



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

8 Feb	Year 7 & 8 Science Roadshow period 1
9 Feb	Year 10 Theatre Royal Nottingham (evening) - 'Jane Eyre'
9 Feb	Year 13 2Fast2Soon 10:00am - 12:30pm Road Safety Event
9 Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening
10 Feb	Year 9 'Romeo and Juliet' - am
10 Feb	Year 8 'Introduction to Shakespeare' - pm
11-16 Feb	Year 11, 12 & 13 Geography Trip to Iceland
12 Feb	Bags2School Civvies Day
12 Feb	LAST DAY OF TERM
13 Feb	Year 10, 11 & 12 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day
22 Feb	FIRST DAY OF TERM
22-26 Feb	Year 12 Mock Exams

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to another update on the activities and creativity of our students over the past few weeks.

As well as all the events celebrated below I was particularly delighted to see the BBC Student News teams from both Carre's and The High School working hard together in school to prepare for their young journalist event in March. I was certainly put through my paces when four Year 10 students from both schools interviewed me about the implications for both schools of joining a Multi Academy Trust. Their questions were insightful and probing and were a great reminder of the sense of ownership and loyalty students feel towards their school and wider community: their pride in being part of the bigger discussion about the developments in the school was clear.

Elsewhere in the school Year 11 students are embarking on the annual Sixth Form counselling process: a one to one opportunity for each student to discuss their Post 16 plans with a member of staff and check their course choices will place them in the best position to achieve their future plans.

Tonight's school disco for Years 7 and 8 as well as numerous school events and trips across year groups are hopefully ensuring that we get the balance between hard work and recreation right.

Thanks as ever for your support.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

TRAINING DAY – SATURDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2016

Don't forget Training Day 2 for all registered Year 10, 11 + 12 D of E students – 8.30am start.

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



BBC School Report Practice Day – High School and Carre’s News Together

On Friday 22nd January the KSHSSA Girls’ News Team and Carre’s Grammar School journalists joined up to take part in the BBC Report Practice day. Participants worked hard all morning, developing talents for interviewing, article-writing, and photography.

One of these activities involved creating an interview to be aired on the radio. We were told to make the interview exciting and interesting to capture the attention of the audience as they would only be hearing our voices. It was also crucial to be concise and clear. First we had to choose an important subject that our radio report would be on, for example bullying or animal exploitation. Using the Library’s resources we developed a transcript for the radio, focusing on what we thought was the most vital information the listeners had to know. All students said they had fun writing as well as practising their best radio voices!



(GNT: Lola Cunago (8KG), Megan Thompson (8MC), Daisy Couture (8KG), Flo Husson (10F), Sophie Halse (10F), Tamzen Brenton (8NP), Alice Booth (8NP), Eloise Brown (8NP), with Carre’s students)

In the morning we also worked on ‘symbolic photography’. To avoid copyright in our work, we have to make sure we take our own photos to support the articles we write. These can be ‘symbolic’, so they relate to the article in some way but won’t always be a photo from the event itself. We took many photos around the school and came up with suitable headlines for them. For example one journalist from Carre’s took a gloomy picture of a dark school corridor. The fitting story idea was: ‘is secondary school too intimidating for new pupils?’ All the journalists got very creative and linked their photography to headlines in original ways.

In the last session, we worked on our own main topics and produced our articles for them. Many of these included interviews with different people from around the school, including interviews with: Mrs Smith, who was asked about the new Multi-Academy Trust; Mrs Parkes and Mrs Porter, both quizzed about Valentine’s Day and the sugar tax; and Mr Dye and Mr Thompson, who were asked about Valentine’s Day and the football league. As always, we were encouraged to interview people we didn’t know well as it would build confidence and help to get a better statement.

We’re all looking forward to working with Carre’s again on another BBC Practice Day in February; then we’ll be ready for the real BBC School Report Day on the 10th of March!

