

Carshalton Boys Sports College NEWSLETTER

'Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being.' Khalil Gibran

April 2025

Headlines

The happiest secondary schools, ranked by Ofsted. Where's yours?

Five years of data suggest 99% satisfaction at the leading schools — we visited two to discover their secrets

Sutton sixth forms and colleges ratings by Department for Education

5TH MARCH EDUCATION NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CARSHALTON CHEAM SUTTON

We are absolutely thrilled to share some fantastic news that highlights the exceptional achievements of our students and the positive environment we cultivate here at Carshalton Boys Sports College. Recent reports from both The Sunday Times and the Sutton Guardian have underscored our commitment to both student happiness and academic excellence.

Firstly, we are incredibly proud to announce that CBSC has been ranked **4th happiest secondary school in Sutton** and an astounding **33rd happiest nationally out of over 4,000 schools!** This achievement, based on Ofsted data analysed by The Sunday Times, reveals that a remarkable 97% of our parents believe their child is happy at our school. This is a testament to the dedicated staff and the supportive community we have built together. We are especially pleased to be recognised amongst the top schools in Sutton, a borough known for its high educational standards. (You can read more about this in the Sutton Guardian article here: <https://www.yourlocalguardian.co.uk/news/25017998.suttons-happiest-secondary-schools-according-ofsted/>)

Here are the scores for the schools in Sutton:

- Wallington County Grammar School – 99%
- Wilson's School – 99%
- Sutton Grammar School – 98%
- **Carshalton Boys Sports College - 97%**
- Harris Academy Sutton – 93%



Secondly, we are equally delighted to celebrate the success of our Sixth Form. The recent Department for Education league tables, published by the Sutton Guardian, have confirmed that our Sixth Form students are achieving **above average results**. This recognition reinforces our commitment to providing a high-quality education that prepares our students for future success. (You can read more about this in the Sutton Guardian article here: <https://www.yourlocalguardian.co.uk/news/24970030.sutton-sixth-forms-colleges-ratings-department-education/>)

The Above Average Schools Include:

- Wallington County Grammar School (Academy): 0.34
- **Carshalton Boys Sports College (Academy): 0.17**
- Cheam High School (Academy): 0.17

These achievements are a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our students, the unwavering support of our parents and guardians, and the commitment of our exceptional staff. We believe that a happy and supportive learning environment is essential for academic success, and we are proud to see this reflected in these outstanding results.

We are committed to continuing to provide a positive and enriching educational experience for all our students. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and restful Easter Break and we look forward to continuing to work with you next term.

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WE BELIEVE KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, BLACK LIVES MATTER, LOVE IS LOVE, FEMINISM IS FOR EVERYONE, NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL, BE GENTLE WITH THE EARTH, BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF, BE REALLY KIND



Be Really Kind

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Highlights From the Spring Half Term 2:

- Year 13 Mock Exams
- Year 10 Parents Evening
- UCAS Convention for Sixth Form
- Year 13 Economics Revision Workshop
- Directions & Destinations Day 2025
- Year 10 Mock Exams
- Year 8 Parents Evening
- Year 11 Parents Information Evening
- Macbeth Goes Wrong Performance
- World Book Day
- Year 8 Pathways Evening
- Year 12 BFI Media Trip
- Sixth Form Politics Trip
- Media Paris Trip
- Wicked Theatre Trip
- Ramadan Celebrations
- KS3 Cyber Outreach Assembly



- Year 11 Drama Exams
- Year 10 Food Exams
- Year 7 & Year 8 Globe Theatre Trip
- Year 11 MFL Oral Mock Exams
- POWER Sutton Schools Council Event
- Chinese Cookery Workshop
- RSE Drop Down Day for Sixth Form
- Year 12 Physics Trip UCL CERN Masterclass
- Year 7 Football Cup Final
- Year 9 to Year 11 Merton College Taster Event
- Pi Day
- Pinewood Studios Trip
- Ski Trip
- Harry Potter Studio Trip



End/Start of Term Arrangements

End of Term

We have staggered dismissal times for the end of term, please read the information below carefully. If you have any questions about end or start of term arrangements, please email contact@carshaltonboys.org

