

carmel
college



EXPERIENCE



YOUR PLACE TO...
IMAGINE
EXPLORE
ENJOY
INVENT
CREATE



2026-2027
PROSPECTUS

WELCOME

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Carmel College; a thriving hub of academic excellence and a caring, inclusive community."

As a Catholic sixth form college for the community, serving students of all backgrounds, we place excellence, care, opportunity, challenge, and support at the heart of everything we do.

During your time with us, you'll be guided by dedicated academic and pastoral staff who are not only experts in their fields, but also deeply committed to your personal and academic growth. Whether your goal is to attend university, pursue an apprenticeship, or step straight into an exciting career, we are here to help you achieve your ambitions.

This prospectus offers a glimpse into the many opportunities available at Carmel. With over 40 courses to choose from, as well as enriching programmes like High Achievers+ and our wide range of extracurricular activities, you'll find everything you need to thrive - both in and beyond the classroom.

I hope you enjoy exploring what Carmel has to offer, and I look forward to welcoming you into a community where you can truly learn, believe, and succeed."

JA Gater

Janet Gater, Principal

OUR MISSION...

...is to be a centre of educational excellence, opportunity, challenge and support within a caring, Christian environment.

Watch our
Welcome Video
scan me!



WE ARE OFSTED OUTSTANDING



Read the
Ofsted Report
scan me!



Key Dates...

OPEN EVENTS

5.00pm - 7.30pm

Wed 30th Sept 2026

Wed 4th Nov 2026

Tues 19th Jan 2027

APPLICATIONS OPEN

Thurs 1st Oct 2026

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Fri 29th Jan 2027

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Carmel is a Catholic sixth form college that welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds, and celebrates a rich and diverse community. We believe we can all learn from each other, and when we work together, we thrive together!

Our ED&I Committee meets regularly to discuss key issues and to plan events and initiatives that promote equality, diversity, and inclusion across the college.

There is also a wide range of societies you can join, offering opportunities to connect, share experiences, and get involved.

#carmelunitedwestand

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When you join Carmel, you become part of a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive community offering a wide range of experiences beyond the classroom.

Carmel+ is our student-centred philosophy, designed to support your personal development, helping you reach your full potential and prepare for your next steps, whether that's university, an apprenticeship, or employment.

YOUR PLACE TO

EXPERIENCE CARMEL+

Here are just a few examples of what you can expect...

TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Prepare for your future and learn from industry professionals, university partners and Carmel alumni.



CHAPLAINCY

We are a Catholic sixth form college that welcomes students and staff of all faiths (or none). Our Chaplaincy provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth, and our Chaplain is available for support each day in college.



HIGH ACHIEVERS+ PROGRAMME

See pages 14-15 for details.



TRIPS AND VISITS

Bring your academic studies to life through a range of exciting trips and visits, across the UK and around the world.



Musical Theatre Club



PERFORMANCES

Get involved, develop your skills, and be part of exciting productions, both on stage and behind the scenes.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Challenge yourself, build confidence and develop valuable skills for the future.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Represent your peers and help to shape and improve life at Carmel.

ART & DESIGN EXHIBITIONS

Share your work, develop your portfolio, and celebrate your artistic achievements.

Choose from

60+

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Scan the QR code for the full list of Academic, Competitive & Wellbeing enrichment activities



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Explore your interests, meet new people, and develop new skills.

SPORTS TEAMS

Stay active while developing your skills, teamwork, and confidence through regular training and competitions.

Football Team



WORK EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEERING

Strengthen your CV and applications for your next steps. Our Careers Team is here to support you every step of the way.

Cultural Appreciation Day



EVENTS

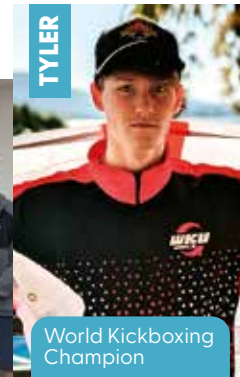
College-wide events bring staff and students together to celebrate our vibrant, inclusive community.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

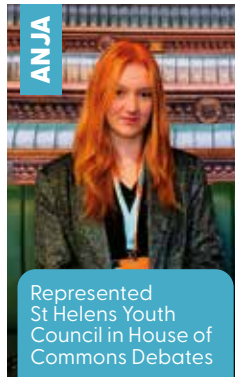
We are incredibly proud of our student successes. Here are just a few examples...



Inovas Medical's LCR Ignite Programme



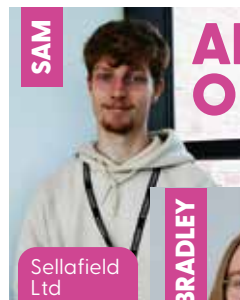
World Kickboxing Champion



Represented St Helens Youth Council in House of Commons Debates



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge



Sellafeld Ltd

APPRENTICESHIP OFFERS



Airbus SE



Wales National Basketball Team Captain



North of England BMX Champion

TALENT

National Rugby League Champions



RUGBY

CHAMPIONS

OXBRIDGE OFFERS

Meet the students
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Student Ambassadors 2026



Articulation Prize College Heat



Articulation Prize Regional Heat



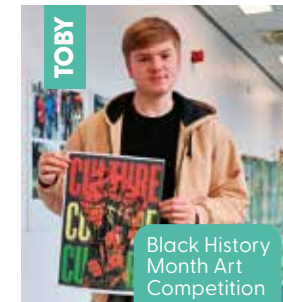
Youth Creative Award, University of Leicester

WINNERS

Girls' Football Team Win



FOOTBALL



Black History Month Art Competition



Catenian's Regional Public Speaking Competition



Latin Society Art Awards



LGBTQ+ History Month Art Competition

RESULT!

Carmel has been placed as one of the

TOP 4

SIXTH FORM COLLEGES
IN THE COUNTRY

(The Times %A*-B Grades 14/08/26)

We are so proud of the outstanding exam results our students achieve year-on-year.

These are testament to all the hard work our students and staff have put in during their two years with us. A significant number of students achieve high grades, enabling fantastic progression to competitive destinations, whether that be university, degree-apprenticeships or employment.



Watch our
Results Day
Video
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Studied: Biology, Chemistry, Psychology (A*AA)
Progression: Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, University of Nottingham



