEL**

**FOUNDATION LEARNING LEVEL ONE**
"I really enjoy studying at Carmel because you are treated with respect and the teachers are extremely supportive and treat you like adults. This has helped me to mature and feel ready to go on to study at university."

Rob Horton
BTEC Sport (Double), Graphic Design (Dist*, Dist*, C)
Now at Edge Hill University studying Primary Mathematics Education with QTS

ONE OF THE TOP TEN SIXTH FORM COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY*

Ofsted Outstanding, June 2019
- Effectiveness of leadership & management - OUTSTANDING
- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment - OUTSTANDING
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare - OUTSTANDING
- Outcomes for learners - OUTSTANDING
- 16 to 19 study programmes - OUTSTANDING
- Provision for learners with high needs - GOOD

Ofsted inspectors were impressed with the extremely high standards of teaching and learning.

"The Catholic mission of the college, to promote excellence, opportunity, challenge and support for all students in a caring environment, infuses the organisation."

"Students strive to achieve the very high standards their teachers set. They make excellent progress, achieve their qualifications and progress to aspirational destinations."

Outstanding progress
Just as important as looking at league tables or A Level grades and pass rates, are the 'value added' scores produced by the A Level Performance System (ALPS).

ALPS measures the distance travelled by students from their GCSE grades at school to their final A Level grades. These 'value added' scores are the best way to compare student achievements in schools and colleges.

Over a number of years Carmel has sustained outstanding 'value added' scores, showing that whatever a student's GCSE results, they will make fantastic progress at Carmel - a great start to a successful future!

*The Times % A*/A*-B Grades (16/08/19)
100% PASS RATE in 36 courses

98.42% LEVEL 3 PASS RATE

55.75% TOP GRADES (A*-B / DIST*-DIST)

79.29% HIGH GRADES (A*-C / DIST*-MERIT)

3D Design / BTEC Applied Science* / BTEC Business* / BTEC Health & Social Care* / BTEC IT* / BTEC Sport* / Business Studies / Core Mathematics / Drama & Theatre / Economics / English Language / English Language & Literature / English Literature / Extended Project Qualification / Film Studies / Fine Art / French / Further Maths / Geography / Graphic Design / Media Studies / Philosophy / Philosophy, Ethics & Religion / Photography / Physical Education / Politics / Spanish / Textile Design / UAL Art & Design*

*More than one course available in this subject
The majority of Carmel’s students progress to university, with many taking up places at prestigious universities.

An increasing number of students are choosing not to go to university and they are equally successful in gaining apprenticeships or employment, some with top companies in exciting industries.

16 students currently studying at Oxbridge
57 students gained places at university to study prestigious Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science degrees in the last eight years.

98% progression to university, further education, jobs or apprenticeships (known destinations)
“I’ve really enjoyed my two years here; it’s such a welcoming environment with a great sense of community. Carmel has been an excellent bridge for my journey from secondary school to university. It has helped me become more independent and prepared me well for adult life.

With an excellent level of teaching, as well as students who are totally willing to learn, I have been able to broaden my knowledge to a higher degree ready to employ my skills at university level. Support from the Personal Achievement Tutors and Careers Advisers is readily available. I received lots of help with my UCAS Personal Statement and now feel fully prepared to take my next steps.”

Jack Tisdall  
Drama & Theatre, English Language & Literature, History (A*BB)  
Taking a gap year around Southeast Asia before studying Drama at UAL Wimbledon in 2020.
An investment of £23 Million has transformed Carmel’s Campus into a truly outstanding place of learning.

The facilities certainly match the college’s reputation and provide an inspiring environment for our students.

“Carmel has been a great place for my development both personally and academically. The staff are extremely supportive and make the lessons engaging. There are also many extra-curricular activities offered in which to develop your skills as well as make new friendships.”

Greg Hunter
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion, Psychology, Economics
Wi-Fi enabled campus

Come along and see our excellent facilities and have a chat with our fantastic staff!

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OUR OUTSTANDING
FACILITIES
ENABLE STUDENTS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR TIME HERE.

TECHNOLOGY
WI-FI ENABLED CAMPUS
with super fast broadband.
- 1200 student PCs
- 20 computer suites
- Office 365 and remote access

FOUNDATION LEARNING
FULLY EQUIPPED FLAT
with a kitchen, lounge area, sensory garden and greenhouse.

PERFORMANCE
200 SEAT THEATRE
with stage management equipment / light and sound gallery.
- Studio with semi-sprung floor
- Rehearsal space and changing rooms

MODERN LANGUAGES
DIGITAL LANGUAGE LAB
With the latest technology.
SPORT

2 FLOODLIT 3G
pitches as well as grass playing fields for rugby, football and 5-a-side

Sports Hall for netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton
Fitness Suite with equipment including cardio and resistance machines along with free weights.

ART & DESIGN

6 STUDIOS

LIBRARY & STUDY CENTRE

University of Liverpool library links
10,000+ resources plus additional online resources
Silent study area & support

CAFÉ & RESTAURANT

BREAKFAST, HOT & COLD LUNCHES, SNACKS
and
served throughout the day.
Personal Achievement Tutors

At Carmel we have a dedicated team of Personal Achievement Tutors who are here to support you throughout your time at college. You can turn to your Personal Achievement Tutor for help and advice at any time. They support you in all aspects of college life including academic progress monitoring, personal development and advice regarding career progression, CVs and applications.

The Personal Achievement Tutors are also the link between the college and parents. Consultation Evenings are a regular feature of the college service to students and parents. Reviews take place twice a year for each year group. The review reports are available on our Connect site via each student’s Individual Learning Plan.

