STUDENTS FLOURISH IN THIS INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

OFSTED 2019

CARMEL 2021 PROSPECTUS
"...a culture of equality and diversity across the college in which staff and students celebrate difference. Students flourish in this inclusive environment as confident and mature individuals."

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“Since starting at Carmel, I’ve made lots of new friends and embraced college life. I have received an endless amount of support from all my teachers and there are lots of opportunities for extra activities such as subject trips and talks from guest speakers. The facilities are really good at Carmel. As well as the library which has lots of computers, there are also study areas available for you to complete work. There’s a Costa coffee shop here and there’s also a gym you can use. I’ve really enjoyed my time here so far and definitely recommend this college!”

JESSICA TIERNEY
BUSINESS STUDIES, LAW, MATHS
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, one of the few Sixth Form Colleges nationally to retain its Outstanding grade. We were also awarded Outstanding in our Archdiocese Inspection in February 2020.

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 including 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 careers based journey. Did you know you can even study to degree level 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
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.

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.

Carmel is a Catholic Sixth Form College welcoming students of all faiths and from all backgrounds.

We are committed to developing a community where each student is enabled to reach their potential feeling supported, safe and happy during their time here.

Watch our Mission and Ethos video: youtube.com/carmelcollege1
“A culture across the college that is compassionate and accepting of difference.”

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#CHOOSE CARMEL

THE PLACE

Our staff.
Carmel is a very diverse community welcoming students of all faiths and from all backgrounds. Follow these six easy 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 may 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 26th February 2021.
   You will receive an automated notice that your application has been received.

3. Attend your guidance interview
   Interviews will take place between December 2020 and March 2021 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 28th June where you will try out your chosen subjects.

5. Enrol on your chosen courses
   GCSE results will be published on Thursday 26th August 2021. Providing you meet the entry requirements you will be able to enrol at Carmel on 26th August.
   An appointment time for your enrolment will be sent to you in June.

6. Start college in September 2021
   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!

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TUES 2 FEB 2021 5:30-8:00PM

If we are unable to hold these events in college, we will be offering virtual Open Events instead.

“Students are proud to study at the college.”
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COLLEGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements can be found on our website: www.carmel.ac.uk/applying/admissions-information

Subject specific entry requirements are on individual course web pages at carmel.ac.uk. They can also be found on our course leaflets which are available to download or from one of our Open Events.

You will be given specific entry requirements for your chosen study programme at your guidance interview. This is also an opportunity to discuss any personal circumstances you may have.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

For students joining the Foundation Learning department, please contact Head of Foundation Learning, Caroline Oates for further details.

“I have loved my time at Carmel. The staff here genuinely care about your progress and will always try to work in your best interest. The teachers are happy to help with questions outside of lesson time and are really supportive. The great system of support has allowed me to develop into a confident and independent adult in preparation for the next steps in life.”

JAZIB AKHYAR
COMPUTER SCIENCE, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY

APPLY ONLINE BY

FRIDAY
FEB 26
2021
WWW.CARMEL.AC.UK
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.

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, BTECs and other Level 3 courses as well as 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.

YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

“The quality of teaching and learning is outstanding.”

OFSTED 2019
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 4.00pm with a break in the morning and at lunchtime. 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.
“I have learnt a lot during my time at Carmel; not only in academic terms, but also about myself. The college staff are amazing and have gone above and beyond to offer useful and extensive support. They have always done this with sincerity and goodwill. Ultimately, this creates a social, open and friendly atmosphere - the perfect place to learn.”

BAILEY WARD
3D DESIGN, GEOGRAPHY, MATHEMATICS
NOW AT DURHAM UNIVERSITY
STUDYING PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

“At Carmel I have learnt new things academically and also about myself. It has prepared me for university, making the next step feel natural.”

Eva Carroll
Notre Dame Catholic College
English Literature, History, Politics - A*A*A*A*
ENGLISH LITERATURE,
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

“My time at Carmel has provided lots of challenges and enjoyment. I feel it has left me well equipped for university and my future career.”