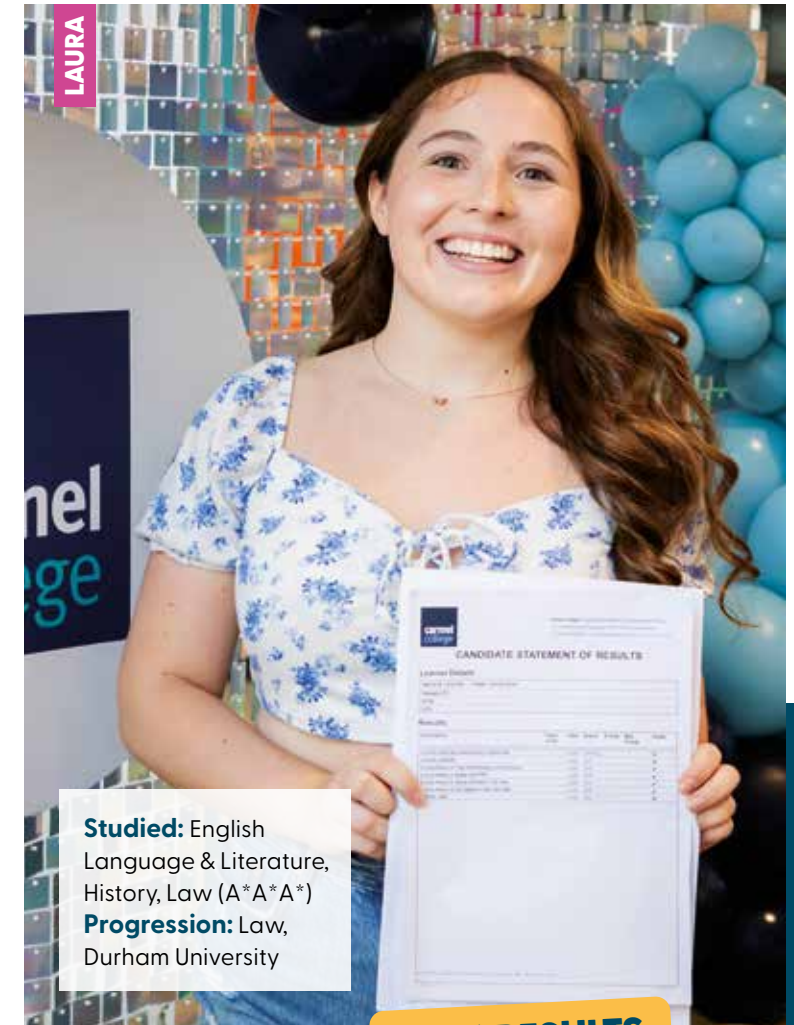
Studied: Computer Science, Maths, Further Maths, Physics (A*A*A*A*)
Progression: Engineering, Oriel College, University of Oxford



Studied: BTEC Health & Social Care, BTEC Human Biology, History (Dist*, Dist, C)
Progression: Paramedic Science, University of Manchester



Studied: English Language, Theology, Philosophy & Ethics, BTEC IT (AA Dist)
Progression: English Literature and Creative Writing, Lancaster University



Studied: English Language & Literature, History, Law (A*A*A*)
Progression: Law, Durham University

2026 RESULTS

99.7%

Level 3 Pass Rate

68.9%

Top Grades (A*-B / Dist* - Dist)

91.1%

High Grades (A*-C / Dist* - Merit)



OUTSTANDING RESULTS LEAD TO OUTSTANDING DESTINATIONS

2026 RESULTS

100%

BTEC PASS RATE

110

A LEVEL STUDENTS

achieved 3 or more
A* or A grades

87%

**OF BTEC
STUDENTS**

achieved one or
more Distinction* or
Distinction grades

78%

**OF A LEVEL
STUDENTS**

achieved one or more
A* A or B grades

At Carmel we provide expert guidance and support to ensure our students leave confident, prepared, and ready to succeed.

Our students go on to study at some of the most exciting and respected destinations across the UK and beyond, following pathways that reflect their passions, talents, and goals.

93%

progression to
Higher Education,
Apprenticeships
or Employment

86%

progression to
Higher Education

(Known destinations 2025)

OXBRIDGE BOUND

Congratulations to the seven students who have secured places to study at Oxbridge this year. Securing an Oxbridge offer is a remarkable achievement and these offers are a testament to their dedication and hard work.

Oxford

Stephen Higginson

Wade Deacon High School
Law at New College

Tobias McWilliams

St Gregory's Catholic High School
Mathematics and Statistics at
Christ Church College

Stephen Pennington

De La Salle School
Engineering at Hertford College

Libby Pye

St Cuthbert's Catholic High School
Classics at Christ Church College

Matthew Sharma

Tower College
Engineering at Oriel College

Cambridge

Ava Boylan

Archbishop Blanch High School
Classics at Peterhouse College

Isla Ebbrell

Rainhill High School
English Literature at
Newnham College

OUR STUDENTS ARE
**GOING
PLACES**

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

EMPLOYMENT

TOP UNIVERSITIES

Including...

**OXFORD,
CAMBRIDGE**
and more...

PROGRESSION



For more Student
Destinations
scan me!

COLLEGE LIFE

YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

Your programme of study is personalised to help you achieve your goals. Alongside academic success, your time at Carmel will allow you to develop personal skills and gain confidence, preparing you for future study or employment.

Most Carmel students follow a Level 3 Programme, studying three A Levels (or equivalent). The timetable is extremely flexible, giving you a wide range of combination options.

The college day is between 9.00am and 4.05pm, with morning and lunchtime breaks. As well as timetabled lessons in your chosen subjects, you will use your free periods for independent study and other activities.



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Carmel has been an amazing place to study with lots of support and opportunities available. Teachers are approachable and always happy to help, and there is extra support available through tutorials. There are also different events to take part in such as trips, talks, and competitions.

LIANA EL-HABUR

**Broughton Hall
Catholic High School**
Computer Science, Maths,
Further Maths, Physics

A TYPICAL TIMETABLE

You will receive your individual timetable before the first day of term.

Students and parents/carers will have access to CEDAR, an app which will enable you to access your timetable, track attendance, see your pastoral log, access student services and view your academic assessment record.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00	Subject 1	Study Period	Subject 2	Study Period	Subject 3
10.00					
11.00	Break				
12.00	Subject 3	Tutorial	Subject 1	Study Period	Study Period
13.00	Lunch				
14.00	Study Period	Subject 3	Study Period	Subject 2	Study Period
15.00					
16.00	Subject 2	Study Period	Enrichment	Subject 1	

(This is an example timetable. Individual timetables will vary)

YOU'LL ALSO ENJOY...

1-2-1 SUPPORT

From your Personal Achievement Tutor, subject teachers or the Additional Learning Support team.
See pages 18-19 to find out more.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Approx. 5 hours per subject per week.

SUBJECT TUTORIALS

Normally at lunch time

TALKS, WORKSHOPS & COLLEGE EVENTS

Get ready for your future by gaining knowledge and inspiration from industry professionals, university partners and Carmel alumni.



Plus our...

ETHICS AND VALUES PROGRAMME

Students attend one Ethics and Values lesson per week. It provides opportunities for social, moral, spiritual and cultural education:

- Ethical issues and moral debates
- Catholic Social Teaching such as Dignity, Solidarity and the Common Good
- Personal identity and responsibility
- Skills development - communication, critical thinking, reasoning, reflection and debate
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Human rights
- Key dates in the social and liturgical year

HIGH ACHIEVERS+



Do you aspire to become a

**DOCTOR, DENTIST,
VET, LAWYER, ENGINEER,
ARCHITECT, OR SCIENTIST?**

If you are expecting to receive the highest grades in your GCSEs and are interested in applying to the most competitive universities and courses, then the High Achievers+ Programme at Carmel is for you. **As part of the programme you will benefit from:**

- **A HA+ Tutor Group** for tailored guidance, encouragement and support.
- **Support from HA+ Co-ordinators** who are specialists in their academic areas.
- **Progression Pathways** tailored to your aspirations including:
 - Oxbridge, Russell Group/Sutton 30 universities
 - MDV (Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science) courses
 - Art, Design, Performance or Sport Talent
 - Apprenticeship opportunities
- **Pathways to Oxbridge Enrichment Programme** for students who aspire to apply to Oxford or Cambridge
 - Tailored seminar programme, guest speakers and half-termly meetings with a staff mentor
 - Developing university-ready students

- **HA+ Super Curriculum** materials and opportunities including enrichment activities, visiting speakers, talks and workshops, wider reading lists, interview preparation, university application support, masterclasses and mentoring.
- **Trips and visits** throughout the two years suitable for your courses and progression pathways.
- **Talks and workshops** from our stakeholder guest speakers.

