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college

Your opportunity to

# SHINE

**PROSPECTUS 2014**

The teachers at Carmel College are some of the best I have ever worked with. They are inspirational subject specialists who love sharing their enthusiasm with young people.



**Rob Peacock**  
Principal

I thoroughly enjoy studying at Carmel College due to the friendly working atmosphere; I feel it is preparing me for university and my future career plans and is pushing me to achieve my maximum potential.



**Lauren Brown**  
Studying English Language and Literature, Law, Performance Studies

The welcome given on Open Evening really impressed me and the level of support offered by tutors at Carmel is incredible, helping my daughter enormously. She's working hard to A Level success and is hoping to progress to university.



**Mike McLoughlin**  
Parent

Carmel is a fantastic place to work. It's great to know that what I do can make such a difference to the lives of young people. During their two years at Carmel our students grow both personally and academically leaving here with the skills and knowledge to progress to the next stage of their education and careers.



**Kay Arrowsmith**  
Head of Computing

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**Carmel is a Catholic Sixth Form College** welcoming students of all faiths and from all backgrounds. We are committed to developing a community where personal qualities are highly valued and where each student has **the opportunity to shine** in order to reach their absolute potential. We strive to make our students feel supported, safe and happy during their time here. At Carmel, our students are given the opportunity to flourish both academically and as individuals.



## ONE OF THE TOP 10 SIXTH FORM COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY

(The Telegraph, % A\* grades (16-08-2013))

### Our Mission

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

**A Catholic College for the Community.**

Visit our website

[www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk)

or scan the QR Code to watch our Welcome Video



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The information in this prospectus can be found on our website – [www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk). The website can also be viewed in a text only format allowing you to choose the font size and background colour that best suits your needs. You can also contact the college on **01744 452200** and we can send the information to you in an alternative format. The information within this prospectus is correct at the time of printing.



What the Ofsted inspectors say...

Carmel College is outstanding in all aspects of its provision.

- Effectiveness of Provision.....OUTSTANDING: GRADE 1
Capacity to Improve.....OUTSTANDING: GRADE 1
Achievements and Standards.....OUTSTANDING: GRADE 1
Quality of Provision.....OUTSTANDING: GRADE 1
Leadership and Management.....OUTSTANDING: GRADE 1
Equality of Opportunity.....OUTSTANDING: GRADE 1

The inspectors were impressed with the extremely high standards of teaching and learning and the comprehensive support for students.



A very warm welcome to the latest Carmel College prospectus! Carmel is a great place to be a student. There are many reasons why our young people are among the highest achievers in the country.

OfSTED rated the quality of teaching and learning "outstanding" and graded the college "outstanding in all aspects of its provision". Every year exam results are amongst the top 10% of over a thousand schools and colleges\*: proof that our young people really fulfil their potential.

Those who enrol here can choose from a wide range of different subjects and find the ones that are just right for them. There are more than 40 different A Level subjects alone! There are also programmes of study for those who need a second chance at GCSE level or for students with particular needs. After A Levels, talented artists can take advantage of our Art Foundation programme.

Carmel's success is built on teamwork between staff and students. All our staff are passionate about working with young people and are always more than happy to "go the extra mile" to provide guidance and support in order to help them succeed.

\* Value Added analysis carried out by ALPS (A Level Performance System) A2 Single T Score 2013

Students at Carmel work hard but they also enjoy life with an enormous range of enrichment activities: trips and visits, sport, performance and many other activities too numerous to mention.

As I write this introduction, our current students are busy preparing for the 2013 AS and A2 exams. They have worked hard during the year and I am confident that they will do really well. I know that they will leave Carmel College fully prepared for the next stage of their careers. I wish them well.

Take your time to browse through this prospectus, have a look at our website or, best of all, come along to one of our Open Evenings.

I look forward to meeting you.

R.A. Peacock (handwritten signature)

Rob Peacock
Principal



Carmel's students consistently achieve **excellent results.**



Each year it is great to see the progress that our students make both academically and personally during their time at the college. Such outstanding achievements lead to excellent opportunities for the future. The majority of Carmel's students progress to university, with many taking up places at a Russell Group University or other prestigious institution.

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**The thing that has impressed me the most about Carmel is the standard of teaching. Each subject provides outstanding support for students and the level of teaching is the reason why students achieve such high grades here.**

**Holly Furlong**

All Saints Catholic Centre for Learning  
Studied Economics, Maths, Media Studies  
Now at University of Liverpool, LLB Law

**2013 Results:**

**A Level pass rate 99.3%**

**A\*-B grades 57.9%**

**A\*-C grades 81.7%**

- One of the top 10 Sixth Form Colleges in the country\*
- The top performing college in the country at AS level\*\*
- The best performing college in Merseyside and Cheshire\*
- The top institution in St Helens\*

\*The Telegraph, % A\* grades (16-08-2013) \*\*ALPS Single T Score.



