

ENRICHMENT

2026/27

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Expand your horizons Make the most of your time at Carmel

A wide range of activities to enrich your college experience, develop new skills and make lifelong friends.



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ACADEMIC

HA+

HA+ Chemistry Society W030/W031 Mark Huyton & Josh Maitland

For Y13s: Aiming for an A/A* sessions will take place weekly in W031 (will also be recorded for anyone who cannot attend). Here we will be attempting the most challenging questions in A-Level Chemistry. We will also have the RSC Olympiad in January, where students can compete against their peers nationally.

For Y12s: ChemSoc is for students who are interested in Chemistry as a branch of science fundamental to everyday life. In W030, we'll be doing extra practical tasks, masterclasses, external guest speakers, Cambridge chemistry challenge preparation, trips and much more!

HA+ Future Architects N005 Danielle Edgson

The Future Architects Programme will enable you to develop your knowledge and understanding of the built environment as well as learning new skills preparing you for future industry practice. Working alongside PLACED Education on a set design brief will allow students to develop essential skills through drawing, digital design and model making to broaden their knowledge and understanding of industry practice.

HA+ Future Engineers Mala Sandhu

Our bespoke 'Future Engineers' programme, provides physics students the opportunity to explore and engage in practical activities that contextualises engineering. A programme of talks delivered by university lecturers and famous physicists and engineers, is scheduled for the year.

HA+ Mandarin W210 Daniel Saunders

The HA+ Mandarin enrichment at Carmel is run by the Confucius Institute in Liverpool University. Students will have the chance to learn about Chinese culture as well as the language. Activities will involve woodblock painting as well as calligraphy related with Chinese elements. All students will work towards the HSK 1 certificate in Mandarin language in Year 1. There is an opportunity to continue this in Year 2 and work towards the HSK 2 certificate in Mandarin. There will be a trip to China in the Summer of 2027, and this will only be available to those students who have completed the year of enrichment (once a week) in 2026-7. If there are Mandarin speakers who would like to discuss this further, please come to see us during the enrichment fair.

HA+ Maths Society Steven Deakin

MathsSoc is a lunchtime enrichment programme for students who want to explore mathematics beyond the syllabus. Students will investigate fascinating super-curricular topics such as cryptography, fractals and other areas of modern mathematics while building confidence and developing their thinking alongside like-minded peers. There are opportunities to take part in competitions including the Senior Maths Challenge and Ritangle, as well as collaborative problem-solving activities that encourage creativity, teamwork and resilience. Whether you're preparing for higher-level study or simply enjoy a challenge, MathsSoc offers a chance to discover the wider world of mathematics.

HA+ MDV Kim Edgell & Beth Freeman

The MDV programme is for students who are aiming to apply for a medicine, dentistry or veterinary degree in the UK. The programme coaches you and provides you with support and guidance for all aspects of your application. The programme is delivered in a variety of different formats including online sessions, in class sessions and with external speakers.

HA+ Open Eye Partnership Programme Leah West N001

Working in partnership with Open Eye Gallery Liverpool, students will engage with live creative briefs, collaborate with artists and designers, deliver public workshops, curate exhibitions, and showcase their work to wider audiences. This enrichment provides valuable experience of professional creative practice while helping students build their portfolios, develop employability skills, and explore careers in the creative industries.

HA+ Pathways to Oxbridge Jill Corbett

The HA+ Pathways to Oxbridge is for students who are aiming to apply to Oxford or Cambridge. The programme will support you in developing the skills desired by these competitive institutions and support throughout the application process. There are opportunities to engage with super curricular activities such as wider reading, guest speakers, online lectures, and residential programmes.

HA+ Physics Society Mala Sandhu

Our Physics High Achievers+ programme provides super-curricular activities for students aiming for the top A level grades. These sessions are also designed to prepare students for the British Physics Olympiad competitions; these challenge the top physics students in the country. Carmel are reigning 'Liverpool Physics Olympics' champions, a team competition for practical based problem solving.