Academic Support

We provide every student with the opportunity to reach their absolute potential. As well as additional ‘Stretch and Challenge’ activities in the classroom, we also provide subject tutorials and study support to help you with planning and time management, revision techniques etc.

Personal Development

As well as progressing academically, your time at Carmel will allow you to grow in confidence and develop as a person. You will gain vital employability skills through our Enrichment Programme and the weekly 10:10 Programme sessions.

Equality & Diversity

As a Catholic College for the Community we believe that every individual is important and has the right to be valued, treated with respect and supported to achieve their full potential.

Safeguarding

Staff at Carmel College support and promote the government agenda on ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’. In particular we want to ensure that you enjoy your time at Carmel and achieve your potential within a safe environment.

We are committed to providing each and every one of our students with the support and encouragement they need to be successful.
“Studying at Carmel has been such a rewarding experience allowing me to flourish to my full potential. You are encouraged to develop independent learning skills and the way the college prepares students for exams, makes the process of A Levels feel a lot less daunting.

I received Personal Statement guidance and careers advice as well as mock interviews allowing me to perform well in university interviews and develop a skill for future employment.”

Divya Biju
Chemistry, English Lit & Lang, Law, EPQ
Law, Lancaster University
“Joining Carmel wasn’t the easy option for me, as I live 5 minutes from my high school’s 6th form. I had to weigh up whether I wanted to travel further to have better educational facilities and opportunities. Having completed my first year here, I can confidently say that I made the right decision! Carmel has enabled me to vastly improve thanks to the incredible teaching, facilities and the support offered. I’ve benefitted from conversation classes with native French and Spanish speakers as well as extra Maths tutorials to ensure I never fall behind.”

Brett Takemoto
Studying French, Spanish, Maths
Study Support
Study support is available for any student who feels they need some assistance in the following areas:

- Organisation and time-management
- Effective revision strategies
- Stress management
- Exam technique
- Writing presentations
- Improving essay writing skills
- Report writing
- Proof reading and coursework

You can make an appointment with an Additional Study Support Tutor by dropping into the Study Centre or by speaking to your Subject Tutor who will contact us and refer you for support.

Additional Learning Support
Our Additional Learning Support team has experience of working with students with a wide range of learning disabilities and difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome. Support is also available if you have a medical condition which may affect your studies such as ME, epilepsy, mental health issues and anxiety. If you have a visual or hearing impairment or have a physical disability which affects your mobility, support is also available for you.

If you have any concerns about your individual support needs, starting your chosen course at Carmel, or any aspects of college life, we would like you to tell us. You can speak in confidence to Clare Griffiths, our Head of Additional Support (SENCO).

The Local Offer / High Needs Students
If you have additional support requirements, there are funds and other types of help available at Carmel.

Full details are available at www.carmel.ac.uk
**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

At Carmel a Bursary Scheme is available for eligible students experiencing financial difficulty to help meet the costs associated with learning.

### General Bursary
The General Bursary is available to full-time students who meet the necessary criteria. If your annual household income is £19,000 or below you may be entitled to financial support of up to £300 per year.*

*Bursary awards remain subject to availability of funds and the number of eligible applicants.

### Targeted Bursary
£1,200 Per Year
The targeted award offers financial assistance for students who are in care, are care leavers, are in receipt of income support or disabled and in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

Full Bursary details and how to apply can be found on the college website www.carmel.ac.uk

### Transport Bursary
If you live outside a 3 mile radius of college, we will contribute towards transport costs for eligible students who qualify for the General Bursary.

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**STUDENT SERVICES**

### Free College Meals
Students aged 16-18 may be eligible for a daily allowance to purchase a college meal if their annual household income does not exceed £16,190*. Students aged 19 or over may also be eligible if they meet qualifying criteria.

### Other Savings
- Extra financial support may be available in extenuating circumstances
- NUS Extra card for nationwide discounts and promotions
- Reduced gym membership rates at local leisure centres

### Student Transport
You don’t have to live on our doorstep to study at Carmel! Getting here couldn’t be easier.

As well as being on a main public bus route from Knowsley/Liverpool, we also provide the 00 series of college buses as well as buses covering Warrington, Widnes, Leigh, Lowton, Golborne, Ashton-in-Makerfield** and Kirkby.

There are several Travel Pass options available that can help reduce your travel costs.

You can pick up information at our Open Events or find out more on our website.

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*Threshold subject to variation on an annual basis.

**New ‘Bus Share Scheme’: in conjunction with St Helens College, we now operate a Route B option covering the Greater Manchester Areas.
Carmel Connect

Carmel has a virtual learning environment called Connect where you’ll be able to access all of your course needs from your computer, tablet or phone.

You can access a wide range of subject resources, submit your work online to be assessed by your tutor and use your personal ePortfolio to create your very own CV.

You can also access your college timetable and find out about activities happening in college.

**E-Learning**

- Access to free superfast Wi-Fi across the campus
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
- Interactive Smartboards
- eBooks and the latest online journals

**GET YOUR HANDS ON OFFICE 365!**

Includes a 50gb Mailbox, 25gb cloud storage and the latest version of Microsoft Office which can be installed on up to 5 PCs/devices at home for **FREE**!
During the two years you spend at Carmel you will have important decisions to make regarding your future. This can often be a little daunting but you don't have to worry! Our dedicated and experienced staff are here to provide you with all the support you need to prepare for your next steps.