Find out more about our High Achievers+ Programme



Find out more:
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I've received so many opportunities through the MDV Programme, including opportunities to learn about different medical hot topics, attend mock interviews, or partake in work experience activities, such as a Young Medics Summer Programme at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. The leaders of the programme offer continuous support.

FLORAIDH FINNIE

Great Sankey High School
Biology, Chemistry,
Mathematics, EPQ (A*A*A*A*)
Now studying Medicine at the
University of Manchester

HA+ ENRICHMENT

A great way for you to enhance your academic ability and develop skills for the future.

- Chemistry Society · Future Architects
- Future Engineers · Maths Society · MDV Programme
- Physics Society · Pathways to Oxbridge · Physical Sciences beyond the classroom · The Law Society

MDV Programme



Chemistry Society



Future Architects

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

EPQ is an additional qualification you can take alongside your other subjects. It gives you the opportunity to research a subject area to undergraduate level standard.

You will develop higher-level thinking skills, valued by universities and employers, plus gain extra UCAS points and enhance your university, apprenticeship or job applications.



Find out more:
scan me!



ELITE ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Recognised by Sport England as a Dual Career Accredited Centre, our programme helps national-standard athletes achieve their full sporting potential and academic success.



Find out more:
scan me!

It's your time. Spend it indoors, outdoors, living, learning, working, relaxing, creating and performing.

Carmel has invested over £23M in technology-rich facilities, transforming the college campus into a truly outstanding and inspiring place of learning.

PLACES & SPACES

You'll love...



Sports Hall

SPORTS HALL

for netball, basketball, table tennis, badminton and more

FITNESS STUDIO

with cardio/resistance machines and free weights

PERFORMANCE THEATRE

with 200 seats, stage management equipment and light/sound gallery



Gym & Fitness Studio

FLOODLIT 3G PITCHES

as well as grass rugby & football pitches

STUDIO

with semi-sprung floor, rehearsal spaces and changing facilities



Dalton Theatre



Dance Studio



Sports Pitches

Did you know...

We've invested
£23M
in technology-rich facilities



Language Lab

DIGITAL LANGUAGE LAB & IT SUITES

with the latest software installed



IT Suites



WI-FI ENABLED CAMPUS

with superfast broadband, 1200 PCs, Office 365, cloud storage and remote access



Library & Study Centre

LIBRARY & STUDY CENTRE

9000+ print resources and over 1500 e-books with additional online resources via the VLE

CHAPLAINCY

a quiet space for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth

7 ART & DESIGN STUDIOS

for Fine Art, Graphic Design, Photography, Fashion & Textile Design, 3D Design and UAL Creative Practice



Costa Coffee

RESTAURANT & COFFEE BAR

serving Costa Coffee, breakfast, hot and cold lunches and snacks

FOUNDATION LEARNING RESOURCES

with a fully equipped kitchen, digital media suite and outdoor cabin

STUDENT SUPPORT

At Carmel you are supported and encouraged to reach your goals and fulfil your potential.

You can turn to our academic and pastoral tutors for help and advice at any time. They will support you with all aspects of college life, including academic study, personal wellbeing and future progression.



Careers Guidance and Work Experience

Our Careers Team provides outstanding advice and guidance to help you make informed decisions about your future, whether that be university, an apprenticeship or employment. You can also take part in work experience, gaining skills and knowledge in a professional setting.



Find out more:
scan me!

LINKS WITH
**OVER 400
EMPLOYERS**

UNIVERSITY &
**INDUSTRY
TALKS**

ANNUAL
**CAREERS
FAIR**

TRIPS TO
**UNIVERSITY
OPEN DAYS**

Your Personal Achievement Tutor

When you join Carmel, you will be assigned a Personal Achievement Tutor who will support you throughout your time with us, offering guidance, encouragement, and advice.

- One-to-one support for your academic progress and personal wellbeing
- Help with UCAS applications, employment, and apprenticeship opportunities
- Group sessions covering careers and progression, skills development, health and lifestyle, etc.



Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team offers support for a range of learning difficulties and disabilities as well as individual study skills advice, support and equipment.

You can speak in confidence to Clare Dawson, our Head of Additional Learning Support/SENCO, about your individual needs, starting your course or any other aspect of college life.



Find out more:
scan me!



Financial Help and Bursaries

We are committed to ensuring that nothing stands in the way of your potential.

A range of bursary support is available to full-time students who meet the eligibility criteria. Provision may include free college meals, a free bus pass, assistance through Care to Learn, and other in-kind support such as equipment and resources to support course requirements.

Full details of the financial support available at Carmel, along with how to apply, can be found on our website.



Find out more:
scan me!



Student Transport

The college is served by main public bus routes from Knowsley, St Helens, Liverpool, Golborne, and Lowton, making it easily accessible from across the region.

In addition to paid services, a number of free travel options are available for students depending on where you live, including:

- A free Merseytravel bus pass for students living in St Helens more than two miles from college
- A free contracted bus service from Widnes
- A free contracted bus service from Westbrook, Warrington

Detailed information about bus routes and timetables can be found on our website or collected at one of our Open Events.



Find out more:
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Free Parking

Free student parking is available at West Park Rugby Club, located next door to the college. There are also dedicated areas on campus for moped and bicycle parking.

HOW TO JOIN US

Joining us is easy and we're here to support you every step of the way.

Here's your six step guide...

1

Do your research

Having the right information helps you make the best choices for your future. Visit our website to find out more about the courses we offer. **You can also book a place at one of our Open Events**, where you can speak to staff and students and see the college for yourself. If your school has a link with Carmel, we may also be visiting you there.

2

Apply online by 29th January 2027

Visit www.carmel.ac.uk or scan the QR code to access our online application system. The process is quick and straightforward, and you'll be guided through each step as you complete your application.



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Attend your Guidance Interview

You'll have an informal discussion about your career aspirations, predicted GCSE results, chosen subjects, and our entry requirements. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions and make sure you're on the right path. **Interviews take place between October 2026 and March 2027.**

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Spend a day at Carmel

In May, you'll receive an email inviting you to attend a **Taster Day at the end of June**. You can try out your chosen subjects and experience college life.

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Enrol on your courses

If you meet the entry requirements, you will enrol at Carmel College on GCSE Results Day on **Thursday 19th August 2027**. Your enrolment time will be sent to you in June or July.

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Begin your journey at Carmel

On **Tuesday 31st August 2027** you will start your courses and settle into college life. We look forward to seeing you!

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Visit an Open Event

Wed 30th Sept 2026 · Wed 4th Nov 2026 · Tues 19th Jan 2027

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY OUR COURSES

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A Level Further Mathematics	Pg 28
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CREATIVE ARTS & ENGLISH

A Level 3D Design	Pg 32
A Level Fashion and Textile Design	Pg 32
A Level Fine Art	Pg 33
A Level Graphic Design	Pg 33
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HUMANITIES

A Level Classical Civilisation	Pg 40
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SPORT

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For students joining the Foundation Learning Department, please contact Head of Foundation Learning, Caroline Oates, for further details on Entry Requirements.