Jacob Burke
St Gregory’s
Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths - A*A*A*A*
ENGINEERING (MEng),
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

“The opportunities provided by the college have allowed me to develop my passions and gain valuable skills for the future. I have developed both academically and as an individual.”

Dona Josh
St Gregory’s
Biology, Chemistry, Maths, EPQ - A*A*A*
BIOCHEMISTRY,
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

“I loved my time at Carmel, it provided me with all the skills I needed to progress to university. The tutors offered great support and always pushed me to do my best!”

Bethany Eddleston
Rainhill High
UAL Extended Diploma in Art & Design - Distinction
FASHION CONTOUR,
LONDON COLLEGE OF FASHION

“I’ve been impressed with the level of support and standard of teaching at Carmel, whilst having the freedom and independence to develop my learning.”

Joseph Maloney
Cowley International College
Economics, Law, Politics - BBB
PHILOSOPHY,
UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

“I have gained so much knowledge and developed friendships that I know will last a lifetime.”

Charlie Caldwell
Notre Dame Catholic College
BTEC IT, Business Studies, English Literature - Dist*AB
DIGITAL TECH AND SOLUTIONS DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
More than one course available in this subject

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!

PASS RATES 2020

100%
LEVEL 3 PASS RATE

71%
TOP GRADES
(A*-B/DIST*-DIST)

92%**
HIGH GRADES
(A*-C/DIST*-MERIT)

Outstanding Progress

One of the Top Ten Sixth Form Colleges in the Country*

*The Times % A* / A*-B Grades (16/08/19)
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.

17 students currently studying at Oxbridge.

67 students gained places at university to study prestigious Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science degrees in the last nine years.

98% progression to university, further education, jobs or apprenticeships.

(known destinations)
“Whilst being at Carmel, I have learnt a lot about myself. I have seen what I can achieve with hard work and have made friends for life along the way. My teachers have encouraged me to aim high and their passion for their subject makes for a positive learning environment.

I have had endless support whilst applying for a degree apprenticeship, from interview preparation to help finding work experience. The staff are dedicated and they go above and beyond to make sure that their students succeed.

There is a fantastic sense of community within the college. There are opportunities to join subject societies and go on trips, so you get to know your classmates really quickly. My years at Carmel have been some of the best yet and I can’t wait to see what else the future brings.”

KASIA GIEREK
BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS (ABD)
NOW STUDYING CHEMICAL SCIENCE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP WITH ITALMATCH CHEMICALS
Carmel has a technology-rich campus with facilities that provide an outstanding and inspiring place of learning.

The College has invested over £23M to transform Carmel’s campus into an outstanding environment for our students and staff. The additions to Carmel’s existing buildings included the two-storey Notre Dame Centre for Art & Design; the three-storey West Park Building which provides outstanding facilities for sciences, ICT, modern languages, humanities and foundation learning and the Dalton Building with facilities for performance and Student Services.

“A vibrant and modern campus with excellent facilities for learning.”

OFSTED 2019
Wi-Fi enabled campus

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

Performance

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

Foundation Learning

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

Modern Languages

DIGITAL LANGUAGE LAB with the latest technology.
enable students to make the most of their time here.


providing opportunities for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth.

Library links with University of Liverpool and Liverpool Hope University. 10,000+ resources plus additional online resources.

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

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

BREAKFAST, HOT & COLD LUNCHES, SNACKS

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 them for help and advice at any time. They support you in all aspects of college life including:

- Advice and guidance on academic progress and personal wellbeing
- One-to-one support and progress reviews
- Tutorials – employability skills, study skills, career progression and more!
- Help with UCAS, job and apprenticeship applications
- Delivery of the 10:10 Programme

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. Students will receive three reviews during their time at Carmel. 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 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.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING
We encourage all of our students to prioritise their physical and mental health. Doing so helps you to make the most of your potential and take a fulfilling role in all aspects of your life. At Carmel, we hold numerous events throughout the year across the college to promote health and wellbeing. If you have any concerns about your wellbeing whilst you are studying at Carmel, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your Personal Achievement Tutor.