**Work Experience**
Whatever your future plans may be, whether that is university, an apprenticeship or employment, having practical experience in the workplace or working as a volunteer really can develop your confidence and help you stand out from the crowd.

Our Work Experience Co-ordinator has made vital links with numerous organisations and charities in order to help arrange work experience or volunteer opportunities for as many students as possible. Last year over 400 students benefitted from a placement.

With your career aspirations in mind, you will receive help to find a rewarding placement ensuring that the practical and academic elements blend well and support each other. You may attend your placement on a regular day or time each week worked around your free periods or it may be during holiday periods. It is rare that an opportunity cannot be identified.

**Applying for University, Apprenticeships & Jobs**
Through the Personal Achievement Tutor Programme and our Careers Service, you will be given help and guidance with applications for university, apprenticeships and employment.

Support is available with finding suitable course/career options, completing UCAS Personal Statements, writing a CV, completing application forms, etc.

**Last year over 400 students benefitted from a work experience placement.**

**Careers Advice**
At Carmel we pride ourselves on providing outstanding support and careers guidance for our students.

We have been awarded the Matrix Quality Standard for the information and advice our careers service offers.
As the economy in the local area grows, we aim to help our students access employment opportunities in the fastest growing and most innovative sectors. We work closely with the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Chamber of Commerce to ensure the courses we offer enable our students to gain the breadth of experience and transferable skills they will need for the jobs of the future.

The following sectors have been identified as areas of job growth for the region:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Financial and Professional Services
- Low Carbon
- Creative and Digital
- Life Science and Health
- Superport
- Visitor Economy

#shapingfutures
At Carmel all of our students have the opportunity to enhance their learning and develop employability skills that are sought after by employers and universities. Students can choose from a wide range of activities that complement their studies and will support future career aspirations.

Want a career in Teaching?
Sign up and gain valuable skills and experience! The Future Teachers Programme provides you with practical experience in schools and develops your knowledge and confidence giving you a head start on the path to becoming an outstanding teacher.

Thinking of applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary courses at Uni?
The Medical Society meets every week. Join us to get support with personal statements and interviews, listen to visiting speakers, watch topic related presentations and take part in discussion group activities.

Conduct a psychological investigation and work as a team to produce a PsychSoc magazine in which to publish your research findings!

Want to do a Science based degree?
Join the Science Society and we’ll help you develop your research, presentation and questioning skills and you’ll do projects solving science issues from around the globe!

Explore and engage in hands-on activities that contextualise engineering.
Projects our Physics students have carried out in the past three years include:
- Generating electricity from scrap
- The telescope challenge
- Programming Raspberry Pi robots
- The rocket challenge
- CERN beamline competition
- Physics Olympics competition
- STEM masterclasses

There are also talks delivered by university lecturers and famous physicists and engineers, as well as trips and visits such as the STEM Big Bang fair in Liverpool, Daresbury Laboratories and CERN Geneva.

Want to see how the justice system works?
You can take on the role of a Barrister and defend your client in a real court room before a real judge!
Extended Project Qualification

The Extended Project Qualification develops students’ higher level skills and will be beneficial for university applications and later in life. The EPQ also attracts UCAS points and is an excellent option if you have a passion for a certain field and would relish the opportunity of spending time indulging in researching a topic of your choice.

You will have the opportunity to choose an area of research you want to study. You complete a logbook to document the process and the decisions you have made along the way. You plan, research and carry out your project and then prepare a presentation to share the outcomes.

You will be taught how to develop your research skills and you will be supported by your supervisor. They will advise you and act as a sounding board but you make the decisions, justify them and then evaluate the whole learning experience at the end. You will become a more critical, reflective and independent learner.

The finished product can take a variety of forms such as a traditional dissertation, but really it is only limited by your imagination.

At Carmel we are keen that all of our students reach their full potential. Our High Achievers’ Programme is designed to ensure that our most able learners are given the encouragement and assistance they need to achieve success.

Delivered by the High Achievers’ team who are specialists in their areas, the Programme offers activities, events and support throughout the two years at Carmel. These activities provide students with the best possible preparation for applying to Oxbridge and other Russell Group / prestigious institutions, as well as for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and other highly competitive degree courses such as Law and Engineering.

Students following the High Achievers’ Programme will receive support through:

- Talks, workshops and events
- Visits to Oxford & Cambridge Universities
- Help with university applications
- Dedicated High Achiever Tutor Group
- Admission test preparation and mock interviews
- Careers / UCAS advice and presentations
- The chance to experience university life on the Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme
- Enrichment activities and societies to develop skills and support applications to prestigious institutions
- The opportunity to study for the Extended Project Qualification
- A monthly newsletter

Download the High Achievers’ Booklet at www.carmel.ac.uk

“The High Achievers’ Programme has made me realise that my future is limitless and I can succeed in anything I want to if I put my mind to it.”

Eva Carroll
Studying English Literature, History & Politics
There's more to life at Carmel than just passing your exams. We encourage you to make new friends and take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to you.

#carmellife

40+

GET INVOLVED

ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM INCLUDING:

CARMEL AMBASSADORS

YOUR COLLEGE NEEDS YOU!

Apply to become an Ambassador and help at liaison and college events throughout the year.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD

A programme of enjoyable, challenging and rewarding activities.

Improve self-confidence and personal skills, work as part of a team and meet new friends. DofE Awards provide you with skills and experiences that employers and universities are looking for and you have fun at the same time! Sign up to complete the Gold Award.

HSK MANDARIN

Sign up for this course to learn the basics of the Chinese language and enjoy cultural lessons too, including a traditional tea ceremony!