CARMEL UNIVERSITY CENTRE

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Entry Requirements

Find out about entry requirements for your chosen subjects to help you choose the best path for you. You will be able to discuss entry requirements at your Guidance Interview and Enrolment Day. A full list of college and subject entry requirements can be found on our website:



Find out more:
scan me!

**YOUR PLACE
TO INNOVATE...**



EXPLORE

A LEVEL

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Statistics

AAQ

- Applied Human Biology
- Applied Science
- Engineering
- Information Technology

BTEC

- Applied Science



NUCLEUS STEM

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Carmel has continually pushed me to be the best version of myself. I'm extremely grateful for the excellent teaching and supportive staff I have been offered here. The MDV Programme was so helpful at allowing me to begin my journey as a future medic.

ANAIS WOOD

The Prescott School
Biology, Chemistry, Maths (AAA)

Now studying Medicine at the
University of Liverpool

IMAGINE

what you can become...

Accountant **Architect**
Computer Programmer
Data Analyst **Dentist**
Doctor Engineer
Environmental Scientist
Games Developer **Healthcare Professional**
Pharmacist Vet

We're in the **TOP**
25%
NATIONALLY

for STEM subject student
outcomes. (ALPS)



At Carmel College, Nucleus represents the heart of our STEM provision; a place where curiosity meets creativity and ideas come to life.

Whether you're analysing molecules, designing sustainable products, programming intelligent systems, or exploring the laws of physics, Nucleus provides the perfect environment to think critically, innovate boldly, and build the foundation for your future career.



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NUCLEUS
STEM



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I've received lots of support at Carmel and had so many opportunities to push myself outside of the curriculum. The super-curricular enrichments have been really useful to furthering my understanding of my subjects. I also received lots of support preparing for university applications and interviews to give me the best chance of success.

STEPHEN PENNINGTON

De La Salle School

Maths, Further Maths, Physics (A*A*A*)

Now studying Mechanical Engineering at Hertford College, University of Oxford

A Level Biology

Learn about a wide variety of fundamental biological principles from cellular biology, biochemistry and genetics, to big concepts, including energy transfers through ecosystems, nervous communication and other systems in our bodies.

This course involves:

Year 1:

- Biological molecules
- Cells, including structures, functions and processes
- Mammalian transport, exchange and digestion
- Natural selection and impact

Year 2:

- Nervous communication and muscles
- Homeostatic control of blood glucose and water potential
- Energy systems (photosynthesis and respiration)
- Inheritance of genetics
- Modern DNA technologies - their applications in modern scientific research are emphasised



Find out more:
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A Level Chemistry

Chemistry underpins every aspect of modern life, from the development of life-saving medicines to the materials used in cutting-edge technology. Its importance to the way we live our modern lives cannot be overstated. By studying Chemistry, you will develop a deeper understanding of the world around you and the science behind real-world applications.

Our dedicated tutors will support you in achieving your full potential and the highest grade possible.

This course involves:

- Inorganic and Physical Chemistry: Calculating the pH of solutions and understanding how storage and fuel cells work
- Organic Chemistry: Studying different functional groups in organic molecules and exploring how they can be interconverted
- Analytical Chemistry: Using spectroscopic techniques to determine the structure of organic molecules

Chemistry is highly valued by universities and employers, opening pathways to careers in medicine, pharmacy, engineering, environmental science, and many other fields.



Find out more:
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A Level Physics

Appreciate the workings of the Universe through studying the smallest to the largest phenomena. Aim for top grades through our Physics High Achievers+ Programme. You will have the opportunity to build model telescopes, engines, bridges, rockets and robotic arms in our Future Engineers Programme.

This course involves:

- Measurements and their errors
- Particle Physics
- Quantum Physics
- Waves
- Mechanics and Materials
- Electricity
- Further Mechanics and Thermal Physics
- Magnetic Fields
- Electric Fields
- Gravitational Fields
- Capacitance
- Nuclear Physics
- Astrophysics



Find out more:
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AAQ Applied Human Biology

Extended Certificate - Equivalent to 1 A Level

This course builds the knowledge, understanding, and skills needed to progress into biological sciences, health and sports-related degrees. It opens doors to rewarding careers in Nursing, Midwifery, Sports Science, Occupational Health, and a wide range of Allied Health Professions including Radiography, Paramedicine, and Dietetics.

This course involves:

- Fundamentals of Human Biology
- Diagnosis and Treatments of Diseases
- Nutrition and Metabolism
- Genetics
- Biomedical Techniques
- The Brain

You will complete two examinations (worth 40%) and four research assignments.



Find out more:
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NUCLEUS STEM

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At Carmel College you are always pushed and encouraged to work hard to pursue and achieve the career you aspire to, whilst also developing independence and a stronger mindset. Carmel's teaching style is to a really high standard.

ETHAN O'GORMAN

St Hilda's C of E High School

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics (A*A*A*)

Now studying Dentistry at Newcastle University



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My time at Carmel was a great foundation for my future in Biomedical Science. Studying BTEC subjects gave me valuable hands-on experience and a real insight into the biomedical science field.

MIRACLE IBEH

Cowley International College

BTEC Psychology, BTEC Applied Science (Double) (Dist*, Dist*, Dist)

Now studying Biomedical Sciences at Nottingham Trent University



AAQ / BTEC Applied Science

This well-structured, practical course leads to nationally recognised qualifications and covers Biology, Chemistry and Physics in an applied context. You will not only deepen your understanding of scientific principles, but also discover how they are used in real-life organisations.

AAQ Extended Certificate – Equivalent to 1 A Level

You will study:

- Principles and Applications of Biology
- Principles and Applications of Chemistry
- Principles and Applications of Physics
- Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Science Investigation Skills



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BTEC Diploma – Equivalent to 2 A Levels

You will study:

- Unit 1: Principles and Application of Science (Part 1)
- Unit 2: Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills
- Unit 4: Laboratory Techniques and their Application
- Unit 5: Principles and Application of Science (Part 2)
- Unit 6: Investigative Project
- Unit 8: Physiology of Human Body Systems
- Unit 15: Electrical Circuits and their Application



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AAQ Engineering

Extended Certificate – Equivalent to 1 A Level

On this course, you will gain a strong foundation in core engineering principles and learn how to apply science to create real-world products and systems safely. You will explore industry-standard practices, work with professional tools, and develop your design skills using CAD software.

You will study:

- Unit 1: Engineering Principles
- Unit 2: Engineering Applications
- Unit 3: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture
- Unit 4: Engineering Project

50% Coursework, 50% Examination



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A Level Statistics

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A Level Computer Science

An intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, looking at the natural world through a digital prism. You will gain technical knowledge and the ability to analyse and problem solve using computational thinking.

This course involves:

- The development of programming skills which are applied to a wide range of scenarios including application software development
- The fundamentals of hardware and network technologies including web-based programming and low level CPU programming
- Database fundamentals, cybersecurity, encryptions and compression techniques, and legal aspects of computer science



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A Level Mathematics

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AAQ Information Technology

Extended Certificate – Equivalent to 1 A Level

There are five units of study over two years, two of which are written exams and three are controlled coursework assessments.