By Girls’ News Team journalists Alice Booth,
Eloise Brown and Tamzen Brenton
With Miss A Natley, Teacher of English

*(Eloise Brown and Alice Booth help our
visiting journalists)*





THEATRE TRIP – ‘BLOOD BROTHERS’

On 13th January the English and Drama Department took students from Years 10, 12 and 13 to the Peterborough Broadway Theatre to see the play ‘Blood Brothers’.

I went as a Drama student and before seeing it I had no expectations of what would happen and whether it would be any good and worth seeing. However after watching ‘Blood Brothers’ I cannot stop thinking about it and humming the ridiculously catchy songs! ‘Blood Brothers’ is a rollercoaster of emotions. Act One has you in stitches laughing as you follow Eddie, Mickey and Linda on a hilarious journey through childhood, but then the whole play takes a very emotional turn. You follow the characters into the struggles of adulthood and after watching them develop into adults the ending of the play is cruel and will have you in tears. However the vocals of some of the cast can’t go without a mention. The character of Mrs Johnstone was played by the phenomenal Lyn Paul who has the voice of an angel and was ‘lovelier than Marilyn Monroe’. She mesmerised the audience through her vocals and took you on a story of a poor single mum with too many kids to count.

I thoroughly enjoyed going to see ‘Blood Brothers’ and would go again without hesitation.

By Emily Colman (10A)

District Final of the Young Chef Competition

Molly Sheppard (9W) travelled to Huntingdon on Saturday 30th January to demonstrate her fantastic culinary skills yet again! She had plenty of support from the Sleaford Rotary Club who turned out in force (we were only missing the ‘Team Molly’ T-shirts!)

The level of competition was very high and Molly produced a beautiful three course meal. After a tense and hot 2½ hours in the kitchen with 14 other students from around the region, Molly was awarded ‘Best in Age Group’ receiving a certificate and an Amazon voucher as a prize, but unfortunately she did not win the overall competition.

This has been a wonderful experience and Molly says she has really enjoyed it.

Thank you to all those who have encouraged and supported Molly in this competition.

Mrs J Pankhurst
Teacher of Food Technology



PTA NEWS

Congratulations to the latest PTA 100 Club winners of the £50 prize:

The December winner was M Todd – number 3.

The January winner is Mrs H Megginson – number 88.

BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE

On Tuesday 26th January, students watched an awe-inspiring performance by the Band of the Royal Air Force College. The concert included music from 'Jurassic Park', 'Star Wars' and the song 'Let It Go' from the film 'Frozen' to name a few. Rebecca Tindale, a year 10 GCSE student, jumped at the opportunity to perform with the band on her clarinet.

Students also had the opportunity to speak to members from the recruiting section of the RAF and to ask questions about life in the military. It was a fantastic opportunity for all students involved and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning. It was a privilege to hear the band and we thank them for their time.

Mrs H Kasperczyk
Subject Leader of Music



Eco-Ambassador Training

On Wednesday 27th January we took part in an Eco-Ambassador training morning with three boys from Carre's Grammar School. It was great fun and we learnt lots.



We want to make a difference in making our school more eco-friendly. We can do this by reducing Green-house gasses – a combination of gasses created by different factories and fuel stations across the world and by reducing global warming.

We were taught the following things to do with light:

- How to recognise which source of light the lights in different rooms were.
- How to colour code the light switches.
- How to detect motion sensors and how they help to improve the amount of energy we use.
- How LED lights were more energy efficient.

We were taught the following things to do with heat:

- Not to put things in front of or on top of the heaters.
- To make opening the window the last thing you do if you are too warm.
- To always label plugs so that you know which one is which.
- That insulation helps to keep your rooms warm.

We also learnt about many other things which were very interesting.

We all took the chance of becoming eco-ambassadors because we want to make a difference.