**100%**

3D Design / Applied Business / Applied Health & Social Care / Applied Travel & Tourism / BTEC Applied Science / BTEC Health & Social Care / BTEC I.T. / BTEC Sport / Computing / Critical Thinking / Dance / Economics / English Combined / English Language / English Literature / Film Studies / Fine Art / French / Further Maths / Geography / German / Government & Politics / Graphic Design / History / Law / Mathematics / Media Studies / Music / Music Technology / Performance Studies / Philosophy and Religion / Photography / Physical Education / Product Design / Sociology / Spanish / Statistics / Textile Design / Use of Maths

**99%**

Biology / Business Studies / Chemistry

**98%**

Psychology

**96%**

Physics

**92%**

General Studies / ICT

Some of our top performers

Name	Previous School	Grades	Now studying
Matthew Appleton	De La Salle	A*A*AA	Maths, Durham
Aaron Ardani	Wade Deacon	A*AA	Medicine, Nottingham
Sam Baskett	Haydock	ABB	Dance Studies, Roehampton
Matthew Bellamy	St Gregory's	A*A*A*AAA	Law, Cambridge
Mathew Bonnon	Sts Peter & Paul	A*A*A*A	East Asian Studies, Cambridge
Lauren Brown	Cansfield	A*A*A*A	English Literature, Cambridge
Geoff Cooke	Liverpool College	A*A*A*BC	Engineering, Imperial College
Chris Corness	St Ed Arr, Whiston	AAA	Law, Newcastle
Niamh Davis	De La Salle	A*BC	London College of Fashion
Matthew Heywood	Newton-le-Willows	A*AA	Architecture, Liverpool
Daniel James	Rainhill	AAA	Medicine, Lancaster
Patrick Kilgallon	St Gregory's	A*A*AA	Law, Oxford
Daniel Lee	De La Salle	A*A*A*AAA	Modern Languages, Cambridge
Emmett Moore	St Aelred's	A*A*A	Astrophysics, Liverpool
Paul Stanford	Rainford	A*A*A*A	Natural Sciences, Cambridge
James Holdsworth	Knowsley Park	A*AA	Medicine, Lancaster
Rhiannah Hyland	Cowley	BBBC	Law, Uni of Law, London
John Lea-Wilson	Rainford	A*A*A*B	Civil Engineering, Sheffield
Kyle McCracken	St Gregory's	A*A*A*AA	Architecture, Sheffield
Ryan Potter	Sutton Academy	A*A*AB	Biomedical Sciences, Manchester
Thomas Schmidt	St Cuthbert's	A*A*A*A*A	Maths, Manchester
Sam O'Sullivan	De La Salle	Dist*, Dist*, Dist*	Games Computing, Lincoln
Matthew Smith	Wade Deacon	A*AA	Dentistry, Birmingham
Ashley Tyrer	St Augustine's	A*A*A*AA	Biological Sciences, Edinburgh
Alastair White	Broadgreen Int.	A*AAB	Chemistry, Bristol
Katie Winstanley	Tower College	AAA	Law, Liverpool

With over **50 high quality courses** to choose from and such **outstanding student success**, you'll be spoilt for choice.

**At Carmel there is an enormous range of courses which are designed to meet the specific needs of individual students. All our courses are taught by highly qualified staff and have excellent achievement rates.**

#### Advanced Courses

Choose from over 40 A Level subjects and a range of BTEC courses.

#### How many subjects will I study?

You can study up to five subjects, though most students study four subjects, reducing to three in the second year.

#### Where can I find out more information on individual subjects?

You can download full course information from our website [www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk) or pick up course leaflets at our Open Evenings.

#### Can I resit GSCEs as well as studying AS Levels?

Yes GSCE resits are possible in Maths, English Language and Science. Alternatively the Freestanding Maths Qualifications and Functional Skills English may also be an option.



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**STUDY**

#### Foundation Learning

##### Levels 1 & 2

This is a full time course of study in BTECs, functional skills and work skills. This course gives you the opportunity to develop your vocational interests and transferable work skills with access to relevant work experience and the possibility to advance onto further educational courses or the world of work.

##### Entry Level

Foundation Learning Entry Level is a personalised programme which will help you develop your potential and prepare you for further education, the world of work or independence in the community.



#### Advanced Courses

- Applied Business
- Art and Design subjects:
  - Diploma in Art & Design
  - Fine Art
  - Graphic Design
  - Photography (Lens/light based media)
  - Textile Design
- Biology
- BTEC Applied Science
- BTEC Health & Social Care
- BTEC IT
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Travel & Tourism
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Critical Thinking
- Dance
- Design and Technology (Product Design)
- Economics
- English Language & Literature
- English Language
- English Literature
- Extended Project
- Film Studies
- French
- Further Mathematics
- General Studies
- Geography
- German
- Government & Politics
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Information Communication Technology
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Music Technology
- Performance Studies
- Philosophy and Religion
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics

#### Level 2 Programme

- GCSE Maths (resit)
- GCSE English Language (resit)
- GCSE Science (resit)
- Freestanding Maths Qualifications
- Functional Skills - English

#### Foundation Learning

Levels 1 and 2  
Entry Level

Download course leaflets from our website

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## Entry Requirements

Apply online before 31st January 2014 at [www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk) or just scan the QR code below.