Coursework Units (60%):

- Spreadsheet Data Modelling: The practical application of spreadsheets in data analytics
- Data and Digital Marketing: Covers the basics in digital marketing, including how data can be used to ensure a successful marketing campaign
- Relational Database Design: You will learn how to manipulate data stored in a database using queries and reports, as well as how to design a suitable user interface

Examined Units (40%):

- Fundamentals of Data Analysis: Covers how data is gathered, stored and manipulated to provide meaningful information in an organisation
- Big Data and Learning Machines: You will learn about the importance of big data, and management of it, including the legal and ethical issues in data management. This unit also covers artificial intelligence and machine learning



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Carmel definitely pushes you to aim high. I've been guided to excel in my academic studies and seek placement opportunities with prestigious companies. I feel more confident working towards my future career and I'm extremely grateful to all the staff at Carmel for their help throughout.

CAMELA AMECHI

Holly Lodge Girls' College

Business Studies, Computer Science, Mathematics (ABB)

Progressing to study Computer Science at Cardiff University after a gap year



A Level Mathematics

A Level Mathematics prepares you for further study in a wide range of disciplines involving the use of Maths. This is a highly regarded A Level which will impress any future employer.

This course involves:

- Building on what you learnt at GCSE level (number, algebra, graphs, trigonometry)
- An introduction to calculus and its applications
- How mathematical ideas are interconnected
- Making sense of data to understand the physical world
- Problem solving in a variety of contexts



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A Level Further Mathematics

If you achieve grade 8 or above in GCSE Maths, you should seriously consider studying Further Maths. It is designed for students with an enthusiasm for Maths. Further Maths is very beneficial if you are considering a Maths or Engineering-based degree and also if you are applying to a competitive university.

This course involves:

- Building on algebra and calculus introduced in A Level Maths
- An introduction to complex numbers and matrices
- Fundamental mathematical ideas with wide applications across Mathematics, Engineering, Physical Sciences and Computing



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A Level Statistics

A Level Statistics is not only an application of Mathematics, but is a growing field of study in its own right. Statistics is now used so widely that many employers would see a qualification in Statistics as a huge advantage.

This course involves:

- Building on the statistics and probability components of GCSE Maths
- Making sense of data trends and solving statistical problems
- Data analysis, probability, data distributions and hypothesis testing
- Preparation for further study/employment which uses statistical analysis and reasoning

Statistics pairs well with Psychology, Geography and Biology.



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NUCLEUS STEM

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The Carmel Maths Department really piqued my interest for the subject through extracurricular clubs like the Maths Society. I feel much clearer on what I want to do after college, and the Maths Department is really helping me get to this end goal through entrance exam preparation.

FINLEY HYLAND

Rainhill High School
Maths, Further Maths, Physics



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Science (MDV) Programme, Future Engineers, Robotics Club, Physics Society, Chemistry Society, Maths Society, Chess Club, competitions, guest speakers, trips and visits and more.



YOUR PLACE
TO **CREATE...**

CREATIVE ARTS & ENGLISH



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My time at Carmel College has been inspiring, especially when studying Graphic Design, as I've been able to grow creatively and find my own style. The teachers here have been really supportive and always willing to help, which has made a big difference in my confidence to communicate. I've also been inspired by the students around me to improve the work that I produce.

CHARLES LAOAGAN

De La Salle School

3D Design, Graphic Design,
English Language (A*AC)

Now studying Graphic
Communication at University
of the Arts London

EXPLORE

A LEVEL

- 3D Design
- Fashion and Textile Design
- Fine Art
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Film Studies
- Media Studies
- English Language
- English Language & Literature
- English Literature

EXTENDED DIPLOMA

- UAL Creative Practice

BTEC

- Performance
(Musical Theatre)



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Games Designer
Graphic Designer Journalist
Photographer Publisher
Script Writer **Teacher**

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THE LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE
FOR PERFORMING ARTS

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UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL



Plus OneMay, Open Eye Gallery
and more

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My time at Carmel has been enjoyable and supported by my teachers' help in each of my subjects. This has led me in the right direction, helping me to improve and move forward efficiently.

KAILASH BANSEE

The Sutton Academy

3D Design, BTEC Engineering,
Mathematics (A*B DIST)

Now studying UAL Art Foundation
at Carmel College



A Level 3D Design

Develop design industry skills by working with a wide range of materials, tools and processes to create ambitious three-dimensional outcomes.

This course involves:

- Engaging with the full professional design process, experimenting, prototyping, manipulating materials and solving real-world design challenges
- Researching, experimenting and developing ideas while working confidently with materials such as paper, card, wood, metal, glass, plaster, clay and wire
- Producing high-quality 3D outcomes across exciting areas including architecture, lighting, body adornment, sculpture, furniture, set design, product design and ceramics



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A Level Fashion and Textile Design

Explore visual information to develop creative investigations into textiles and fashion.

This course involves:

- Surface, texture, colour, materials and construction
- The design process, from initial inspiration to final realisation
- Experimenting with print, dye, stitch and constructed textiles
- Developing an understanding of professional contexts in fashion and interior design plus art textiles



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A Level Photography

Turn to page 34 to find out more.

A Level Fine Art

The broadest of all the individual art and design specialisms, Fine Art covers a wide variety of techniques and processes.

This course involves:

- Practical skills in photography, Photoshop, drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, sculpture and ceramics
- Researching and analysing both historical and contemporary artists
- Experimenting and taking risks with a range of media
- Producing ambitious outcomes that reflect your interests, passions and career aspirations
- Participating in competitions, exhibiting your work, and workshops with industry professionals



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A Level Graphic Design

Graphic Design is one of the biggest growth areas in the Creative Industries and covers all sorts of areas from animation and concept art, to branding and advertising, to fashion promotion and layout design.

This course involves:

- Project-based assignments to develop thinking, communication and problem-solving skills
- Traditional art skills working by hand, with tutorials in typography, printing and illustration techniques
- Advanced digital skills in animation, concept art, UX Design, layout and branding
- Industry-standard Adobe software, including Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere and InDesign



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BAZAAR Exhibition



CREATIVE ARTS & ENGLISH

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Articulation Prize, Art and Design Competitions, Future Architects, Literature Festival, Musical Theatre Club, Creative Writing, Filmmaking, Journalism, plus gallery and theatre visits, guest speakers, university workshops, student exhibitions and more.



Musical Theatre Club

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My time at Carmel College has been nothing but amazing. I have only had the utmost care and support from my course teachers as well as support staff. My courses have been so interesting to learn and all unique, from coursework to exam content. You definitely learn something new every day and no two days at Carmel are the same. Outside of lessons the social aspect of college is amazing, there are plenty of spaces around college to sit and socialise with friends or to do class work.

MATHEW MCCARTNEY

West Derby School

Criminology, Photography,
BTEC Psychology (BB MERIT)

Now studying Photography at
Glasgow School of Art

A Level Photography

You will learn how to capture images across a number of fields of photography including fashion, portraiture, street photography, documentary, sport, fine art and studio.