From 7L: Charlie Scott, Stevie Scott, Ava Newell and Jessica Pettini

Maximising Year 9 Potential

This Tuesday all students in Year 9 took part in a half-day session led by Jeremy Dry, a motivational speaker and expert in effective study habits. He received rave reviews from students when we invited him into school for the first time last year. During the half-day session he encouraged Year 9 students to aim high, use time efficiently when studying and to balance study with experiences that would make them happy, self-motivated and successful young adults. With annual formal assessments in the week beginning March 7th we hope that Year 9 feel focused and in control of their preparation and that they gleaned practical tips for their revision over the next few weeks.

Our thanks to the PTA who funded this very worthwhile and well received event for every Year 9 student.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

Ladies Give Us Your Support and Raise Money for Charity!

We would appreciate your support for a rather unusual charity venture in school but one that will support many women in developing countries. In such countries affordable bras are in short supply as they are costly and difficult to manufacture.

To this end we are inviting students, parents and staff to bring in any unwanted, wearable bras and place them in plastic bags in the 'Bra Bank' outside Mrs Tipper's office.

We are grateful for your help in making a valuable contribution to third world countries and the environment as well as raising money for charity.

Thank you.



Super Town Centre for Sleaford

In the summer term (2015) students from the Robert Carre Trust were challenged by the Sleaford Regeneration Group to "Design a Town Centre Fit for 2030" as part of the Sleaford Town Visioning Project. Groups of students in Year 7 at Kesteven and Sleaford High School and Year 9 at Carre's Grammar School set to

work redesigning the town centre based on the consequences of population growth in the area.

They had to particularly look at improving traffic management and how to increase the amount of money spent within Sleaford town centre. Within the Trust there were well over 50 entries into this Sleaford-wide competition and those judging the work commented that the standard of all the entries from the students was excellent. After the judging, done by the members of the Sleaford Regeneration Group, two winning entries were

chosen, one from each of the schools in the Trust. The winners at the High School, all from 8NP, were Lucy Allen, Navdeep Atwal, Tamzen Brenton, Alice Booth and Alicia Coldron. They canvassed the opinions of their families and Sleaford residents to help them plan their design. Their project included proposals to attract well-known brands to the local area and the creation of an 'all weather' shopping experience. Both groups of students were presented with high street vouchers worth £50 each by Mr Alan Gray, Economic Development Manager for North Kesteven District Council, and their projects have gone forward to feed into the future vision for Sleaford. The students hope to see some of their ideas within Sleaford town centre in the next 20 years.



Mrs D Collett
Subject Leader of Geography

Year 12 Literature Students in Audience with Poet Laureate Dame Carol Ann Duffy

Dame Carol Ann Duffy is the first woman to hold the post of Poet Laureate in its nearly 350-year history, and was appointed in 2009 for a ten-year fixed term.

Year 12 Literature students recently had the pleasure of joining her for a poetry reading of her own works, followed by the chance to discuss the subject matter and ask questions at the University of Lincoln.

Carol Ann's poetry is featured in the new AS Poetry Anthology and her work has received many awards, including the Signal Prize for Children's Verse, the Whitbread, Forward and T. S. Eliot Prizes, and the Lannan and E. M. Forster Prize in America.

It was wonderful to hear the poet read her own work and it really helped to bring the poetry to life. Along with the question and answer session offered afterwards she helped our students gain an insight into the ideas behind the poems. Our students were also able to meet her personally and have their poetry anthologies signed.

Ms E Verity
Subject Leader of English



NEXT BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION FOR PTA FUNDRAISING

CIVVIES DAY 12TH FEBRUARY

**BRING A BAG OF UNWANTED CLOTHES TO SCHOOL
OR PAY £1 TO WEAR CIVVIES**

BAG COLLECTION

1ST MARCH 2016

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What will
yours say?

Celebrate the Chinese New Year

Fortune Cookies will be on sale from Monday 8th February outside Mrs Tipper's Office during break and lunch time 50p each.

Raising money for school projects