We are committed to providing each and every one of our students with the support and encouragement they need to be successful.
“Careers Advisors, Personal Achievement Tutors and teachers work closely with individual students to support them to make the right decisions about their next steps.”

OFSTED 2019

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Carmel College. I’ve had an experience that has allowed me to grow as a person and gain a wealth of knowledge about the world around me. This experience wouldn’t have been possible without the endless amount of support I have received here.

Carmel is such a welcoming, supportive community. There’s always someone to talk to for advice. During my studies I have had no issues approaching my subject teachers for support or for extra revision, due to the dedicated attitude of the staff.

As well as academic support, I’ve also received personal support from my Personal Achievement Tutor (PAT), such as help and guidance with my university applications. The PATs are always available to discuss any issues you may have.”

MICHAEL BOWMAN
DRAMA & THEATRE, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY (BBC)
NOW STUDYING DRAMA & THEATRE PRACTICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD
“Studying at Carmel has set me up for higher education in the best way possible. The extensive support network of peers, tutors and staff has allowed me to enhance my education in a comfortable environment. Additional help with work is easily accessible and the college is very flexible in considering your current situation and needs.

Not only does the college aid you in the classroom, it also teaches you valuable life skills through the variety of people you encounter. Studying at Carmel gives you lots of experiences and opportunities to put your theory into practice. As I would like to pursue a career in sport, I’ve been able to visit Everton’s USN Finch Farm and meet the likes of Sports Scientists at world class universities, which has inevitably supported me in choosing the right university and course for me.”

JAMES MOONEY
CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION (A* AA)
NOW STUDYING SPORTS & EXERCISE SCIENCE AT LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY
STUDY SUPPORT

Study support is available for any student who feels they need some assistance in the following areas:

• Bibliography and referencing
• 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 Support Tutor by dropping into the Library 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

Further details 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 £22,000 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, 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.

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.

CARE TO LEARN SUPPORT
If you have a child, you can apply for financial support via the Student Bursary Support Service online portal.

OTHER SAVINGS
Extra financial support may be available in extenuating circumstances

Totum 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 700 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.

Route details are subject to change, please visit www.carmel.ac.uk for updates.

*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.

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!

E-Learning
- Access to free superfast Wi-Fi across the campus.
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
- Interactive Smartboards
- eBooks and the latest online journals
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. We work with over 500 employers and last year over 450 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.

We can support you with information about your career options, course choices, university applications, completing UCAS personal statements, writing a CV, completing application forms etc. as well as help with the increasingly popular option of degree apprenticeships.

**CAREERS ADVICE**

At Carmel, we pride ourselves on providing outstanding support and careers guidance for our students. Our professionally qualified Careers Advisers help support our students make important decisions about their future. Students can make an appointment to see our Advisers at any time during their course, or drop in to the Careers Hub to talk to our friendly staff.

We have been awarded the Matrix Quality Standard for the information and guidance our careers service offers.

“Students enjoy bespoke work experience that allows them to explore future career options.”

OFSTED 2019
“During my two years at Carmel College I have developed as an individual and become more independent. The welcoming environment, supportive tutors and dedicated Work Experience Co-ordinator have helped me to succeed in my courses as well as my personal achievements. The level of teaching at Carmel is outstanding, the tutors are extremely dedicated, providing extra revision sessions at lunchtimes and outside of college hours.”

OLIVIA MILOW
ENGLISH LITERATURE, BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (Dist*, Dist* B)
NOW STUDYING OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTICE AT EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

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.
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, including work experience which is essential for the vast majority of professional pathways.

**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.

During these sessions, skills will be developed such as the ability to engage in independent research on contemporary medical/scientific issues and the ability to ‘think outside of the box’ in preparation for rigorous interviews. You will also be involved in discussions involving ethical issues and given the opportunity to present your views and respond to challenges regarding those views.

**Want to see how the justice system works?**

You can take on the role of a Barrister and defend or prosecute in a real life scenario!