This course involves:

- Digital photography skills & techniques
- Digital editing including the use of Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop and InDesign
- Traditional analogue and chemical-based processes
- Video capture and editing, including animation
- Studio lighting techniques
- Theoretical and contextual understanding



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

This is a two-year, full-time art and design course equivalent to three A Levels. It is specifically designed for students who love creative subjects and want a creative career.

This course involves:

- Opportunities to specialise in your chosen area
- An in-depth introduction to the Creative Industries
- Developing knowledge, skills and attributes associated to the creative process
- Engagement with employers and companies through live briefs
- Workshops by industry professionals



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BTEC Performance (Musical Theatre)

Extended Certificate - Equivalent to 1 A Level

Step into the spotlight with our exciting and practical Performing Arts course!

You'll build the skills you need for a future in musical theatre. Learn from passionate, industry-focused, professional teaching staff who will support and guide you every step of the way.

You will study:

- Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
- Singing Techniques
- Musical Theatre Techniques
- Acting Styles
- Group Performance Workshop

Each unit combines practical work, coursework and rehearsal logs, with every unit ending in a live performance in our purpose-built theatre space.



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A Level Film Studies

An introduction to a wide variety of films to broaden your knowledge and understanding. It will appeal to those who are not only interested in watching films, but also in analysing them.

This course involves:

- Learning about the film industry and developing your own film-related skills
- Studying documentaries, film from the Silent Era, experimental film and short film
- Film practices from a historical, national and global context
- Film as an 'art' form
- Theories of film consumption and production



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“

My time at Carmel has been incredibly positive. The support from teachers has been outstanding, helping me build confidence and achieve my goals. I especially enjoyed the enrichment opportunities, which allowed me to explore my interests further and develop skills that will support me at university and beyond.

DARCIE PRITCHARD

All Saints Catholic High School

BTEC Performance, English Language
& Literature, Photography (DIST, BC)

Now studying English, Theatre and
Performance at the University of Leeds

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A Level Media Studies

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A Level Media Studies

An interesting course that will inform, enthuse and illuminate! You will enhance your understanding and appreciation of the media and its role in your daily life.

This course involves:

- The role of the media both historically and currently in society, culture, politics and the economy
- The changing relationships between media forms, products, media industries and audiences
- Applying theory and subject-specific terminology to analyse and compare media products
- Creating your own practical media productions in print, e-media and audiovisual forms



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A Level English Language

A popular A Level appealing to students because it examines texts in the real world such as adverts, newspaper articles and social media platforms.

This course involves:

- Language Variation: comparing spoken and written data sets over time
- Child Language: how children learn to speak and write
- Investigating Language: research skills on topics including gender identity, power & journalism
- Crafting Language: original writing on a genre of choice e.g. travel writing, short stories, reviews



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A Level History

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A Level English Language & Literature

This course links the skills of both English Language and English Literature study, appealing to students who have enjoyed both aspects at GCSE.

This course involves:

- Exploring how 'voice' is crafted in both speech and writing
- Studying drama text and short literary, non-literary and digital texts
- Exploring ways in which writers use language techniques and literary devices
- Developing skills as a writer by producing fiction and non-fiction text in response to a topic area



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A Level English Literature

English Literature appeals to students who are passionate about reading, debating and interpreting texts from a range of historical periods.

This course involves:

- Critical appreciation of literary texts, demonstrating close analysis of poetry, prose and drama through cogent, detailed essays
- Poetry written in the Victorian and modern age; Renaissance and twentieth century drama
- A substantial study of two novels post and pre-2000 (Coursework investigation)
- Extracts from works by Hardy, Wilde, Chopin and Conrad for the unseen exam component



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Literature Festival



English Theatre Trip

“

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Carmel and it has really expanded my horizons. Personal support from staff provided me with everything I needed to achieve my goals, and there were plenty of opportunities for enrichment. Whether it be a trip to a marketing agency to organise the college Literature Festival or to the theatre to watch the play we were studying, there was always something to take part in that helped me thrive on my academic journey.

ISLA EBBRELL

Rainhill High School
English Language & Literature,
History, Psychology, EPQ (A*A*A*A)
Now studying English Literature at
Newnham College, Cambridge

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My experience at Carmel has been amazing. I have made lots of new friends and my subjects are interesting with teachers that really care about the topics they are teaching. There are so many great enrichment opportunities from sports to debate clubs. I have been given extra support to help me through any work I am struggling with or if I just need a chat. Overall, I would recommend Carmel to everyone due to the inviting environment and wide range of subjects and enrichment opportunities.

ED JOHNSON

Christian Fellowship School
Film Studies, Media Studies, Sociology

YOUR PLACE
TO **DISCOVER...**

HUMANITIES



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Carmel College has helped me build my strengths and achieve a higher level, with excellent support and resources. I enjoy studying humanities as they allow me to see how people and places change, as well as how they interact with each other over time.

HARIS CASSON

Rainhill High School

Geography, Graphic Design,
History (A*AB)

Now studying Geography at the
University of Manchester

EXPLORE

A LEVEL

- Classical Civilisation
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Politics
- Theology, Philosophy & Ethics
- French
- Spanish



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Archaeologist
Civil Servant
Conservationist **HR Manager**
Journalist Marketing Executive
Politician **Teacher**
Translator Writer

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Our students have gone on to study at:



The University of Manchester



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE



“

I have really enjoyed my time at Carmel, from studying my courses to meeting some amazing friends. My teachers have always been supportive and encouraging, which has helped me grow in confidence and achieve my goals. I've found studying A Level Geography to be a really rewarding experience. The course content is diverse and relevant, covering a range of real-world topics which have kept me interested throughout. The teachers are approachable and dedicated, always willing to offer extra support and guidance.

LILY SHARROCK

Kirkby High School

English Language, Geography, Law (BBB)

Now studying Geography at the University of Liverpool

A Level Classical Civilisation

Develop an independent, critical approach to literature, art, history, culture and religion.

You will study:

- The World of the Hero: Epic stories of mythology and adventure through Homer's *Odyssey* and Virgil's *Aeneid*
- Greek Art: Reflections of classical Greek identity through the visual storytelling of sculpture, architecture, and ceramics
- Greek Religion: An exploration of the core belief systems of ancient Greece, including mythology, the relationship between mortals and immortals, rituals and sacrifices, and hero cults

You will develop sought-after research and critical analysis skills through the interpretation of classical texts. This subject complements History, English Literature, Politics, Theology, Philosophy & Ethics and Art subjects.



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A Level Economics

Economics is the study of scarce resources and how those resources are allocated to various uses in a country.

This course involves:

- Developing your understanding of both economic and political concepts, theories and issues
- Critically evaluating national and global events and decisions that impact your life
- The study of Micro, Macro and Global Economics



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A Level Geography

Find out how and why the world we live in is changing and develop a balanced understanding of both physical & human environments.

This course involves:

- Dynamic Landscapes: 'Tectonic Processes & Hazards' and 'Coastal Landscape & Change'
- Dynamic Places: 'Globalisation' and 'Regenerating Places'
- Physical Systems & Sustainability: 'The Water Cycle & Water Insecurity', 'The Carbon Cycle & Energy Security' and 'Climate Change Futures'
- Human Systems & Geopolitics: 'Superpowers' and 'Migration, Identity & Sovereignty'
- Coursework: A 4000-word 'Independent Investigation' report, based on 4 days of fieldwork, utilising both quantitative and qualitative data



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A Level Law

Explore the relationship between law, society and the individual, studying both the theory and application of criminal law. You will become an independent learner developing analytical, problem-solving and communication skills.