### Advanced Courses

#### General Entry Requirements

##### Partner Schools:

De La Salle, St Augustine's, St Cuthbert's, Haydock High, St Gregory's, Cardinal Newman, St Edmund Arrowsmith Ashton, St Edmund Arrowsmith Whiston, St Peter's, Knowsley Park.

**A minimum of 2 grade Bs and 3 grade Cs from separate GCSEs.**

OR

For students who have studied a Diploma:

**Higher Diploma grade B or Higher Diploma grade C, plus 2 GCSEs at grade B (preferably in Maths and English for access to a wider range of subjects).**

##### All other Schools:

**A minimum of 4 grade Bs and 1 grade C from separate GCSEs.**

OR

For students who have studied a Diploma:

**Higher Diploma grade B.**

#### Course Specific Entry Requirements

##### For all schools:

Access to individual courses will depend on you meeting specific entry requirements which are on the course leaflets available at Open Evening or download from the website [www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk).

You will also be given the entry requirements at your guidance interview. We recommend that you have at least a grade B in the subjects that you choose.

### Foundation Learning

Please contact Rebecca Worsley, Assistant Head of Foundation Learning for further details.



**JOIN US**

*Personal circumstances, disability or interrupted schooling are taken into account as they may affect your examination performance. You will have an opportunity to give us details of any relevant circumstances at your interview.*

*In the event that either the college or a particular course is oversubscribed, you may be placed on a waiting list.*

**The CLOSING DATE for applications is Friday, 31st January 2014**

Late applications will only be considered if there are sufficient places.

Scan to apply now.



## Six steps to joining us

### Step 1 September – November 2013

#### Investigate your options

Read the prospectus, look at the college website and start thinking about your choices. If your school has a link with Carmel, one of our liaison officers will visit your school to give a talk to Year 11.

**Don't forget to come along to one of our Open Evenings.**

### Step 2 January 2014

#### Make your application

All applications must be made online via the Carmel website - [www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk). The application deadline is **31st January 2014**. You can also visit us again on our **Open Evening** on **16th January**.

### Step 3 February – March 2014

#### Attend your guidance interview

Interviews will take place between February and March 2014 either at Carmel or at your school. The interview is very informal; we will discuss your career aspirations, predicted GCSE results, choice of subjects and entry requirements.

### Step 4 May 2014

#### Return your admissions documents

In early May you will be sent an admissions pack which needs to be returned by the deadline date given. You will also receive an invitation to our **'Experience Carmel'** day where you will try out your chosen subjects.

### Step 5 August 2014

#### Enrol on your chosen courses

GCSE results will be published on 21st August 2014. Providing you meet the entry requirements you will be able to **enrol at Carmel on either 21st or 22nd August**. (Appointment times will have been sent to you in June)

### Step 6 September 2014

#### Start at Carmel

**Welcome to Carmel!** You will begin an induction programme to help you settle into college life. We look forward to seeing you!

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These are just some of the reasons why so many people

# CHOOSE

## Carmel

### Top Results & Exam Success

The results were officially rated 'OUTSTANDING'. This means that our students far exceed their potential as predicted by their GCSE results.

### Outstanding Support for Students

Carmel provides a comprehensive programme of support and personal development for every student.

### Highly Qualified Teachers

Over the past 3 years, the quality of teaching at Carmel has been consistently in the top 10% of schools and colleges nationally (ALPS: A Level Performance System A2 Single T Score 2013).

### Wide Choice of Courses

Over 50 subjects/courses on offer. Choose from AS Levels, A2 Levels, Applied A Levels, BTECs, GCSEs and Foundation Learning.

### First Class Facilities

£23M of investment has transformed Carmel's campus into a truly inspiring place of learning.

### Reputation for Quality

Carmel has Beacon Status for outstanding performance. The last Ofsted Inspection rated Carmel as "Outstanding in all aspects of its provision."

### Easy to get to

Carmel is surrounded by good transport links including two train stations close by and a bus stop outside college where the buses from Liverpool stop. We have college service buses for students travelling from the outskirts of St Helens and beyond including Warrington and Widnes. You can also buy reduced cost travel passes from us, giving you unlimited travel across the North West, 7 days a week!

### Exciting Student Life

A varied Enrichment Programme will enable you to choose from over 50 extra-curricular activities from Sports, Music, Drama, Duke of Edinburgh, the Student Council and many more.

### Friendly, Welcoming Atmosphere

On Open Evenings, many prospective students and parents comment on the 'friendly and helpful staff' and the warm welcome that is extended to everyone.

### Caring, Christian Community

Carmel is a Catholic college where mutual respect and care for the individual lie at the heart of college life.

When I first came to Carmel I didn't know what to expect but there really wasn't anything to worry about! Everyone at Carmel is really friendly and I have so much more independence than I had at high school.

Paul Stanford

Rainford High Technology College

Studied Chemistry, Further Maths, Maths, Physics

Now at University of Cambridge, BSc Natural Sciences



### Did you know?

Carmel was one of the first four Sixth Form Colleges in the country to be awarded Beacon Status way back in 1999.

Carmel has invested over £23M in new, technology-rich facilities. It's impossible to do justice here to the superb environment that has been created. Come and see for yourself at our Open Evenings!

