

CARMEL COLLEGE LEAVERS 2026 NEXT STEPS



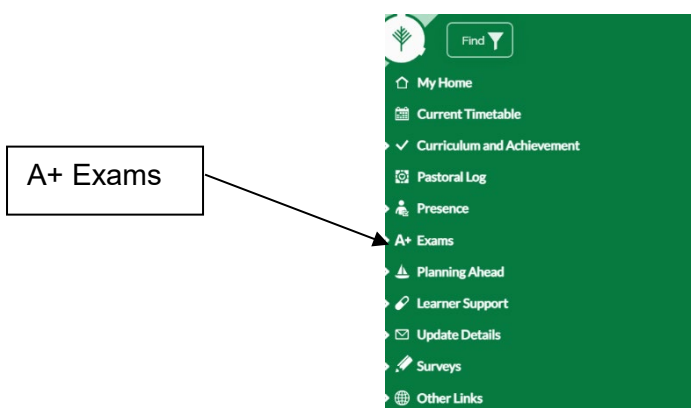
Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for supporting your young person as they begin final preparations for their exams. We want to ensure that they feel fully prepared to move on to the next exciting stage of their education or career.

We will continue to support students over the coming weeks. Please find below key information regarding results and progression to university, apprenticeships or employment.

Results Day Thursday 13th August 2026

Exam results will be available to view on CEDAR from 8.00 am. To log in to CEDAR, students need to follow the link **cedar.carmel.ac.uk** and sign in as a student via Microsoft using their student ID and password. Please be patient as you log in to CEDAR, the system will be dealing with a high volume of users at this time. Later in the morning, we will also send a Statement of Results to student's college email account. Before results day, please make sure that your young person can log in to CEDAR, and access your emails, from outside of college. Please contact itservices@carmel.ac.uk if you have any difficulties logging in.



Support and Guidance

Staff will be available in college to help with any queries from 9.00am. Information about the support available will be sent via email.

Information about reviews of marks, script returns, deadlines and fees will be sent via email. Alternatively, please contact our Exams Team at exams@carmel.ac.uk or telephone 01744 452236 or 01744 452237 if you require further guidance.

Results Day Celebration

All students are invited into college for our **Results Day Celebration from 10.30am**. They can collect their Statement of Results and celebrate alongside staff and students with cake and bubbly! There will also be an opportunity to have their photograph taken.

Student Destination Tracking

The college has to record the destinations of all students. We will be in touch with them after they receive their results for information about their destination.

If they have any queries regarding this information, please email MIS@carmel.ac.uk.

University Offers/Careers Support

University decisions can be viewed on TRACK via the UCAS website.

Unsure of next steps or need help with Clearing?

If students don't achieve the grades for their first-choice university, please don't panic. Our Personal Achievement Tutors and Careers Team are available to assist if required. They will be here on the following dates and times:

Thursday 13th August at 9.00 am – 3 pm in the college library

Friday 14th August 9.00 am – 12.30 pm in the PAT base

If students are unable to come into college, please telephone 01744 4522000.

If students don't have the grades they need for their first choice of university

- Insurance offers are automatically updated on Track
- Students must have UCAS number, login details and contact details for universities so they can speak to them directly
- Consider applying for alternative courses through CLEARING.

Clearing

- Clearing is available through UCAS to help students find courses at universities that still have places available.
- It is only available if they have no offers – so if they decide to change their mind with regard to courses, then they would have to turn down any offers before entering clearing.
- Clearing vacancies are published on the UCAS website via the Search Tool. This list is constantly updated. You can also see lists on university websites.
- Think about choices carefully. Students will need to speak directly to any universities that they are interested in, and they will then ask them to 'Add Clearing Choice'. They will need their UCAS Clearing Number, which they can find on the "Your Choices" section of Track.
- Full instructions on how the process operates is on the UCAS website
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

Top Tips

- Act quickly – any available places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so once students know they are in clearing, we advise them to make sure they check the available courses as soon as possible.
- Remember that students need to speak to universities themselves. Don't worry about this – the staff on university helplines are experienced at helping students with the clearing process.

- Talk over decisions with friends and family. If students are unsure about anything, give college a ring. We can support them over the phone, virtual interview via Teams, or in person via a booked appointment.
- If students are accepted onto a new course, they will need to update their student finance application with Student Finance England. Tel: 0300 100 0607
- If a student did not originally apply to university, they can still apply during the Clearing process. They need to register on UCAS.

GCSE Results

These grades will be available on **Cedar from 8.00am on Thursday 20th August**. Students will also receive an email with your Statement of Results.

Exam Board Certificates

Certificates arrive in college towards the end of the Autumn term. Ex-students are invited to come in and collect them from college Reception on Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th January 2027 between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If they are unable to collect them themselves, someone else may collect them on their behalf. Please email exams@carmel.ac.uk with details of the person collecting so that we can release them for you. After this date, uncollected certificates will be posted out to students via the Royal Mail Signed For service. **Please ensure you inform us of any changes to your address if required.**

Return of Books and Materials

ALL college textbooks and library reference books need to be returned to us following the last exam and no later than **Friday 19th June**. Students will be invoiced for the cost of any unreturned books.

Life Beyond Carmel

Having moved away from Carmel, students sometimes want to change course, institution or career. Before making any hasty decisions, they should make sure that they have given themselves enough time to settle and adjust. If a young person has started university and now wants to leave, change course/institution, then they need to talk to their university advisers in the first instance. Please be aware that they may have to repay money already received – contact Student Finance England for advice. If they have not applied to university to take a GAP year and want to apply for September 2026, Carmel College can still support them with this. Please contact their former Personal Achievement Tutor or a Pastoral Director for further guidance. For independent careers information and advice contact the **National Careers Service online or via phone on 0800 100 900.**

Finally, we are very proud of all our students and the contributions they make to college life. We wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming exams, and hope that they make the best of every opportunity in the future.

Thank you for all your support during your young person's time at Carmel.

Best wishes



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