You will also receive support with applications to competitive universities such as Oxbridge and the Russell Group Universities.

HA+ Psychology Olympiad (After Oct Half Term – Room TBC) Emma Spencer, Sophie MacDonald, Lauren Arnold

The British Psychology Olympiad is an academic competition designed for students to test and expand their Psychology knowledge beyond the standard curriculum. The challenge aims to provide a platform for students worldwide to engage in high level psychology discussions, ignite their interest in the field, develop research and critical thinking abilities, as well as showcase their research and writing skills. Aspiring psychologists will cultivate essential problem-solving abilities, broaden their horizons and have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in real-life scenarios. The enrichment programme at Carmel will consist of key pre-skills sessions before entry and support into all 3 rounds of the competition.

HA+ The Law Society Karl Reid & Leanne Williams

Are you interested in all areas of Law? Have you considered studying a law degree at university? Is a career in law something you are considering? If so, Law Society will be a perfect place for you! You do not need to be studying A Level Law! Each week students from across college meet to discuss cases which have made the headlines, new developments in law and share thoughts and ideas on areas of law. Law Society hold sessions with guest speakers from various areas of law and legal practice along with local Universities offering guidance on UCAS and career focused post graduate study. This really is a vibrant, supportive Society that welcomes everyone with an interest in law.

Public Speaking:

HA+ Articulation Prize Leah West

The annual Articulation Prize is a national competition organised by the National Gallery, in which students deliver a ten-minute presentation about a work of art, artifact or architecture of their choice. Students initially attend a Discovery Day at a Gallery in Manchester along with students from other colleges which they then work in groups with to analyse and deliver a presentation about a piece of artwork from the gallery. They are then supported in college through workshops and 1-1 tutorials before presenting in our Dalton Theatre in our internal college heat. The selected winner then progresses to the regional heats ran by the National Gallery against other schools and college across the Northwest with the winner going on to the grand final presenting at the National Gallery again 10 other students. Students develop a range of skills including Critical Analysis, Research skills, Confidence, Communication Skills and Presentation Skills.

HA+ Debating Society, Tim Holden W121, (Wednesday 3:10-4:05pm)

The Debating Society at Carmel is open to all students who are eager to develop their public speaking, critical thinking, and oracy skills. Members will have the opportunity to engage in lively debating activities, participate in external competitions such as the prestigious English-Speaking Union's Schools' Mace, and represent the college in national and international forums. Through the EPAS scheme, students can become Junior Ambassadors of the European Parliament, and take part in the European Youth Parliament, gaining valuable insights into global issues and diplomacy. Whether you're aiming for university or preparing for a future career, the Debating Society offers a dynamic platform for personal growth, confidence building, and leadership development.

Other Academic Activities:

Biology Society W033 Daniel Ventre

BioSoc is for students who are curious about the world beyond the A-level Biology and AAQ Human Biology specifications and want to experience Biology as it is practised by scientists. Through extra practical activities, mini research projects, and discussions of current scientific developments, members will explore the fascinating applications of Biology in the real world. Whether analysing new research, investigating local biodiversity, debating ethical issues or presenting findings at a mini-conference, BioSoc offers an exciting opportunity to develop scientific curiosity, practical skills and a deeper appreciation of the living world.

Criminology Club W023 Darryl Wood

Work in groups to complete murder mystery activities, research and investigate true crime cold cases, discuss contemporary theories of crime and analyse current issues in the Criminal Justice System. This takes place in W023.

Entrepreneurship - Fiona Fisher C105

Having entrepreneurial skills is beneficial for everyone, whether in your personal or professional life. Entrepreneurship is not just about starting your own business, it is a mindset that pushes you to see opportunities where others only see challenges and to know how to manage risk and uncertainty.

Having entrepreneurial skills is no longer a luxury, but an essential skill in everyone's toolbox! At the end of this course, you will be familiar with :

- What entrepreneurship is
- The frameworks and practical tools that help you to be an entrepreneur and the mistakes to avoid
- A number of entrepreneurial methods and tools, or at least know how to learn and use them in practice
- How to find good business ideas and projects and how to manage risks.