The mock trial is run by the Young Citizens Organisation. Schools / colleges have two criminal cases to prepare and compete against each other in the Crown Court in front of a real judge with a jury made up of students from other schools / colleges. Each team is either the prosecution or defence and they examine and cross examine witnesses, just as a barrister would do in court. The judge then sums up and the jury deliver their verdict as to who has proven their case.

The teams who score the most points compete in a final case and the winner then goes on to the national finals held at the Old Bailey in London!

**Want to do a Science based degree?**

Join the Science Society and we’ll help you develop your research, presentation and questioning skills. You will also receive help with university applications, including personal statement preparation and interview practice.

During these bespoke sessions you will develop the skills necessary to succeed in a Science and Engineering career such as the ability to engage in independent research on contemporary engineering/scientific issues.

You will also develop the ability to think outside the box - a crucial skill required by top universities.
Carmel College is one of only two Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) Dual Career accredited Colleges in the North West.

TASS accreditation is acknowledgement of how we support our talented athletes to succeed in their sport, whilst excelling in their studies.

The TASS Programme provides our high performing athletes with 1-1 mentor meetings with the Dual Career Co-ordinator and sports staff. Students receive guidance and their progress is closely monitored. Students also attend sports related workshops with professionals and other elite performers. These workshops provide advice and encouragement to support their progress.

Our athletes attend workshops and seminars with themes including sports nutrition, hydration and sports scholarships. Students also take part in practical workshops during visits to local universities and elite sport facilities.

If you are a Talented Athlete looking to study A Level or Level 3 BTEC courses in the North West of England, contact us at pe@carmel.ac.uk or visit us at one of our Open Events for more information about the support available.

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.

“My time at Carmel has been amazing. Alongside having such a friendly and welcoming environment, the teaching here is fantastic and has definitely given me the opportunity to achieve what I’ve aimed for.

With Physics, I have taken part in many trips and enrichment activities which have enabled me to explore the subject and potential career avenues. They have really expanded my vision and given me the information I needed to help solidify my future choices.

The Personal Achievement Tutors have been outstanding. I am now fully prepared to enter the next stage of my education thanks to all the support provided for my UCAS application.”

BARTOSZ JABLONSKI
CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS (A*A*A)
NOW STUDYING PHYSICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
Aim high and receive 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.

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.

**EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION**

The Extended Project Qualification is an additional Level 3 qualification. It gives you the opportunity to carry out independent research into a subject area you are passionate about.

The EPQ qualification:
- provides you with a Mentor who will supervise you and act as a sounding board for your ideas
- develops higher level thinking skills
- attracts UCAS points
- is looked upon very favourably by universities
- can provide you with an advantage over other students when applying:
  - to Oxbridge and other prestigious universities
  - for highly competitive degrees such as Medicine, Vet Science etc

**UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS PREPARATION**

Your specialist High Achievers’ Co-ordinator will assist you in drafting your Personal Statement which forms a key part of your UCAS application. As the most prestigious and competitive universities select by interview, you will also be given the opportunity to participate in practice interviews. As well as testing and refining your skills, you will also be given professional feedback to enable you to improve your performance in the real thing.

**UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS TESTS**

You will be given guidance and preparation for aptitude and admissions tests as well as the Oxbridge Admission Tests. These include the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT), The Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT) and the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA). These are designed to test skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, verbal reasoning and essay writing.
OXBRIDGE TRIPS, PLACEMENTS AND UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

Students on the programme have the opportunity to visit Oxford and Cambridge, staying in undergraduate accommodation and experiencing life there as a student. There is also the annual Oxbridge Regional Conference where students can attend lectures and find out more information. Our high achieving students are encouraged to apply for the Uniq Summer School (Oxford) and the Cambridge Shadowing Scheme (CUSU). There are also a number of lectures and seminars throughout the year which are given by leading academics which students are encouraged to sign up for.