DRIVING THEORY

A six week course with a fully qualified driving instructor to help you pass your theory and driving test.

CHAPLAINCY & FUNDRAISING

Be part of one of the Chaplaincy Enrichment groups - there are plenty of fundraising and social action projects to get involved in!

Enrichment groups change each year depending on the suggestions of students and staff, as well as the needs of the local community and world issues. Examples of our work include the CAFOD Young Leaders group who raise awareness and campaign across the college and local community; the Interact Group who run many fundraising events for a variety of different charities each year and the work we do to support local asylum seekers at the ‘Our Warm Welcome’ base in St Helens town centre.

If you’re interested in joining us, call into the Chaplaincy Office and see Kath anytime.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Work as part of a team and form a business selling a product or service. Design it, produce it, market it, sell it... and if you make a profit, you keep it!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Elected every spring, members of the Student Council make up a 13 position body that represents all the students at Carmel and takes up any important issues with the College Management Team on their behalf.

Throughout the year there are also opportunities to initiate a number of campaigns and fundraising events too, such as the ongoing Gambia Clean Water Project.
Carmel students can use the sports facilities **FREE OF CHARGE** during college hours.

“*My role is to provide you with more opportunities when it comes to sport, physical activity and active lifestyles. My aim is to broaden the range of ‘GetActive@Carmel’ opportunities on offer to students at Carmel.*”

**SPORTS TEAMS**

Join a college team and play competitively.

Fixtures take place every week.

**Boys** - Football, Rugby and Basketball

**Girls** - Football, Rugby and Netball

**TURN UP & PLAY**

**KEEP FIT & TRY SOMETHING NEW**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Badminton, Dodgeball, Running, Skiing, Boxfit, Rounders, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Martial Arts, 5-a-side, Archery, Street Golf and Futsal.

Our Get Active Co-ordinator, Dan Chapman, organises lots of activities you can get involved in, regardless of your ability. Physical activity is a great way to improve your fitness, challenge yourself, meet new friends and have fun!

“At Taylor Park, you can try your hand at Climbing, Abseiling, Archery, Canoeing, Kayaking, Paddle Boarding, Raft Building and Orienteering.”
TRIPS & VISITS organised through the subject areas are a great way to bring your academic study to life.
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29 HIGH QUALITY COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

3D Design
AQA

The 3D Design course enables students to explore a wide range of materials and processes to create 3 dimensional outcomes. These can be decorative or functional pieces and students are encouraged to experiment and problem solve. Starting points include nature, architectural and man-made structures and may also include shape, form, surface and texture.

Students are encouraged to become fully involved in the design process and to be open minded to manipulating new materials. All practical work is underpinned by critical and contextual studies and students are asked to research, record and annotate from a wide range of sources. Students will work in a wide variety of materials including paper, card, wood, metal, glass, plaster, clay and wire.

Final outcomes may be architectural, lighting, body adornment, sculpture, furniture, set design, product design and 3D design.

Fine Art
AQA

The broadest of all the individual specialisms, Fine Art covers a wide variety of media and techniques. These include traditional drawing, painting and sculpture alongside the more contemporary illustration art, animation, film, photography, printmaking, performance and digital imagery.

All students participate in practical and theoretical workshops and are encouraged to experiment with a wide range of media in order to express their ideas. All practical work is underpinned by contextual sources and students are encouraged to visit galleries to engage with artwork first hand.

Fashion & Textile Design
AQA

Students explore visual information to develop creative investigations into textiles and fashion. Experimentation into techniques and processes includes stitch, print, dye, knit and garment construction, to develop understanding of shape, form, pattern, texture and colour. All practical work is underpinned by critical analysis of appropriate sources. Students are encouraged to visit exhibitions and galleries.

Research methods including drawing, collecting, and mood boards will be used to generate a wealth of ideas. Students’ diverse and individual approaches can be realised in a variety of outcomes including fine art textiles, fashion design, illustration and textile design.
Graphic Design

AQA

Graphic Design is about communication and problem solving. It encompasses all of the traditional art and design skills alongside the new emerging technologies. It is one of the biggest growth areas in the Creative Industries and covers all sorts of areas from animation (UX & UI), branding and advertising to fashion promotion and layout. It is the commercial aspect of Graphic Design which makes it so exciting.

Students complete project based assignments which develop thinking and communication skills and the ability to solve problems. There are lots of opportunities to learn new skills working by hand, with tutorials in painting, printing and illustration. There is plenty of time to develop digital skills too with web, layout, film and motion graphics and packaging workshops.

Photography

AQA

Portraiture, still life, landscape, editorial, fashion, photojournalism, reportage, and studio – the list is endless. Whether digital or analogue, photography is about visually communicating; reflecting on an idea, a concept, a message and conveying this to an intended audience to evoke a reaction.

Photography starts with the ability to see and capture the world around us, to select and compose, to manipulate light and capture those decisive moments. The opportunity to attend workshops with professional photographers, visits to galleries and links to creative industries are an integral part of the Photography course.
Business Studies

EDUQAS

In Business Studies you will learn the principles behind how to run your own company or manage effectively. This includes how to manage people as well as making strategic decisions in any workplace. You will also develop the knowledge and skills needed to analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions; all skills that are needed for further study and employment.

The initial part of the course includes an introduction into how to become an entrepreneur as well as an introduction into money matters which gives you more knowledge on increasing profits, recruiting and managing employees, operations management plus marketing topics.