Carmel's campus has been transformed into a truly outstanding and inspiring place of learning. Additions to Carmel's existing buildings include the Notre Dame Centre for Art & Design, the West Park Building and the Dalton Building.

# FIRST CLASS

## Facilities



All subject areas have access to their own I.T. facilities and the whole campus is Wi-Fi enabled to allow staff and students internet access on any device. Remote access facilities are also available to all staff and students allowing work from home at any time - all you need is internet access.

As part of the college's green heating and lighting strategy, the buildings are controlled by an intelligent building management system which uses the latest technology to monitor heating, lighting and ventilation, leading to significant energy savings. The facilities that have been created certainly match Carmel's outstanding reputation and will provide an inspiring environment for future generations.



### Did you know?

Carmel has educated well over **15,000 students** since it opened its doors 26 years ago in 1987.

The facilities are excellent and provide students with the best possible chance to develop their knowledge whilst studying at Carmel.

Gulnaaz Birdi  
Great Sankey High School  
Law, English, Sociology, Maths, Psychology





**Science Laboratories**

9 fully equipped labs providing specialist facilities for Biology, Chemistry, Physics and BTEC Applied Science.

**I.T. Facilities**

1200 student PCs with internet access / colour printing and scanning facilities across campus / student laptops / 3 Apple Mac suites / 20 computer suites.



**Library and Study Centre**

Over 15,500 resources / computer links with The University of Liverpool library / over 35 journals / silent study area / stationery shop / online resources / suite of computers.

**Performance Theatre and Dance Studio**

Dalton Theatre seating 200 / dance studio with semi-sprung dance floor / drama and rehearsal space / changing rooms / lighting and sound gallery / communication head sets / sound system / stage management equipment.

**Music Facilities**

Practice and performance rooms / computer suite with Cubase and Sibelius software / recording studio with mixing and editing facilities.

**Film & Media Facilities**

Computer suite with Apple Mac computers running industry specific software / classroom and viewing room with multi-media projection facilities / digital cameras / editing suite.



**Modern Languages**

Wide range of language resources / digital language lab with the latest technology to help improve listening and speaking skills.

**Sports Hall and Fitness Studio**

Sports Hall for trampolining, basketball, badminton, volleyball, table tennis etc / fitness studio and multi gym / football and rugby pitches / 2 floodlit astro turf pitches.

**Foundation Learning**

Fully furnished flat / training garden with greenhouse / multimedia technology with access to computers and the internet.

**Art and Design**

6 large specialist studios for Fine Art, Graphic Design, Photography, Textile Design and Product Design / sewing room / dye print room / dark room / kiln room / glass fronted gallery running the full length of the building / student resources and tutorial area / dedicated ICT rooms / spacious technical workshop.

**Restaurant and Café**

The restaurant serves breakfast as well as hot and cold lunches and snacks which includes food from TUGO, Pasta King or Love Joes at the Deli. There's also a café which serves hot and cold drinks and snacks including Fairtrade goods.

**Outdoor Space**

Carmel's buildings are complemented by the careful landscaping of the college grounds. A central courtyard makes the best possible use of the space to provide students, staff and visitors with a pleasant outdoor area in which to work or relax.



Scan to watch our facilities video



At Carmel we are committed to developing a community where personal qualities are highly valued and where each student is enabled to reach their potential feeling supported, safe and happy during their time here.

A comprehensive programme of support and personal development is available for every student at Carmel.



Giving you

# SUPPORT

## Your Personal Tutor

Your Personal Tutor will provide you with guidance and support to help you reach your academic and personal potential:

- One-to-one discussions about your progress
- A weekly programme of topical issues
- The link between the college and parents
- An input to Consultation Evenings and Progress Reviews

## Your Student Services

The Student Services area is where you go for advice, information or help with the following:-

- Financial support
- Careers guidance
- Applying to university
- Transport to college
- Exam related enquiries
- Paying for trips, books, calculators, bus passes etc
- IT Services
- First Aid

## Financial Support

A college Bursary Scheme is available to provide support for students aged 16-19, who are experiencing financial difficulty with meeting the costs associated with learning.

Details of the Bursary Scheme are available on the college website – [www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk) or just scan the QR code.



## Study Support

Study Support Tutors and Classroom Assistants work with students both on an individual basis and in small groups to provide support with:-

- Coursework
- Planning and time management
- Revision and exam techniques
- Essay and report writing
- Literacy support
- Stress management

Support Tutors take a flexible approach and are happy to talk to you about any issues that may be affecting your studies. Students also have access to a confidential counselling service.

During my time at Carmel I have been most impressed by how helpful the tutors are. They are always happy to give up their free time during college hours in order to help you to improve your grades or go over something that you do not understand.