Filmmaking W105 Matthew O'Regan & Heidi Reece

This short course introduces to a range of practical, technical, and creative skills to enable students to make short films or music videos. You will learn how to choose the right camera shots, framing and movements, how to light your filmed work, and how to edit your film. All you need is a mobile phone with the ability to capture and store video, enthusiasm, a willingness to work collaboratively and an existing interest in film/TV/video production.

Future Teachers - W001 Andrea Matthews

Working with The Open University, you will draw on what we know about how people learn to become teachers. The sessions explore the different approaches to teacher education and the different routes into teaching. It will help you to understand the philosophical and practical differences between the different approaches. It also involves you undertaking 5 weeks of work experience built around your timetable.

Psychology Society W117 Friday Lunchtime – Sian Crompton & Tom Atkinson

Explore the fascinating world of psychology, meet like-minded students, and discover how psychology connects to everyday life. Our Psychology Society offers a welcoming space to discuss interesting topics, share ideas, take part in engaging activities, and learn beyond the classroom.

Whether you're studying psychology or simply curious about how people think, feel, and behave, everyone is welcome!

Robotics W108 and W110 Karl Myers & David Parsonage

Are you passionate about Robotics, Computer Science, Engineering, or Science? Join the Robotics Club and take your first steps into the world of advanced manufacturing and automation. This hands-on enrichment gives you the chance to build and program robotic systems, understand how technology and mechanics work together, and tackle real-world challenges—all while developing valuable technical and teamwork skills. Activities like this are highly prized by universities and future employers, showing initiative, problem-solving ability, and a strong interest in innovation. Whether you're aiming for a future in STEM or just curious about how robots work, this is the perfect place to start!

Sociology Society - Claire Peckett

We will discuss and debate the latest and most controversial current issues and affairs affecting us and society with an aim to be informed of the facts and to have your say rather than accepting the mis/disinformation we are fed by social media! Speak up about the issues that affect you and that you care about! You don't have to be an A level Sociology student to join! Become more socially and politically aware!

The Literature Festival: Rebecca Blakey & Liz Cardiff - Wednesday Lunchtime – W201

Join the Carmel Literature Festival 2027 Team and help plan, promote and deliver one of the college's most creative festivals. You'll work with authors, speakers and creative professionals while developing valuable skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, event management and marketing. It's a fantastic opportunity boost your CV, strengthen your university or apprenticeship applications, build your confidence and make a real impact on college life. This enrichment offers the fantastic opportunity for you to work on a live brief, bringing our college communities together to celebrate the literary, artistic and musical talents of all our young people.

WELLBEING

Social Enrichment:

Anime Guild - Abbie Billington

Anime Guild is for anyone with a passion for all things anime, manga, cosplay and Japan!

We will be meeting once a week to watch anime, share manga volumes, play games, take quizzes and do the occasional craft activity. On our Teams page, you'll have the chance to vote on what we watch each week and suggest activities you want to see!

If you want to meet new people and share your enthusiasm in a friendly, welcoming and inclusive group then come along and try it out!

Book Club W022 Emily Robertson and Jo-Anne Duckworth

Escapism in a short (less than 200-page) book, expanding your cultural horizons, along with understanding key ideas. Books will be provided, and discussions will follow

Carmel African & Caribbean Society Michael Burns (Wednesday 3:10-4:05pm)

Carmel's African and Caribbean Society ('CACS') aims to enrich, celebrate and educate on the distinct subcultures of African and Caribbean heritage. CACS strives to be inclusive for students of different races and backgrounds, and to create a safe and comfortable space in which students can connect and communicate. CACS provides a sense of community for students of African and Caribbean descent, building an empowering support system. CACS hosts fun and exciting events to allow students to celebrate African-Caribbean culture through music, food, dance and much more.