You will then go on to critically assess bigger multinational firms such as Apple and Google and explore how to manage their financial strategies to improve profits, strategies to take on the competition, operational strategies to improve products and HR strategies to improve employee relations. These are the four cornerstones of managing a successful business.

Computer Science

OCR

A Level Computer Science is a traditional course for those interested in following a career in Computer Programming, Systems Analysis, Network Engineering or any other Computer Science related career path. During the course you will gain an in-depth understanding of how the computer works and what it can do. It is suited to those who want to extend perhaps their personal interest in computers, or to develop skills such as programming.

Computer Science is an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and can look at the natural world through a digital prism. The Computer Science department promises to provide you with a high standard of teaching and extra support to ensure you are successful. We want you to enjoy your studies and be part of our excellent achievements.

Economics

EDUQAS

Studying A Level Economics will develop your understanding of economic concepts and theories and you will develop a critical consideration of current economic issues. Economics is a study of scarce resources and how those resources are allocated to various uses in an economy. The subject is split into three broad areas of study:

*Microeconomics*: this unit looks at the supply and demand of both goods and labour.

*Macroeconomics*: this unit looks at issues such as inflation, unemployment, exports and imports.

*Trade and Development*: this unit looks at why countries trade and the importance of globalisation.

You will sit three separate exams at the end of your two year course. There is no assessed coursework in A Level Economics.
English Language
EDUQAS

This is a popular A Level appealing to students because it examines texts in the real world such as adverts, blogs, social media and newspaper articles. The emphasis is on understanding how and why language is used in specific ways and you will develop knowledge of key terminology which will help you analyse texts in a concise and focused style.

After learning how to analyse unseen texts, you will continue to develop your understanding of key frameworks as well as studying the development of English Language over time. This topic covers historical, social and cultural aspects as well as examining current attitudes towards the effects of new technology. There is also a focus on spoken language. You will analyse a wide range of transcripts from television and radio, spontaneous real life talk, comedy and child language acquisition.

English Language & Literature
Pearson

This is a popular course that links the skills of both English Language and English Literature study. It will appeal to students who have enjoyed both aspects at GCSE and wish to continue studying them in a broader and more in-depth manner.

During the two years you will explore how ‘voice’ is crafted in both speech and writing, focusing on a drama text (All My Sons) and a range of short literary, non-literary and digital texts. You will also study texts that give you the opportunity to explore the ways in which different writers use language techniques and literary devices to convey their thoughts or ideas on a theme in literary and non-fiction writing. As well as reading and analysing texts written by other people, you will also be given the opportunity to develop your own skills as a writer through the coursework component (20%).

Film Studies
WJEC

A Level Film Studies offers you the opportunity to develop and apply a range of high-level skills which will prepare you for whichever pathway you choose beyond Carmel.

The course will require you to develop knowledge and understanding of:
- A diverse range of film, including documentary, film from the Silent Era, experimental film and short film
- Film practices from a historical, national and global context
- Films’ relationships with social, political, cultural, historical and technological contexts
- How films generate meanings and responses
- Film as an ‘art’ form
- The concept of ‘spectatorship’
- Relevant theories of film consumption and production

You will also have the opportunity to complete coursework through pursuing either a filmmaking or a screenwriting option.

Film Studies is assessed by examination (70%) and coursework (30%).
Geography
Pearson

Geography is an established subject, which emphasises a balanced understanding of both physical and human environments. Your study of the subject will be based on two key elements: A 'People-Environment' approach to Geography and an 'Enquiry' approach to learning.

'People-Environment Geography' is based on the examination of the questions, issues and problems arising from the interaction of people with their varied environments. The 'Enquiry' approach to learning rests on the understanding that effective learning occurs when students are actively engaged in enquiry into key environmental questions, issues and problems. The areas of study encourage you to evaluate sustainable development options for the future and to consider the part that you might play as a citizen as well as the contribution that you can make to a more sustainable use of the environment.

History
AQA

History is not just an account of the past but an investigation of why things happened the way they did. If you have an enquiring mind and enjoy debate, this is the subject for you. Your final grade is based on two exams taken at the end of the two year course in addition to the Historical Investigation which is completed in the first term of your second year.

The course includes:-

* Component 1 (Breadth study)
  1G Challenge and Transformation: Britain, c1851-1964
  40% of final mark in 2.5 hr exam

* Component 2 (Depth study)
  2Q The American Dream: Reality and Illusion, 1945-1980
  40% of final mark in 2.5 hr exam

* Component 3 (Historical investigation)
  You will complete a historical investigation which will debate the Creation of Germany in the period 1763-1871.
  Assessed 3500-4000 word coursework amounting to 20% of the overall mark.

Law
AQA

A Level Law will introduce you to the English Legal System as a whole. This will involve looking at how Law is made, who can make Law and how Judges interpret Statutes. You will also study the role of legal personnel including barristers and solicitors as well as looking at the role lay people have in the Law i.e. Juries and Magistrates.

You will study both the theory and application of Criminal Law. This will involve studying the fatal offences of murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter and non-fatal offences of assault, battery, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, wounding and grievous bodily harm with intent. The course also involves looking at property offences, including theft and robbery as well as the capacity defences of insanity and intoxication, the necessity defences of self defence, duress, and duress of circumstances and the preliminary offences of attempt.

The course will be assessed by examination. There is no coursework.
Mathematics
Pearson

Having successfully completed your GCSE course you are now in a position to tackle Maths at a more advanced level. This is a highly regarded and enjoyable A Level. When compared to GCSE Maths, students often find A Level Maths a much more stimulating and enjoyable course.