“Being part of the High Achievers’ Programme has been an amazing experience; encouraging, supporting and challenging my academic ability to help me reach my potential and apply for the most competitive universities. I have received specialist support through: tutor group sessions, trips, university talks and conferences, a monthly newsletter, UCAS advice and presentations, enrichment activities, admission test preparation and interview preparation. I was also given the opportunity to develop research skills through the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). After leaving Carmel, I aspire to study Medicine at a Russell Group University.”

YASMIN BAKER
BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PSYCHOLOGY, EPQ (A*A*A*A*)
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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.

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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.

CHAPLAINCY & FUNDRAISING

Be part of one of the Chaplaincy Enrichment groups – there are plenty of fundraising and social justice 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.

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. DoE 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 culminating in a HSK qualification. Enjoy cultural lessons and a trip to China too!

DRIVING THEORY

A six week course with a fully qualified driving instructor to help you pass your theory and driving test.
Carmel students can use the sports facilities **FREE OF CHARGE** during college hours.

**SPORTS TEAMS**

Join a college team and play competitively.

Boys - Football, Rugby and Basketball
Girls - Football, Rugby and Netball

Fixtures take place every week.

**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 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!

**SPORT ENGLAND ACTIVITIES**

At Taylor Park, you can try your hand at: Climbing, Abseiling, Archery, Canoeing, Kayaking, Paddle Boarding, Raft Building and Orienteering.
organised through the subject areas are a great way to bring your academic study to life.
LIFE
AT CARMEL

MATHS

ART

GEOGRAPHY

3D DESIGN

BIOLOGY

PRACTICAL

FUNDRAISING

DISCUSSING WORK EXPERIENCE

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## A LEVELS / BTECS / OTHER

### ART & DESIGN COURSES
- 3D Design
- Fashion & Textile Design
- Fine Art
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- UAL Ext. Diploma in Creative Practice

### BUSINESS COURSES
- Business (BTEC)
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Criminology (Level 3 Applied Diploma)
- Economics

### ENGLISH COURSES
- English Language
- English Literature
- English Language & Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Health and Social Care (BTEC)
- History
- Information Technology (BTEC)
- Law

### MATHEMATICS COURSES
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Statistics

### MODERN LANGUAGES COURSES
- French
- Spanish
- Media Studies
- Performing Arts / Theatre (BTEC)
- Philosophy, Ethics & Religion
- Politics

### PSYCHOLOGY COURSES
- Psychology
- Psychology (BTEC)

### SCIENCE COURSES
- Applied Science (BTEC)
- Applied Human Biology (BTEC)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

### SPORT COURSES
- Physical Education
- Sport (BTEC)
- Sociology

### FOUNDATION LEARNING
- Entry Level
- Level 1

## LEVEL 3 COURSES

### ART & DESIGN

#### 3D Design
**A LEVEL** AQA

Students explore a wide range of materials and processes to create 3D 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.

#### Fashion & Textile Design
**A LEVEL** AQA

Students explore visual information to develop creative investigations into textiles and fashion. Experimentation into techniques and processes includes stitch, print, dye, knit and basic 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.

#### Fine Art
**A LEVEL** 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. All practical work is underpinned by contextual sources and students are encouraged to visit galleries to engage with artwork first hand.
**Graphic Design**

**A LEVEL  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**

**A LEVEL  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.

**UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication**

**LEVEL 3 (EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS)**

This two-year, full time Art and Design course gives students an in-depth introduction to the creative industries, along with a broad foundation of related knowledge, skills and attributes associated to the creative process. It focuses on developing students’ understanding whilst gaining a wide range of Art, Design and Communication related skills. Students will develop creative ideas, solutions and outcomes with a real industry focus. There are opportunities to engage with employers and companies through live briefs and work experience placements. Students have the opportunity to build skills and specialise in Year 1 and Year 2. Specialisms include Fine Art, Fashion, Textiles & Costume Design, 3D Design (Including Architecture, Set and Interior Design), Photography and Film, Fashion Image Making/Media, Graphic Design, Animation, Illustration, Curation and Exhibition Management.
**Business**

**BTEC PEARSON**

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 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.