Carmel Asian Society (AISO) Matthew Allerston (Wednesday 3:10-4:05pm)

Carmel Asian Society is an inclusive society to celebrate Asian culture and diversity; It's a space to connect, celebrate, and share experiences whether you're from the region, of Asian heritage, or simply curious to learn more, it exists for students to be able to socialise and create charitable events as well as explore the vibrant traditions, modern lifestyles, and diverse cultures of Asian countries.

Carmel Ciné Club – French Film Society W208 Wednesday (Enrichment slot) Vicki Humphries

Discover the best of French and Francophone cinema, from iconic classics to modern favourites. We'll watch and discuss different films regularly, exploring French culture, history, society and language along the way. Expect comedy, drama, romance, crime, historical films and plenty of opportunities to discover something new. Students will help choose upcoming films through regular votes, with titles including Intouchables, Amélie, La Haine, Les Choristes, Anatomie d'une chute, Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis and many more. You don't need to study French or speak the language — subtitles in English are provided and everyone is welcome. Come along, relax, enjoy a film and experience a little bit of France every Wednesday.

Carmel Latin American Society – Matthew Allerston (Tuesday 12:30-13:10 W310)

Open to all, our society celebrates the vibrant traditions, music, food, and languages of Latin America. range of activities, including workshops, cultural events, and social gatherings, designed to bring students together, and create lasting friendships.

Carmel Pride & Diversity Neil Barnes

Staff Representative, Neil Barnes and Sian Crompton work closely as a team to plan sessions and events. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings; you don't have to identify as LGBT+ – allies are welcome too! Meetings are on Friday lunchtime in the Chaplaincy. Every student has the opportunity to join.

Aims of the group:

Provide a safe place for anyone who identifies as LGBT+

Promote inclusion and equality and diversity

Raise awareness throughout College

Give support to the LGBT+ community

Meet new people and form friendships

Signpost to local organisations

Carmel Radio – daily lunchtimes - Radio station (canteen)

☐☐ Carmel Radio is back!

Want to help bring the station to life? We're looking for Year 12s to get involved.

Roles include: Presenters, Content Creators, Station Managers

No experience needed — just enthusiasm!

Carmel South Asian Society – Matthew Allerston (Wednesday 3:10-4:05pm)

The South Asian Society celebrates the rich and diverse South Asian culture through music, dance, food, and social events as well as cultural celebrations, our aim to enhance the diversity, equality, and student of experience of Carmel college and inspire all students to learn more about the South Asian culture.

Chess Club Wednesday Lunchtime A003

Chess Club is a student-led enrichment activity that welcomes players of all abilities. Sessions include a mix of informal games, friendly competition, and organised tournaments throughout the year.

Clay Club Kate Roberts N106 (Wednesday 3:10-4:05pm)

Clay Club is a creative, fun, and informal practical session open to all. We meet every Wednesday during the enrichment slot in N106. For complete beginners, projects will be set to teach you how to hand build with clay. You will learn how to make joins, add textures, and manipulate your clay. More experienced members of the group will be encouraged to follow their own projects with the support of the tutor. We are extremely lucky to have 2 pottery wheels and 2 Kilns and at Carmel College, enabling us to fire and glaze our work, resulting in finished items to take home or give as gifts. At Clay Club we work with a sense of exploration and discovery. You will be encouraged to experiment and embrace mistakes as part of the learning journey, often the process becomes more important than producing an outcome, as many people find they simply enjoy handling and exploring the potential of clay. Due to the practical nature of the session, numbers will be limited.

Dance Society - Manny Crooks Monday lunchtimes 12:30 – 1:20pm

Dance Society is for those who love dance and would love to continue to improve their technique and learn new choreography. With opportunities to perform in cross college productions and take part in industry professional masterclasses.

Eastern European Society - Kathryn Edmond, times tbc

The Eastern European Society is a space to discover, share and celebrate the wonderful variety of Eastern European culture through socialising, key dates, food, dance and social events. We are looking forward to joining the college cultural celebrations, as well as enhancing student experience of Carmel college for all students who wish to learn more about the Eastern European culture.