This course involves:

- The English legal system
- The role that legal personnel and laypeople have in the law
- The theory and application of criminal law
- Tort law
- The law of contract



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Studying at Carmel allowed me to explore my interests through extracurricular clubs like the Debate Society and visiting the European Parliament in Strasbourg. These unique experiences, along with strong academic support, made my time at Carmel both enjoyable and productive, helping me realise what I want to do after college.

A Level History

A very versatile subject, developing skills that are highly sought after in all careers such as research skills, analysis and critical thinking. 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 argument, this is the subject for you!

You will study:

- Britain 1930-1997, Enquiry Topic – Churchill 1930-1951
- Italian Unification 1789-1896
- Civil rights in the USA 1865-1992
- Non-exam assessment (NEA) 4000-word essay



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A Level Politics

Politics is one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose. It is lively, relevant and controversial, covering news and current affairs from the UK and the US. You will develop research, written communication and debate skills.

This course involves:

- Politics of the UK and the USA
- Comparative politics and political ideas
- Opportunities for trips, competitions and talks



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MICHEL HACHEM

Rainhill High School

Economics, Politics, Maths (A*AA)

Now studying Political Economy at King's College London

A Level Theology, Philosophy & Ethics

Explore key ideas, concepts, themes and practices whilst developing the ability to think critically and creatively. Learn how to conduct effective research and develop skills in analysis and argument.

This course involves:

- Philosophy of Religion: Ancient Greek philosophers, Plato and Aristotle, arguments for the existence of God, challenges to religious belief, and claims to religious experience
- Ethics: Moral decision-making, the nature of ethical language, and applied issues including euthanasia and business ethics
- Christianity: The existence of God, death and afterlife, gender and theology, and the challenge of secularism



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A Level French

This highly respected course will allow you to continue building on the skills and knowledge acquired at GCSE. You will benefit from fantastic language facilities and support from our friendly tutors.

This course involves:

- Studying different aspects of French society and culture
- Analysing text and films as part of the written exam
- Carrying out a research project to discuss in the speaking exam
- Attending weekly conversation classes



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A Level English Language
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A Level Spanish

You will continue to develop the skills acquired at GCSE, practising listening, reading, writing and speaking in Spanish at a higher level. You will study a range of interesting topics focusing on the culture of Spain and Latin America.

This course involves:

- Studying topics covering different aspects of Spanish society, culture and history
- Analysing text and films as part of the written exam
- A research project on an aspect of Hispanic culture to discuss in the speaking exam
- Weekly conversation classes with a native speaker



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ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Debating Society, Economics Society and Law Society, plus talks and workshops and trips including Washington DC, Reykjavik, London, Nice and Alicante.

Washington Trip



European Youth Parliament Regional Final



HUMANITIES

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Throughout my time at Carmel, I have received great support from my Personal Achievement Tutor and subject teachers, and have gained valuable insights into the potential careers I want to pursue, ultimately leading me to choose the right career path for me.

JANE JOSEPH

Christ the King Catholic High School
Biology, Chemistry, Spanish (AAB)
Now studying Pharmacy at
King's College London



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I have absolutely loved my time at Carmel. All the teachers are really supportive and always willing to go above and beyond. There are also plenty of enrichment opportunities, such as the Law and Debating Societies, both of which I have really enjoyed.

HARRY HARRIS

St Gregory's Catholic High School
Business Studies, Law and Politics (BBC)
Now studying Law with Politics at
Edge Hill University



YOUR PLACE
TO **THRIVE...**

SOCIAL SCIENCES



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I have found the combination of subjects really interesting, as they offer a well-rounded perspective on many factors.

My experience in Criminology has sparked a deep interest within this subject and I am eager to develop my skills in this area. This is reinforced by a long-standing personal interest in this field, inspired by my family members who have served in the police force. I am very excited to engage in this new challenge at university.

JOSH DEMPSEY-HUNT

Cowley International College
Business, Criminology,
BTEC Psychology (AC DIST)

Now studying Criminal Justice
at Edge Hill University

EXPLORE

A LEVEL

- Business Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

AAQ/BTEC

- Business
- Health and Social Care
- Psychology

APPLIED DIPLOMA

- Criminology

T LEVEL

- Education and Early Years



SOCIAL SCIENCES

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HR Manager
Marketing Executive
Paediatric Nurse Police Officer
Psychologist
Social Worker **Solicitor**

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APPROX 90%
**OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
GRADUATES**

were employed or in further study
15 months after graduation

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During my time at Carmel I've received support from my teachers and plenty of opportunities to improve in my subjects. Carmel has given me the chance to meet new people and ensure what I'll be doing after Carmel is right for me. Studying Health and Social Care has been a particularly positive and rewarding experience. I've gained valuable knowledge about supporting others and understanding different needs. The teacher is very supportive, always encouraging and willing to help, which really helped build my confidence.

LAUREN BIRCHALL

De La Salle School
BTEC Health & Social Care,
Fine Art, Psychology
Now studying Primary Education
with QTS at Edge Hill University



A Level Business Studies

Learn the principles behind how to run your own company or manage effectively. You will develop key employability skills such as analysis, critical thinking and decision-making.

This course involves:

- Gaining knowledge of increasing profits, recruiting, managing employees, operations management, marketing topics
- The assessment of large multinational firms exploring financial, competitive, operational and HR strategies



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BTEC Business

Extended Certificate – Equivalent to 1 A Level Diploma – Equivalent to 2 A Levels

Develop a real understanding of what is involved, both theoretically and practically, in becoming an effective business professional.

This course involves:

- Units covering marketing, personal and business finance, event management, international business and principles of management
- Practical activities such as market research, teamwork and project management
- The opportunity to practice interview skills and techniques in year 2
- 50% coursework and 50% exams (Extended Certificate)
- 60% coursework and 40% exams (Diploma)



Extended Certificate

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Diploma

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Level 3 Criminology Applied Diploma

An exciting subject which incorporates aspects of law, sociology and psychology, and will allow you to understand crime and deviance in detail.

This course involves:

- Learning about the impact that crime and criminal behaviour have on society
- Understanding different theories of crime
- Analysing real and contemporary case studies
- Studying the inner workings of the criminal justice system

Assessment is 50% exams, 50% controlled assessment



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ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

CSI Experience Day, Shrewsbury Prison trip, True Crime Club, Observing Crown Court trials, Barclays Digital Wings, Psychology Society, Finance Society, Life Behind Bars Conference, CPR & Basic First Aid, British Sign Language and Deaf Awareness, Guest speakers from companies such as PwC, KPMG and more!

Shrewsbury Prison Trip



AAQ / BTEC Health & Social Care

These courses are a great pathway into careers in Health, Social Care, Community Justice, or Early Years. Through hands-on learning, you will build practical, interpersonal, and critical thinking skills. Assessment is through a combination of coursework and exams.