Here at Carmel we are very proud of our Maths students’ outstanding record of achievement over many years. We can guarantee that every student will receive first class tuition using a variety of teaching strategies in a modern, spacious environment. This, coupled with our excellent support programme, makes Carmel, in our opinion, the only place to study Maths.

Further Mathematics
AQA

If you get a grade 7 or above at GCSE you should seriously consider studying Further Mathematics. As Mathematics is such a vast subject, it is impossible to cover it all in one A Level. A Level Further Mathematics builds on some of the concepts met in A Level Maths and is able to extend these in to other areas. It attracts students who thoroughly enjoy the subject and are keen to extend their understanding and knowledge. Contrary to a common misconception, the majority of the course is no more difficult than A Level Mathematics. Students who study both actually perform better due to their increased understanding of Mathematics in general.

Further Mathematics is designed for students with an enthusiasm for Mathematics, many of whom will go on to degrees in Mathematics, Engineering, the Sciences and Economics. Students who study this course go off to university and find the content covered and skills acquired a great benefit.

Statistics
Pearson

Statistics is an application of Mathematics and a growing field of study in its own right. More and more areas of our lives are influenced by Statistics and knowing just how they fit into other studies must be an advantage. Statistics is used in everything from deciding how much orange juice Tesco will buy next year to whether or not a new drug will indeed cure a serious illness.

A Level Statistics builds upon the statistics and probability components of GCSE Mathematics and teaches students how to make sense of data trends and to solve statistical problems in a variety of contexts, such as psychology, biology, geography, business and the social sciences. The topics include data analysis, probability, data distributions, hypothesis testing and regression analysis.
French / Spanish
AQA

At Carmel, languages are a popular A Level choice, appealing to a variety of students who wish to follow a career in languages or supplement their other A Levels with a highly regarded and respected subject. Regardless of whether you will study French or Spanish (or both), you will cover a variety of topics and will develop skills across the four disciplines of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing.

During the course, you will be exposed to written and spoken articles covering a wide spectrum of topics such as youth culture and trends, the importance of education, gender equality, the world of work and traditions and lifestyles of the countries where your language of study is spoken.

There is a large emphasis on understanding and communication in your chosen language and skills development forms an integral part of the course. Your tutors will offer regular support sessions but will also help and encourage you to develop independent study skills such as reading texts, using specific websites and accessing resources in our language lab to enable you to develop your skills and improve across all four areas.

Throughout the course, you will complete internal assessments to assess your progress in the language including practice speaking assessments as well as essays and translations. The external examinations will take place at the end of the two year course.

Media Studies
AQA

A Level Media Studies is designed to enhance your enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the media and its role in your daily life. This course introduces you to both media ideas and the practice of production, which gives you the chance to develop a real understanding of media platforms, the contemporary media landscape and the influential role of the media in today’s media saturated society.

This course will involve:

• Skills of enquiry, decision making and analysis
• Application of critical approaches to media issues
• Developing an appreciation and critical understanding of the media and its role both historically and currently in society, culture, politics and the economy
• Developing an understanding of the dynamic and changing relationships between media forms, products, media industries and audiences
• Demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the global nature of the media
• Application of theoretical knowledge and specialist subject specific terminology to analyse and compare media products and the contexts in which they are produced and consumed in order to make informed arguments, reach substantiated judgements and draw conclusions about media issues
• Demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the theoretical framework in a practical context through the creation of realistic media products.

Philosophy, Ethics & Religion
OCR

Philosophy, Ethics & Religion is an in-depth study of Philosophy of Religion, Buddhism and Ethics.

Philosophy of Religion covers arguments for the existence of God; challenges to religious belief; the nature and validity of religious experience; and analyses the meaning and function of religious language. Buddhism covers religious figures and sacred texts; religious concepts and religious life; social and historical developments in religious thought; and religious practices/identity. In Ethics, we explore the nature of ethical language and thought; whether morally good actions involve following rules or considering consequences; and to what extent we possess free will.

Spanish trip to Madrid

Media Studies

Philosophy, Ethics & Religion

French / Spanish

Media Studies

Philosophy, Ethics & Religion
Physical Education
OCR

Throughout the course you will develop your knowledge and understanding relating to scientific, socio-cultural and practical aspects of PE. This will include understanding the physiological and psychological states that affect performance, the role of technology in contemporary sport and the socio-cultural factors that influence people’s involvement in physical activity and sport.

You will complete synoptic assessments in each area of the course which will require you to make connections between different elements of the subject, drawing together knowledge, skills and understanding that you develop throughout your two years studying PE. There are three examinations which make up 70% of your overall mark. The remaining 30% will come from your practical assessment. There is a wide range of DFE approved activities included on the specification in which you can be practically assessed, either as a performer or a coach.
Politics
AQA

Students will study the following topics during the two year course:

A comprehensive study of the Government in the UK including: the UK Constitution, the role and powers of Parliament, the role of MPs, the powers and constraints of Ministers, the Supreme Court.

Political participation in the UK including: voting behaviour, different forms of democracy, the impact of the trade unions and the suffragettes, pressure groups and protest movements, and civil rights.

Elections and voting including famous elections of 1979, 1997, and 2010 etc.

Political Parties including who they are and what they stand for in today’s political climate.

The European Union, despite Brexit we are still members, for the time being.

Political ideas including Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Nationalism, Feminism, Multiculturalism, Anarchism, Environmentalism.

Comparative politics includes comparing the UK and American systems of government.

Global politics including major international issues and organisations.