Journalism and Student Magazine Kristen Ryder (Wednesday Enrichment Slot) (Venue TBC)

Are you passionate about investigating and reporting the news and stories that matter to you and your school community? Are you interested in design and photography? The Journalism & Magazine Enrichment is your opportunity to create, edit, and publish a brand-new student magazine from scratch.

Whether you want to pursue a career in journalism or simply want to develop high-value skills that stand out on UCAS personal statements and apprenticeships, this enrichment is for you.

Mental Health Ambassadors WOO4 (Wednesday Lunchtime) Claire Stowell and Alison Melling.

Mental Health Ambassadors take a lead in supporting their peers with issues facing them. Through organising events and activities Mental Health Ambassadors will inform students of the best way to get support and share knowledge to help reduce the stigma of mental health.

Musical Theatre Club - Manny Crooks Wednesday 3:10 – 4:05

Musical Theatre club is for those who loves all things musicals! Learning a range of material from our favourite musicals we increase our knowledge of musical theatre and our harmony skills! Invited industry professional guests visit to run musical theatre workshops and we represent the college at many events throughout the Carmel calendar. Culminating in a performance, fully staged, come and join us centre stage and enjoy the love of singing and performing together!

Student Council Sam Johnstone (Enrichment Slot)

The Carmel Student Council is an elected body that represents the student body in meetings with staff and governors of the college. The Council also runs campaigns during the academic year, is involved in charity days and the Carmel Cultural Appreciation Day, and meets weekly to discuss any issues raised by students in college. The members of the council are elected at the end of Year 12, with further elections for two Year12 representatives held at the end of September each year

Awards and Certification:

'Collective' - Kath Edmond, Thursday lunchtimes and events TBC

'Collective' is the umbrella term for enrichments activities running through chaplaincy and are about collaborative working, contributing to college life and the wider community. Students can get involved with as many of these as they wish, depending on their interests or skills they want to develop. Strands include:

Collective – Performance. A chance to use your performance skills to enhance college & community services, through voice, instrument or acting. Opportunities are available at key events during the year including Advent, Christmas, Remembrance.

Collective – Hospitality. Develop your inter-personal and communication skills by being part of our welcoming team, greeting and guiding visitors, hosting events & serving refreshments. Opportunities include Harvest Fast Day (Solidarity Soup Kitchen), Interfaith Day, Community Celebrations.

Collective – Events Management. For students looking to gain experience of planning and marketing events, including budget management, logistics, social media, communication and publicity – this is the enrichment for you! Opportunities will range across college and throughout the year – you can be involved in as many as you wish. Outcomes will often be focused on fundraising and support a range of charities and projects.

Collective – Ministry. For those looking to develop or enhance leadership skills and serve our community at Mass. Opportunities and training available for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers.

CPR & Basic First Aid W024 Lucy Williams

A short course that teaches you how to perform CPR on adults, children, and infants. You will also learn what to do if someone is choking or bleeding heavily. This takes place in W024 during Block 1. Includes a certificate at the end of the course.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Michelle Tatham

The DofE is many things to many people, supporting generations to successfully navigate life. A life-changing experience. An opportunity to have fun with friends. A chance to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work. A recognised mark of achievement, respected by employers. Here at Carmel College, we offer the highest level of DofE, GOLD. There are five sections to complete your Gold DofE. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter and healthier, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and working with a team on a residential activity. Any young person can do their DofE. Achieving an Award isn't a competition or about being first. It's all about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. Through a DofE programme young people have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. They gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive, enhancing CVs and university and job applications

Sign Language and Deaf Awareness W027 Louise Tillet

Learning basic sign language with St Helens Deaf Resource Centre over a 6-week period. One 6 week course during block 1 and one 6 week course during block 2. Includes a certificate at the end of the course for students who complete all 6 weeks.

Leadership Programs (externally run, facilitated by Kath Edmond) Limited places, times/dates tbc

Agents of Change (outside of college)

A unique Youth Leadership programme for Peace and Justice, for young people aged 15–17.