Amelia Newton  
De La Salle  
Studying Biology, Law, Maths

“The college places the needs and interests of the learner at the heart of everything it does.”  
Ofsted



## Giving you **SUPPORT**

### Careers Guidance

At Carmel, great emphasis is placed on providing excellent careers advice and guidance. Our Careers Manager is available to give help and advice whenever you need it:

- Information on a range of progression routes based on your individual needs and aspirations
- Higher Education events for those who wish to progress to university
- Guidance and course specific advice for those who strive to enter prestigious universities
- Specially designed careers programmes for students following courses other than A Levels
- Careers activities as part of the tutor programme
- A drop in service for general advice and help



### Stretch and Challenge

Whatever your ability, at Carmel we aim to 'stretch and challenge' you to reach your potential. All subjects offer additional activities to enable you to further develop your skills and knowledge.

### Learning Support

Our learning support team has experience of working with students with a wide range of **learning difficulties** such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome. Support is also available if you have a medical condition which may affect your studies such as ME, epilepsy, mental health issues and anxiety. If you have a visual or hearing impairment or use a wheelchair, support is also available for you. If you have any concerns about starting your chosen course at Carmel or any aspects of college life, we would like you to tell us. You can **speak in confidence** to Linda Carr, our Head of Learning Support. Alternatively, speak to your Personal Tutor or any other member of staff with whom you feel comfortable.



### High Achievers

We are keen to ensure that all our students achieve to the best of their ability. To allow the most able students to reach their potential, we have seven coordinators who lead a structured programme of teaching, activities, events and support including:-

- Help with applications to Oxford and Cambridge
- Support with applications for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine degrees
- Support for talented students in specialist areas such as Art, Music, PE and Performance
- The opportunity to study Critical Thinking
- The opportunity to study for the Extended Project Qualification



Scan to watch our Support video

The thing I like about Carmel is that the teachers are so supportive, whether it is something to do with your course or something about your future, there is always some advice that they can give you.

**Matthew Houghton**

Rainford High Technology College  
Studied Economics, Further Maths, History, Maths  
Now at University of York, BSc Economics & Maths

“ I can see immediately what makes this college so special. Not only is it focused on achieving the highest educational standards, but also on the development of the whole person. It is a strong, thriving community where students and staff enjoy learning and the determination to succeed is palpable. ”

**Christine Gilbert**  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector



**Bethany Leyland:**  
I came to Carmel from Byrchall High School and I am currently studying A2 Levels in Psychology, Dance and English Language.

**My typical Thursday**

**7:00** - After pressing the snooze button a couple of times I quickly get up washed and dressed before catching the bus to college.

**8:50** - My first lesson is double Dance, on Thursday mornings we have a practical which always wakes me up and gives me energy for the rest of the day! We are currently working on group choreography in preparation for our practical exams.

**10:35** - Ready for a break to grab some food and drink from the canteen and have a quick catch up with friends before my next lesson.

**11:00** - At this time every week I meet with my Personal Tutor. This week we talked about how I'm organising my time and how I am getting on with my subjects, which is needed so close to my final exams!



**My typical Tuesday**

**7:30** - I get up, showered and dressed and have breakfast before walking to college.

**8:50** - The first lesson of the day is my favourite subject – History. Currently we're studying post-WW2 Germany and we're looking at the re-unification of the East and the West. We've also been analysing past exam questions and looking at how best to write our answers and to plan effectively.

**10:35** - Break now and a chance to catch up with friends before my next lesson.

**10:55** - Now it's time for Government & Politics. At A2 we study the USA and currently we're looking at the Powers of the President and how they relate to his relationship with Congress. Politics is a great opportunity to debate current political issues and of course discuss their impact.

**12:00** - I'm free now and I use this time to grab an early lunch so I can go to a revision tutorial for History at lunchtime. I have a good bunch of mates free this lesson too so I also catch up with them.



**Elliot Handler:**  
I came to Carmel from Rainhill High School. Currently I am studying A2 Levels in History, Government & Politics and Economics.



# A DAY IN THE LIFE



**12:00** - Now time for English Language. I am keeping up to date with my coursework in order to get the best grade possible, and have frequent one to one tutorials with my tutor.

**13:00** - Time for a break and a well needed chat with friends about non-college subjects!

**14:05** - I don't have a lesson in this period so I take the time to finish some work I need to catch up on or do some homework I haven't got round to doing yet!

**15:05** - My last lesson is Psychology, a tricky subject to end the day but always an interesting hour which passes by quickly! We are now revising the approach topics in preparation for our final summer exam and currently going through the Psychodynamic Approach.

*Bethany is now studying Dance at the University of Roehampton.*



**13:00** - Currently on Tuesdays I go to a revision tutorial for History. At the moment we're starting from the beginning of the topics and going through all we've covered. Today we're looking at the early years of West Germany.

**14:00** - Economics is next. We're looking at globalisation and in particular the "Arab Spring" and the rise of China as an economic power, before considering how it all affects the UK. Economics can be complicated but my teacher is really good at explaining things both clearly and concisely. We've also been doing lots of exam practice each week.

**15:05** - I'm usually free now on a Tuesday, but I have training for my rugby club later on tonight so I will use this time to do some extra work. Today I'm revising for Government & Politics.