Psychology
AQA

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and is primarily concerned with investigating what people do and why. You will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by universities and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

Some of the topics you will study include Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Research Methods, the Approaches in Psychology, Biological Psychology, Abnormal Psychology such as Phobias, Depression and OCD and additional options such as Cognition & Development, Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology. As Psychology is classed as a science, there is a significant amount of Biology in the course and therefore you should have a strong science background as well as good Mathematical ability.

Biology
AQA

Studying Biology will allow you to enjoy a wide range of learning experiences, including practical work, practice exam questions, comprehensive printed notes and interactive activities. The practical work will reinforce and consolidate key concepts to help you achieve the best grade you can, as well as developing invaluable laboratory skills.

The course covers fundamental biological principles and how this knowledge is used in the 21st century. In your first year, you will study a wide variety of units from cells and mammalian transport and digestion, through to genetics and health and disease. In your second year, you will study more detailed aspects of Biology such as the nervous system, muscles and homeostasis, evolution and genetic engineering.

There will be a focus on developing the required skills appropriate for employment in the Biology Sector throughout the two years.

Homework is set regularly to test your understanding, as well as end of unit tests. These are used to provide feedback on your progress, as well as providing you with targets to help you achieve your potential.

There are weekly MEDSOC meetings for those planning to apply for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science.
Chemistry
OCR

This course includes regular practical sessions to help develop your laboratory techniques and evaluative skills, which will be invaluable for future science related careers. These practical sessions are closely linked to the theory taught in lessons and are an effective way of developing your grasp of the theoretical concepts covered.

You will be given a comprehensive set of interactive notes, which provide a detailed coverage of the course specification. The notes also include many practice questions that will allow you to consolidate your understanding. Regular laboratory sessions will help to develop your practical and data analysis skills which are invaluable for physics related careers. Your progress will be very closely monitored with regular assignments and end of topic tests. You are strongly advised to study A Level Mathematics alongside A Level Physics.

Physics
AQA

The Physics department at Carmel is excellent and students taking Physics are highly successful. All the tutors are very friendly and approachable and have a wealth of experience. The department has experienced examiners and this expertise will help you to succeed.

You will be given a full set of resources which include many practice questions that will allow you to consolidate your knowledge and understanding of the content covered. Regular laboratory sessions will help to develop your practical and data analysis skills which are invaluable for physics related careers. Your progress will be very closely monitored with regular assignments and end of topic tests. You are strongly advised to study A Level Mathematics alongside A Level Physics.

Sociology
OCR

Are you interested in contemporary, modern Britain? Do you want to acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of the social world in which you live? Then choose Sociology and learn to develop your skills in organising and presenting information, ideas, descriptions and arguments. The Sociology department at Carmel is a successful and lively one. We offer a range of teaching styles and learning experiences and aim to broaden your understanding of the social and political world around you.

You will study modules introducing socialisation, culture and identity (with a particular focus on youth subcultures); research methods and social inequalities; and globalisation and the digital world (with a particular focus on crime and deviance).
BTECS & OTHER COURSES

9 HIGH QUALITY COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

BTEC Applied Science
Pearson
LEVEL 3

BTEC Applied Science is a very well structured, practical science course leading to nationally recognised qualifications: National Extended Certificate equal to 1 A Level; National Diploma equal to 2 A Levels. The course covers all three sciences of Biology, Physics and Chemistry but in an "applied" context. That means that you will learn the science in a "real life" context through specially developed assignments. We will teach you the research and study skills you will need for success. There will also be opportunities to visit scientific workplaces to learn how science and scientific skills are used professionally. Such visits will allow you to gain ideas about career opportunities in science.

BTEC Business
Pearson
LEVEL 3

This course will help you develop a real understanding of what is involved in becoming an effective business professional. We try to give you a greater involvement with businesses, so more trips to businesses, more research of real businesses, a meaningful work placement in the second year and a greater development of the personal skills you will need to succeed in the business world.

You can study the course as a single qualification which is the equivalent to 1 A Level (Extended Certificate) or as a double award qualification which is the equivalent to 2 A Levels (Diploma).

You will cover topics such as marketing, personal and business finance, event management, international business and principles of management.

BTECs are viewed very favourably within the workplace and at university, including the prestigious Russell Group of universities. BTEC Business is endorsed by many global companies and recognised by leading business institutions.

Core Mathematics
AQA
LEVEL 3

Core Maths is a one year course for those with a GCSE Mathematics grade 4 or above who want to keep up their valuable maths skills but who are not planning on taking A Level Mathematics. At the end of the course, you will have achieved a Level 3 qualification, similar to an AS. The course not only supports your work in other subjects involving maths content at A Level, but is also designed to deepen and extend your mathematics and prepare you for higher education and employment.

Core Maths will help you to understand and apply clear, mathematical reasoning to real-life problems, analyse and interpret data in various contexts and confidently deal with everyday financial maths. Core Maths is assessed by final examination at the end of the course. The qualification merits UCAS points equivalent to an AS Level.
Criminology
EDUQAS
LEVEL 3

Criminology is an exciting subject which will allow you to understand crime and deviance in detail. You will focus on the impact that crime and criminal behaviour has on societies and explore how criminal behaviour can be explained.

Questions such as 'why do people commit crime?', 'how should we punish offenders?' and 'what is the role of the criminal justice system?' will be addressed throughout the two year course.

There are many progression routes for which a qualification in Criminology would be useful due to the skills you will develop. Specific career paths include: Police Officer, Prison Officer, Probation Officer, Social Worker, Youth Worker and many more.