Run by Million Minutes, Agents for Change will equip you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to make a difference in your community and beyond.

Why join Agents of Change? As part of this programme, you will:

Develop leadership skills in peacebuilding, nonviolence, and advocacy.

Learn about Catholic Social Teaching and how to apply it in your community.

Take part in mentoring sessions with Church and civic leaders.

Join a 2-day residential retreat to connect with peers, reflect, and build confidence.

Present your journey and ideas at a national showcase event to Church leaders and MPs.

CAFOD Young Leaders: Monday lunchtime

A Year12 leadership scheme that trains students in communication, teamwork, campaigning, and global justice, with three structured challenges and in-person training days. It aims to empower young people to become advocates for global justice, develop leadership skills, and support CAFOD's mission to tackle poverty worldwide.

Christian Union Lunchtime tbc

The Christian Union (CU) is a welcoming and inclusive enrichment group for students who want to explore the Christian faith, deepen their understanding of Christianity, or connect with others who share similar beliefs and values.

Through weekly meetings, bible study, prayer, worship, and social activities, students are encouraged to ask questions, share ideas, and grow in confidence within a supportive environment. The group provides opportunities to reflect on how faith relates to everyday life, study, relationships, and the wider world.

Whether you are a committed Christian, new to faith, or simply curious to learn more, the Christian Union offers a friendly space where everyone is welcome. Students can develop friendships, engage in meaningful conversations, and contribute to the spiritual life of the college community.

Open to all students, regardless of background or level of faith, who would like to explore Christianity in a supportive and respectful environment.

External Volunteering opportunities (Stella Maris, BHF)

Lessons from Auschwitz (Spring Term, by application, 2 places available)

Lessons from Auschwitz will offer students the unique opportunity to learn about the history of the Holocaust through a bespoke online learning environment, accessing artefacts, text, film, and a one-day Visit to Poland to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. Students will consider the individuals whose lives were affected by the Holocaust and the relevance of the Holocaust today by:

Taking part in two seminars, led by experts in the history of the Holocaust and Holocaust education

Hearing directly from Holocaust survivors, who will share their personal experiences, including during a live survivor testimony and Q&A;

Participating in a one-day Visit to Poland

Considering the relevance of this history in today's world

Sharing what they have learnt within their school and wider community, with support from the college chaplain.

Liverpool Archdiocese Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage (externally run, in-college fundraising times tbc)

The opportunity to join our Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage on one of the seven youth coaches in a week of volunteering which combines service, socialising, spirituality and skill development. As a college we support our students by helping with fundraising, accessing bursaries and offering formation to prepare for the week together.

For more information, visit Youth Pilgrimage – Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Enrichment Group – Dean Phillips - Chaplaincy Monday Lunch

The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Enrichment Group offers students the opportunity to make a positive difference in their local community through service, compassion and social action. Inspired by the values of the SVP, members work together on projects that support those experiencing loneliness, poverty or disadvantage.

Students take part in a variety of activities, which may include organising fundraising events, supporting local charities, visiting care homes, collecting donations, and raising awareness of social issues. The group provides a welcoming environment where students can develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills while making a meaningful contribution to the lives of others.

Joining the SVP group is an excellent way to give back to the community, meet like-minded students, and put faith and values into action through practical service and care for others.

Open to all students who are interested in helping others and making a positive impact within the college and wider community.

Sports and Physical Activities:

Elite Athlete Support Programme (TASS) - See Dominic O'Neil

Competitive Sports

Basketball 1'sts (CBL) (Dominic O'Neill)

Basketball 2nd (Michael Gillespie)

Basketball 3rds (Matt Allerston)

Boys' football (Coach Chris Shuker)

Girls' football

Hockey

Netball (Lead by Coach Sandra King)

Rugby League (Clive Griffiths)

Other Sports and physical activities:

5 A Side Football

Badminton

Basketball

Fitness Suite Inductions (Lead by Dominic O'Neill)

Girls only gym

Hockey

Table Tennis