**16:05** - Home time now but sometimes I may stay for a revision tutorial or to do extra work.

*Elliot is now studying History at University College London.*



### Enrichment Programme

Our Enrichment Programme offers over 50 activities, some of which will enable you to gain useful qualifications or improve learning, others allow expression of creative talent. Enrichment activities are also useful for supporting your career choices by gaining relevant experience in a particular area. All these additional experiences will enhance the impression you give to future employers and are extremely valuable when applying to Higher Education establishments. Here are just some examples of Enrichment activities on offer at Carmel:

- Cabin Crew
- Carmel Ambassadors
- Chess Club
- Choir



### Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy at Carmel is a welcoming Christian community and a sacred space. Students can use the Chaplaincy for private prayer and reflection. It is also a base where the Justice and Peace group organise many charitable events, where friendships are made and where students and staff are encouraged to *'be the change they want to see in the world'* (Gandhi).

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# GET INVOLVED

**There's more to life at Carmel than just passing exams. We encourage you to get involved, make new friends and take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to you.**

Whether it's joining the Student Council or sport teams, expressing creative talent for music, drama or art, going on trips organised through the subject areas or getting involved in charity fundraising or the many Enrichment activities on offer, at Carmel, we enable our students to flourish both academically and as individuals!

You can take part in activities that complement your academic course options or try something different and develop new skills.

- Debating Society
- Driving Theory
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Forensic Science
- Kite Making
- History Through Film
- Interior Design
- Justice & Peace Group
- Primary School Project
- Science Challenge
- Sign Language
- Team Sports
- World Challenge



Download our Enrichment brochure at [www.carmel.ac.uk](http://www.carmel.ac.uk) or scan the code



### Personal Development

At Carmel we place great emphasis on raising students' awareness of their personal responsibilities through spiritual and moral education. We create opportunities for students to discuss social and ethical issues and reflect on how they should respond to them.



**Carmel's ethos is really important and knowing that there is always someone you can talk to is very reassuring.**

**Ben Chisnall**  
Haydock High School  
Studying Health & Social Care and Applied Science

Trips and visits organised through the subject areas are a great way to bring your academic studies to life.



Sociology trip to Liverpool Museums



Travel & Tourism trip to Blackpool



Art & Design trip to The Bluecoat Gallery



Spanish trip to Barcelona



Annual Ski trip



Biology trip to Costa Rica



Geography trip to Cumbria

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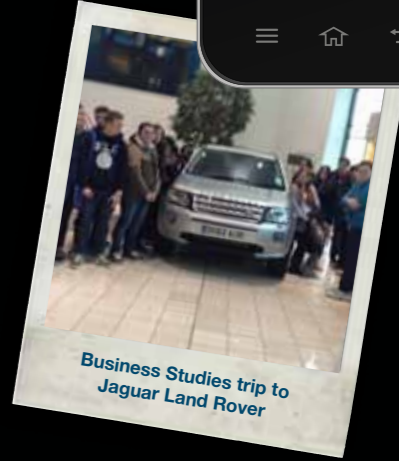
# EXPERIENCES



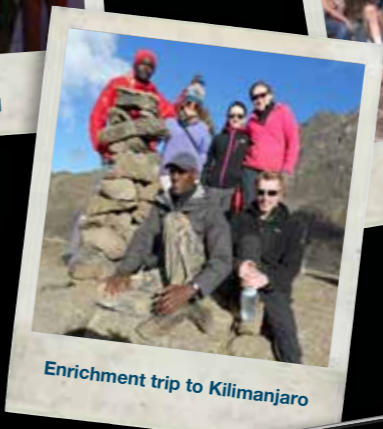
ICT trip to Cadbury World



Philosophy & Religion trip to Krakow



Business Studies trip to Jaguar Land Rover



Enrichment trip to Kilimanjaro



History trip to Auschwitz



La Sallian Developing World Project, Kenya



Duke of Edinburgh trip



German Exchange to Stuttgart



Government & Politics trip to America

One of the highlights at Carmel is that the trips are subject based which really puts what you are learning into perspective. This makes the work easier to understand and combines having fun with learning as well.

Sophie Randles  
Wade Deacon High School  
Studying ICT, Business, Computing

Find us on Facebook to see more trips and visits news.



# SPORT & FITNESS

at Carmel

Students are encouraged to pursue their leisure and sporting interests through a comprehensive programme that caters for all levels.

Sport at Carmel is intended to improve levels of personal fitness, provide challenging experiences, promote social interaction and encourage students to achieve high standards.

Carmel's modern facilities include a **sports hall with multi-gym** and cardio-vascular machines including rowers, bikes, running machines and steppers. Within the college grounds there are also **rugby and football pitches** plus two **astroturf pitches**. All these facilities are freely available to students during college hours.

Students are encouraged to take part in competitive sports against other colleges including **Rugby, Football, Hockey, Badminton and Netball**. There are also opportunities to achieve coaching and leadership awards.