BTEC Health & Social Care
Pearson
LEVEL 3

If you are thinking of a career related to the Health & Social Care sector, including the justice sector, then this subject is ideal for you. The BTEC National Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and the National Subsidiary Diploma is equivalent to one A Level. These courses combine well with a wide range of A Level and BTEC subjects.

A key aspect of the course is work experience that gives you opportunity to experience three different settings and to apply your knowledge and understanding to real work scenarios. Many of the HE courses leading into Health & Social Care professions require you to provide evidence that you have relevant work experience.

There are no formal exams but you will be assessed on your performance against clear criteria throughout the coursework units that make up the course. Work hard, enjoy the course and track your progress to success!

BTEC IT
Pearson
LEVEL 3

The BTEC level 3 Extended Certificate in IT is a two-year course leading to a qualification the equivalent of one A Level. This is an excellent grounding to go on to further study in an IT-related subject or to seek an apprenticeship/employment. The vocational nature of this course means that there is emphasis on developing practical skill in key areas of IT/Computing.

The assessment of the course is part coursework portfolio (60 %) and part external exams (40%)

The mandatory units for this qualification are:
• Information technology systems (externally assessed by written exam)
• Creating systems to manage information (externally assessed in a practical exam)
• Using social media in business
• Data Modelling

Externally assessed units will take place under normal exam conditions and coursework assessed units will require you to complete a number of assignments. Evidence for these assignments can be presented in a variety of formats such as written reports, videos, leaflets, website etc.

To study this course successfully it is important to have an interest in IT/Computing and be disciplined in the production of your coursework. You will also be required to study for the externally assessed exams. You must be willing to explore new ideas and concepts and you must be motivated to use your study periods efficiently to assignments.

This course is ideal for any student who is considering a future in the IT/Computing industry. It will also provide IT knowledge and skills that are transferrable to other areas of work.
BTEC Performing Arts (Theatre)

This course combines practical and academic skills. You will be introduced to a range of acting styles, theatre practitioners and texts. This will strengthen your ability to analyse theatre and will develop your performance skills through extensive practical work.

The course is predominantly practical but will also provide you with theoretical knowledge to deepen your understanding of drama through the ages, through to contemporary theatre.

During the two years of the course you will study 4 units which incorporate:
- Investigating the work of practitioners
- Developing skills and techniques for live performance
- Group performance workshop
- Acting styles

The qualification is a nationally recognised qualification, directly equivalent to an A level and is highly valued by Universities and Drama schools.

BTEC Sport

The BTEC National in Sport is a vocational course that combines theory with practical methods of learning in a range of different units.

We are offering the Extended Certificate, equivalent to one A Level and the Diploma in Sport, equivalent to two A Levels.

You will study units such as Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being and Professional Development in the Sports Industry. Additional optional units will also be studied.

The BTEC qualification also provides you with opportunities to extend learning outside of the classroom. You will participate in a range of practical sessions to extend and test your understanding and there will be opportunities for trips and visits to sports teams and businesses in sport.

UAL Diploma in Art and Design

The UAL Art Diploma is a full time, 100% coursework, Art and Design course for students with a strong interest in the visual arts. In the first year students will gain the Diploma qualification and in the second year they will gain the Extended Diploma qualification. This Art and Design course is equivalent to 3 A Levels. It can be studied alongside an additional A Level course if required. The course is designed and accredited by University of the Arts London (UAL) for students who wish to go on to study an Art & Design subject further. It equips students with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress to an Art Foundation course, degree level study and employment.
Entry Level Foundation Learning

The course is suitable for students with moderate learning difficulties who are working at Entry Level 1 through to Entry 3. Personalised learning programmes cover three main areas:

**Employability Skills:** Develops life skills and skills around the world of work.

**Personal and Social Development:** Develops skills and knowledge around personal and social needs, for example Healthy Living, Travel Training and Social Awareness.

**Functional Skills:** Qualifications designed to provide the necessary levels of English and Maths skills. They are a key component of the Foundation Learning Entry Level programmes.

Level One Foundation Learning

The course is a personalised learning programme that covers the following areas:

**Vocational Studies:** Explores attitudes and behaviours needed to be effective in the workplace. Linked to this area will be a work experience programme.

**Work Experience:** This will enable learners to undertake a realistic placement with local employers.

**Functional Skills:** Qualifications designed to provide the necessary levels of English and Maths skills needed in today's society and workplace.

**Personal and Social Development:** Develops skills and knowledge around personal and social needs, for example Healthy Living, Target Setting and Social Awareness.
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ROUTE B (Bus share scheme in collaboration with St Helens College)

TRAVELLING BY BUS

College buses are scheduled to arrive at college before 8.45am and to leave at approx. 4.15pm.
Visit carmel.ac.uk for full bus route information.

FREE PARKING FOR STUDENTS

BY CAR OR BIKE

There is free car parking in the college grounds for staff and visitors and we have an agreement with our neighbours, West Park Rugby Club, for free student parking. There is designated parking for disabled drivers at both the front and side entrances to the college. There are also areas for parking mopeds and bicycles.

BY RAIL

Carmel College is only 10 minutes walk from both the Thatto Heath and Eccleston Park rail stations. These stations are on the main line between Wigan North Western station and Liverpool Lime Street station. For timetables and costs, contact The Trainline on 0871 244 1545 or www.thetrainline.com

BY FOOT

Carmel College is located 1.5 miles from St Helens town centre on the A58 Prescot Road. The centre of Prescot is 4 miles away. The college can also be reached via the Red Rocks public footpath which runs alongside the college playing fields and down towards Knowsley Road.
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- UAL Foundation Art Diploma

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