AAQ Extended Certificate – Equivalent to 1 A Level

- Principles of health and social care
- Anatomy and physiology
- Person-centred care
- Mental health conditions
- Sexual health, pregnancy and postnatal care
- Nutrition

Assessment is 60% coursework, 40% exams



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BTEC Diploma – Equivalent to 2 A Levels

- Human lifespan development
- Meeting individual care needs
- Working in health and social care
- Psychological perspectives
- Nutrition
- Current enquiries into research
- Public health
- Principles of safe practice

Assessment is 50% coursework, 50% exams



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True Crime Club



“

I've really enjoyed my time at Carmel so far, especially studying Criminology. I have developed so many new skills that have helped guide me down the path I want to take after college. The support you receive from teachers ensures that you have the best possible chance of doing well.

MATTHEW MURPHY

Kirkby High School

Criminology, History, Psychology (A*BC)

Now studying Criminology and Psychology at Liverpool John Moores University

A Level Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and is primarily concerned with investigating what people do and why. It develops skills valued by universities and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

You will study:

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Research Methods
- Issues & Debates
- Approaches to Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Abnormal Psychology (Phobias, Depression and OCD)
- Additional Options (Cognition and Development, Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology)



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BTEC Psychology

Extended Certificate – Equivalent to 1 A Level

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.

You will study:

- Psychological Approaches and Applications
- Conducting Psychological Research
- Health Psychology
- Optional Module – An introduction to psychopathology

Assessment is 60% exams, 40% coursework



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Applied Diploma Criminology

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A Level Sociology

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? This subject will broaden your understanding of the social and political world around you.

You will study:

- Sociological theories and research methods
- The sociology of: education, families and households, beliefs in society, crime and deviance

You will develop the necessary skills to enable you to assess different views and reach conclusions about society, based on a careful consideration of evidence.



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T LEVEL Education and Early Years

Equivalent to 3 A Levels

Education and Early Years includes a 45-day 'on-the-job' industry placement. You will spend 80% of your time learning in the classroom and 20% on placement to develop the skills and knowledge employers are looking for.

This course involves:

- Topics such as child development, safeguarding and special educational needs
- The role of families and support agencies
- The specifics of social interaction, how language is acquired and understanding behaviour
- One occupational specialism, either Early Years Educator or Assisting Teaching
- Relationship building and promoting play, development and early education
- How to become a collaborative and reflective practitioner



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SOCIAL SCIENCES

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While at Carmel, I have achieved so much. I have learnt about myself and what I want to do because of my tutors and the people I have met while studying here!

LUCY POPE

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, Whiston

Criminology, BTEC Psychology, Sociology (AA DIST*)

Now studying Primary Education at Edge Hill University



YOUR PLACE
TO **EXCEL...**

SPORTS



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My time at Carmel was a really positive experience. I made new friends, and I felt like I was part of a supportive community. The teachers were really helpful, always willing to explain things clearly and offer extra support when I needed it. Overall, it was a place where I could grow both academically and personally.

NOAH CARTER

Hope Academy

BTEC Sport (Extended Diploma)
(DIST* DIST* DIST*)

Now studying Physical Education and School Sport at Edge Hill University

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A LEVEL

• Physical Education

BTEC

• Sport



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what you can become...

Community Coach

PE Teacher
Physiotherapist
Sports Coach

Sports Journalist Sports Psychologist

Sports Scientist

Sports Therapist

Our Basketball Academy First Team are among the

TOP 8
U19 TEAMS IN
THE COUNTRY

(AOC Sport College Basketball League)



Our stakeholders include:



Trip to Everton's Finch Farm Training Ground



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I have enjoyed my time at Carmel and have received a great amount of support around all my subjects. Carmel has been extremely understanding of my sporting commitments as I have needed time off to compete. I am part of the Carmel Elite Athlete Support Programme; this has helped me to keep up to date with my work, ensuring it does not affect my training schedule.

EVIE MCNAMARA

Broughton Hall Catholic High School
BTEC Sport (Double), BTEC Health
& Social Care (DIST* DIST* MERIT)
Now studying Occupational Therapy
at the University of Salford

A Level Physical Education

Develop knowledge of scientific, socio-cultural and practical aspects of PE. You will develop an understanding of the physiological/psychological states that affect performance and take part in practical workshops, gaining insights from industry experts.

This course involves:

- Physiology: Anatomy and physiology, exercise physiology, and biomechanics
- Sports Psychology: How performers learn skills in sport / mental preparation for sport
- Socio-cultural Studies: Historical studies, ethics and values in sport, contemporary sporting issues
- Performance: Practical assessment of your skills as a performer or coach in one sport from the specification. Regular involvement in competitive sport is required to study A Level PE
- Evaluation and Analysis for Performance: Verbal assessment



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The continued growth and success of Physical Education and Sport at Carmel College has resulted in a significant increase in the number of elite performers starting courses at the college.



We have been recognised by Sport England as a Dual Career Accredited Centre because of how we support the differing needs of these athletes via our

ELITE ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The Programme

- Helps national-standard young athletes achieve their full sporting potential
- Ensures that chances of academic success are maximised
- Elite Athletes receive a range of support, specific to their needs



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BTEC Sport

A vocational course providing you with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of sport. You can also benefit from work experience as well as workshops with industry professionals and a number of trips and visits.

Extended Certificate - Equivalent to 1 A Level

This course involves:

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Fitness Training & Programming for Health, Sport & Well-being
- Professional Development in the Sports Industry
- Application of Fitness Testing



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Diploma - Equivalent to 2 A Levels

All of the above plus:

- Sports Leadership
- Skills Acquisition in Sport
- Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry
- Sport Injury Management
- Research Methods



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Extended Diploma - Equivalent to 3 A Levels

All of the above plus:

- Practical Sports Performance
- Coaching for Performance
- Research Project
- Work Experience
- Development and Provision of Sport and Physical Activity



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Team Sports



SPORT

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Competitive:

Basketball, Boys' Football, Girls' Football, Netball, Rugby

Sports and Physical Activities:

Badminton, Basketball, Elite Athlete Support Programme, Fitness Suite, 5-a-side Football, Girls-only Gym, Hockey, Kin-ball, Volleyball, Yoga.



Small opportunities are often the beginning of great achievements.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

This course is suitable for students with moderate learning difficulties who are working at Entry Level.

Entry Level Foundation Learning

- **Work-related Learning:** Allows students to work within a range of vocational opportunities leading to external work placements, helping them develop skills for future employment.
- **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.



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CARMEL UNIVERSITY CENTRE



HIGHER EDUCATION

Carmel University Centre offers a wide range of foundation courses in partnership with The University of Liverpool, as well as a one-year UAL specialist art course.

Foundation Year Programmes

Leading to direct progression onto degree courses at the University of Liverpool. These include:

Science and Engineering degrees:

- Biological Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Computer Science
- Earth, Environmental and Marine Sciences
- Engineering
- Geography
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physical Sciences

Health and Veterinary Science Pathways:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Dental Therapy
- Veterinary Sciences
- Preparation for Pharmacy

Allied Health Professions and Nursing:

- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Therapeutic Radiography and Oncology
- Orthoptics
- Nursing



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UAL Art Foundation Course

Designed for students aged 18+ who have completed A levels / Extended Diploma or other Level 3 qualifications.

This is an exciting, creative and innovative one-year course leading to a Level 3 or Level 4 qualification. You will develop a portfolio and become a competitive candidate for the world's leading HE Creative courses!



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