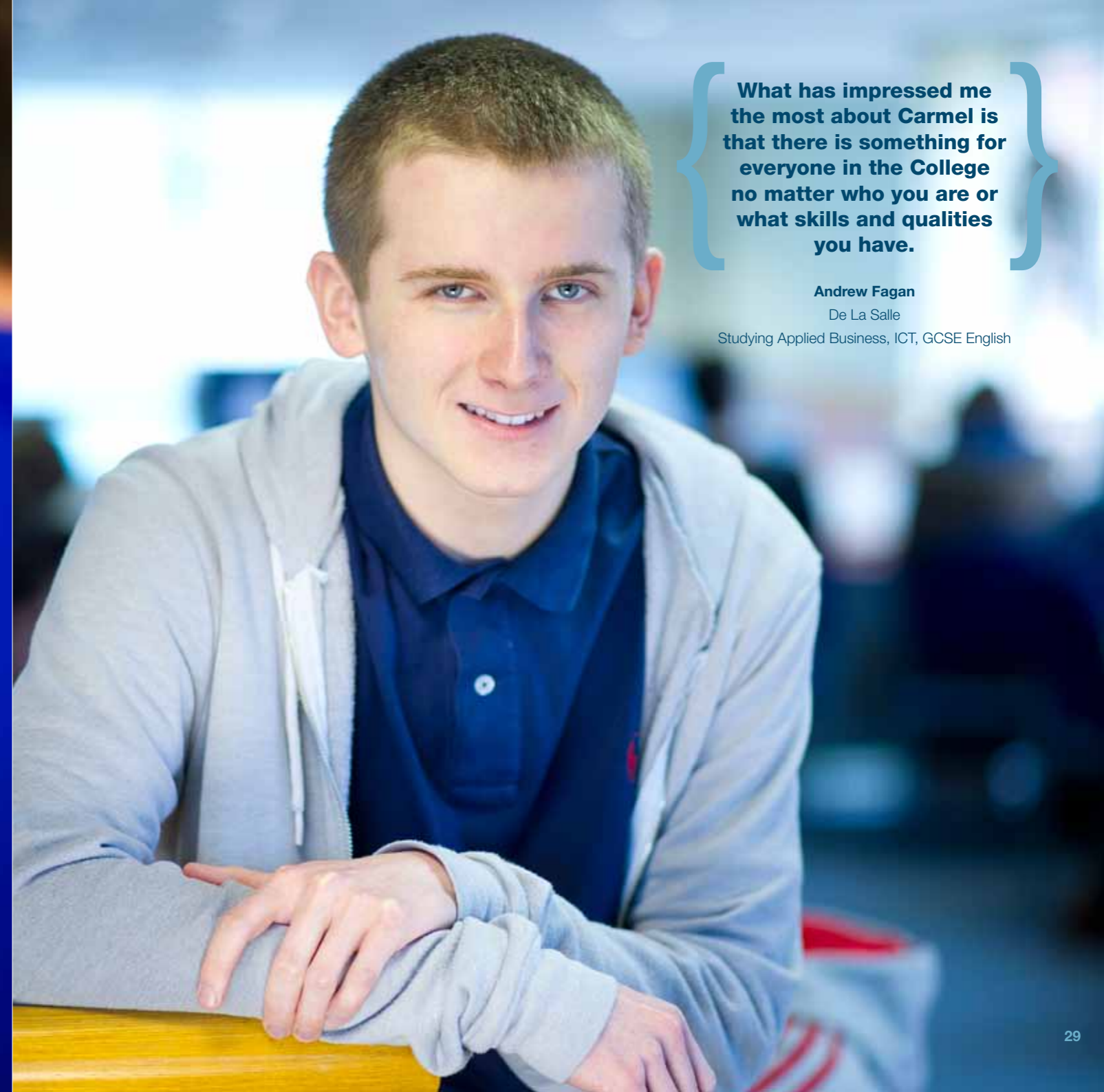


What has impressed me the most about Carmel is that there is something for everyone in the College no matter who you are or what skills and qualities you have.

Andrew Fagan

De La Salle

Studying Applied Business, ICT, GCSE English



The college is situated on the A58 Prescott Road, next to West Park Rugby Club.

Surrounded by good transport links, Carmel College is easily accessible from a wide area.

# FIND US

## On Foot

Carmel College is located 1.5 miles from St Helens town centre on the A58 Prescott Road. The centre of Prescott is 4 miles away. The college can also be reached via the Red Rocks public footpath which runs alongside the college playing fields and down towards Knowsley Road.

## By Car or Bike

There is free car parking in the college grounds for staff and visitors and we have an agreement

with our neighbours, West Park Rugby Club, for student parking. There is designated parking for disabled drivers at both the front and side entrances to the college. There is also an area for parking mopeds and bicycles.

## By Rail

Carmel College is only 10 minutes walk from both the Thatto Heath and Eccleston Park rail stations. These stations are on the main line between Wigan North Western

station and Liverpool Lime Street station.