**Business Studies**

**A LEVEL EDUQAS**

In Business Studies you will learn the principles behind how to run your own company or manage effectively. This includes making strategic decisions and how to manage people. 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 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**

**A LEVEL 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.

**Criminology**

**LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA EDUQAS**

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.

The course combines elements of Law, Sociology and Psychology. You will be assessed via controlled assessments and external exams, with 50% of the course assessed in Year 1 and the remaining 50% assessed in Year 2.
Economics

A LEVEL  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 Literature

A LEVEL  EDUQAS

English Literature appeals to students who are passionate about reading, debating and interpreting texts from a range of historical periods. This is a two-year linear course where you will gain critical appreciation of literary texts and demonstrate your own close analysis of poetry, prose and drama through cogent, detailed essays.

The exams will test your understanding of plays from the Renaissance period, such as The Duchess of Malfi and The Tempest, and the twentieth century A Streetcar Named Desire. Modern poetry by Larkin and Duffy are studied to test your ability to write comparatively on their shared themes.

Coursework, which is worth 20%, is a 2,500-3,500 word essay allowing you to compare the modern novel Notes on a Scandal with The Great Gatsby. In addition to the set texts, the unseen exam component develops you as a wider reader with extracts from works by Hardy, Wilde, Doyle, Rossetti to name a few.

English Language

A LEVEL  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 Literature trip to London to watch Dr Faustus at the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse.

“Excellent and skilful questioning by teachers extends learning and builds students’ confidence and resilience.”

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Film Studies

A LEVEL  EDUQAS

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

A LEVEL  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.

Health & Social Care

BTEC  PEARSON

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 Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and the Extended Certificate is equivalent to one A Level.

These courses combine well with a wide range of A Level subjects and use a combination of assessment styles. The range of assessment styles gives students confidence so they can apply their knowledge to succeed in the workplace as well as developing study skills to continue learning on higher education courses and throughout their career.

The Applied General Qualifications promote a learner-centred approach to the curriculum, with a flexible, unit-based structure and knowledge applied in project-based assessments through coursework, external exams and assessments. Over 5,000 employers, universities, teaching professionals and trainers have been involved in developing the range of Applied General qualifications.
History

A LEVEL OCR

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 three exams taken at the end of the two-year course in addition to a non-examined assessment which is completed in the first term of your second year.

The course includes:-

Unit 1 – British period study and enquiry
Britain 1930-1997
25% of final mark, 1.5 hour exam

Unit 2 – Non-British study
Italian Unification 1789-1896
15% of final mark, 1 hour exam

Unit 3 – Thematic study
Civil rights in the USA 1865 - 1992
40% of final mark, 2.5 hour exam

Non-exam assessment
20% of final mark

Information Technology

BTEC PEARSON

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

Law

A LEVEL 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.

French/Spanish

A LEVEL EDUQAS

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 track 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.

Both courses also enable students to participate in overseas trips. These include work experience in France and a cultural visit to Spain.
Mathematics

A LEVEL 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 which will impress any future employer.

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

A LEVEL 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.

You can choose Further Mathematics as one of your three main A Level choices alongside A Level Mathematics. Alternatively, if you enjoy Mathematics but don’t want to limit your other three A Level choices, there is a unique opportunity to take Further Mathematics as an additional AS qualification. 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

A LEVEL 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.

“Regular tests and assessments develop students’ understanding and recall, preparing them well for examinations.”

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Media Studies

A LEVEL 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.

Performing Arts (Theatre)

BTEC PEARSON

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.

Philosophy, Ethics & Religion

A LEVEL 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.

Politics

A LEVEL AQA

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

PAPER 1 (UK)

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, and devolution.

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.

PAPER 2 (USA)

Comparative politics includes comparing the UK and American systems of government. So learning how UK government and politics actually work.

PAPER 3 (UK and USA)

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

A LEVEL  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.

Applied Science

BTEC  PEARSON

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.

Psychology

BTEC  AQA

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. You will learn how psychology is used to explain aggressive behaviours and gender differences between males and females. It is useful in business too, here you will learn how it is used to help organisations market and sell their products.