For timetables and costs, contact The Trainline on **0871 244 1545** or **www.thetrainline.com**

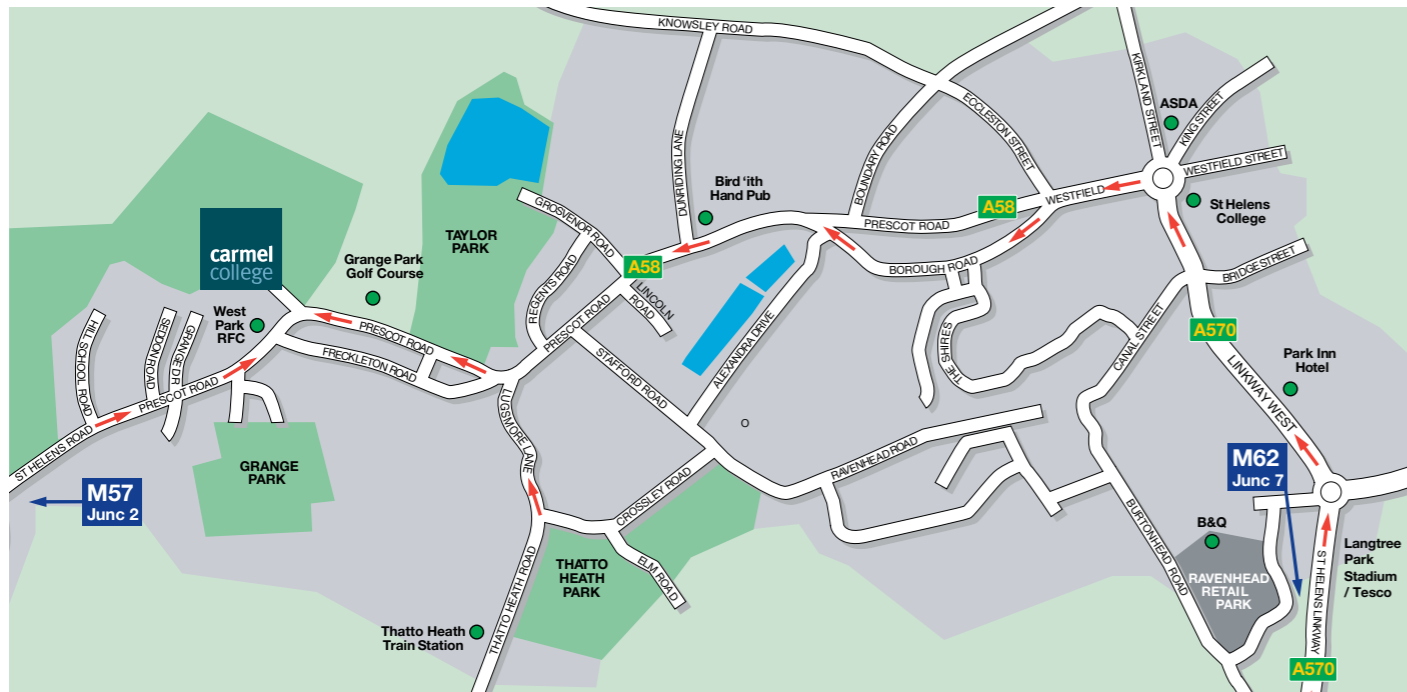
## By Bus

The following Carmel College buses are scheduled to arrive at college before **8.45am** and to leave at approximately **4.15pm**. Please visit **www.carmel.ac.uk** for further details.

- Service **740** - Rainhill
- Service **741** - Newton, Parr and Sutton
- Service **742** - Haydock and Chain Lane
- Service **743** - Rainford and Eccleston
- Service **745** - Platt Bridge and Ashton
- **Kingsway Service** - Kingsway North, Latchford, Sankey Bridges, Penketh, Lingley Green
- **Grappenhall Service** - Grappenhall, Stockton Heath, Town Centre, Cromwell Ave, Westbrook
- Service **1W** - Widnes from Vicarage Road
- Service **2W** - Widnes from Prescott Road

Several **public buses** also stop near college including the numbers **10, 10a, 33, 89, 97 & 297**

For timetables and prices contact the Traveline on **0871 200 2233** or **www.merseytravel.gov.uk**



# Q&A

## Did you know?

Students come to Carmel from over **40 different high schools**.



## Do I need to have studied a subject at GCSE to study it at A Level?

The majority of A Level courses require you to have studied that subject at GCSE but this is not the case for every single subject. Further information can be found on individual course leaflets which can be downloaded from the college website or you can pick one up at Open Evening.

## Can I take GCSEs as well as A Levels?

If you are following an A Level programme, GCSEs can only be taken as resits if you need to improve your grade in a particular subject.

## What is the guidance interview like?

The interview is very informal; we will discuss your career aspirations, predicted GCSE results, choice of subjects and entry requirements.

## What's the typical timetable?

All students study full-time at Carmel. The college day starts at 8.50am and ends at 4.05pm with a break in the morning and an hour for lunch. As well as your chosen subjects you will take part in an enrichment activity once a week. You will also have free study periods and will attend sessions with your Personal Tutor.

## Can I change the subjects I've applied for?

Yes, the subject choices you give at your guidance interview can be changed. For example your actual GCSE grades may differ from your predicted grades which may impact on your subject choices. On enrolment day, you will be able to choose an alternative course provided that it is not already full and you have met the entry requirements for this subject. Our admissions team will be on hand to help you make the right choice.



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

## 2013 OPEN EVENINGS

**Wednesday 16th October**

**Thursday 7th November**

**Tuesday 12th November**

**6.00 - 8.30pm**

## 2014 OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 16th January**

**6.00 - 8.30pm**

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