You will also study Psychological Research. You will learn about various research methods and their importance in psychological inquiry and how to conduct psychological investigations using both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

This course also teaches transferable skills that are valued by employers & universities; these include independent learning, self-reflection, critical thinking and working in collaboration with others alongside analytical and presentation skills. You will also be well prepared for the assessment methods used in degree level study.

Applied Human Biology

BTEC  PEARSON

The Level 3 Applied Human Biology qualification is very well structured leading to a nationally recognised qualification equivalent to 1 A Level. The National Extended Certificate is recognised by the DFE as an Applied General qualification for the purpose of performance measures.

By studying Applied Human Biology you will learn how to carry out your own investigations, using a variety of tests and techniques essential to laboratory practice. You will complete a range of written reports, projects, practical assessments and presentations.

In addition to gaining knowledge, understanding and application skills, you will also gain transferable skills valued by employers and universities, such as:

- Self-reflection
- Critical thinking
- Collaborative work
- Presentation skills
- Analytical skills
Biology

A LEVEL  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. Regular Biology competitions also allow students to understand Biology in a wider context and help students to aim higher.

“Teachers monitor students’ progress meticulously and know their individual strengths and weaknesses.”

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Chemistry

A LEVEL  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 homework and end of topic tests are used to inform both you and your tutor of your progress in the module.

As well as being an important subject in its own right, Chemistry is an essential requirement for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

Physics

A LEVEL  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.
Physical Education
A LEVEL 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.

Sport
BTEC PEARSON
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.

Sociology
A LEVEL 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).

“Highly committed, skilled and enthusiastic teachers inspire and motivate students to achieve their very best.”

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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:** The curriculum is designed to embed the necessary level of English and Maths skills. They are a key component of the Foundation Learning Entry Level programme.

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 work place. 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:** The curriculum is designed to embed the necessary level 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.

"Well-planned and well-managed individual transition arrangements ensure that students settle in very quickly to college life."

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YOU DON’T HAVE TO LIVE ON OUR DOORSTEP TO STUDY AT CARMEL!

TRAVELLING

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MERSEYTRAVEL – 700 SERIES / 297 SERVICE (KIRKBY)

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BUS SHARE SCHEME – ROUTE B

A scheme with St Helens College for the following areas - Westleigh, Leigh, Lowton, Golborne and Ashton-in-Makerfield.

*Route details are subject to change by the supplier, please visit www.carmel.ac.uk for updates.

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.

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.
Degree Courses on offer...

Providing quality degree courses for over 20 years

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University of Liverpool
- Biological Sciences*
- Chemical Sciences*
- Computer Sciences*
- Dental Therapy*
- Earth Sciences*
- Engineering*
- Geography*
- Mathematical Sciences*
- Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Science**
- Physical Sciences*

Liverpool Hope University
- BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science (with Foundation Year)*
- BSc (Hons) Sport & Physical Education (with Foundation Year)*
- BSc (Hons) Physical Education & Sports Science***

University of the Arts London
- (One year specialist art course)
  - UAL Foundation Art Diploma

- * Four Year Programme
  - (Foundation Year delivered at Carmel College)
- ** Six Year Programme
  - (Foundation Year delivered at Carmel College)
- *** Evening Degree Course

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We hope this prospectus has given you a flavour of what Carmel has to offer. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us, or come to one of our Open Events and see for yourself what makes Carmel such an outstanding college.

The information in this Prospectus is correct at the time of printing but is subject to change. Please check www.carmel.ac.uk for any updates, particularly with regards to dates of events due to the restrictions of COVID-19 measures.

WWW.CARMEL.AC.UK

APPLY ONLINE BY FRIDAY FEB 26 2021

OPEN EVENTS

WED 14 OCT 2020 5:30-8:00PM
TUES 3 NOV 2020 5:30-8:00PM
SAT 14 NOV 2020 11:00AM-1:30PM
TUES 2 FEB 2021 5:30-8:00PM

If we are unable to hold these events in college, we will be offering virtual Open Events instead.

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