Thursday 3rd April

Last day of term for Year 11 & Sixth form, finish at the end of Period 5 (3pm)

Friday 4th April

Last day of term for Year 7 - Year 10

Time	Activity
8.30	Registration
P1	Normal Lessons
P2	Year 7 & Year 8 Normal Lessons Year 9 & Year 10 Rewards Assemblies
Break	Year 9 & Year 10 Students dismissed from Assemblies Y7 & Y8 Extended Break
P3	Year 7 & Year 8 Rewards Assemblies. Students dismissed from approx. 12pm onwards <i>Year 7 will be dismissed via the main entrance</i> <i>Year 8 will be dismissed via Muschamp Road</i>
Dismissal	All students off site by 12.20pm

Tuesday 22nd April (start of Term)

We start back on a GOLD week

Time	Activity
10.40	ALL students to arrive in school
10.55	Year 7 - Year 10 & Sixth Form Registration Year 11 Assembly Main Hall
11.20	Timetabled lessons as normal

Wednesday 23rd April

School day as normal for all years



Uniform & Equipment

To ensure a consistent learning environment, students who repeatedly come to school without the proper uniform or missing essential equipment will be subject to appropriate consequences. However, we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise. If you have a valid reason for not meeting the dress code or missing equipment, please get prior approval from your Head of Year or PSO.

Equipment Expectations

Non-school coats are NOT permitted.

If you would like to obtain a pre-loved coat, please contact your child's pastoral team

Equipment Expectations

Please ensure your child has the following in their school bag everyday

Full (essential) school equipment **inside a pencil case:**

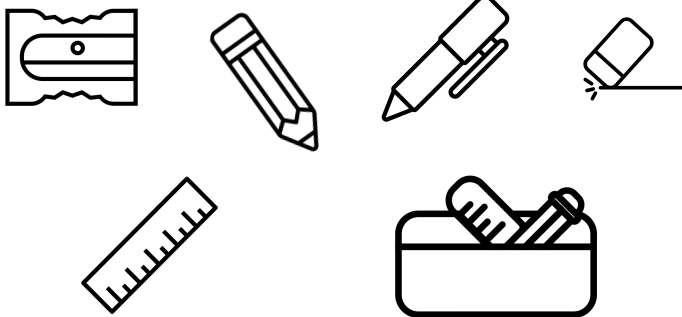
Essentials

- 2 black or blue pens
- 2 Pencils
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Ruler

Desirables

- Highlighters
- Some colouring pencils
- Maths set
- Calculator

It is also helpful for students to have a pair of headphones with a cable and jack to use in music lessons



Uniform Expectations

Please ensure your child has the following CBSC School Uniform:
Black Leather School Shoes (*Any student not wearing correct footwear will be provided with a pair of leather shoes to wear for the day*)

CBSC School Blazer

Black Trousers

Black Skirt (*must be of an acceptable length to allow involvement in a wide range of activities during the school day, but maintain modesty. Hem must be on or close to the knee*)

White Shirt (*short or long sleeved*)

School Tie

CBSC School Coat (*for colder/wet weather*)

CBSC School Jumper (*Optional*)

Note, the blazer must be worn at all times, unless students have permission to remove.

PE Kit Expectations

CBSC PE Shorts

CBSC PE Top

Trainers



If your child is not able to participate in PE, they are still required to bring their FULL CBSC kit with them for their timetabled PE lessons. *Sick or fit, bring your kit!*

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted, including earrings. Students will be asked to remove these

Student Services

Left your pencil case at home? Lost your tie the night before at a fixture? Left your school shoes at home?

Students will be able to borrow items for the day. They must collect this between 8-8.20am in the Mezzanine/speak to their tutor, PSO or Head of Year



Reporting Absences

We have changed how you report your child's absences...

We recently changed the way that you report a student absent from school. Please see a reminder below.

You will no longer be able to leave a voicemail message. Please DO NOT call the admin team or reception to report any form of student absence. Only report absences via email or MCAS

To report a student absent from school, for any reason, please email attendance@carshaltonboys.org or send a message via the My Child At School app (MCAS).

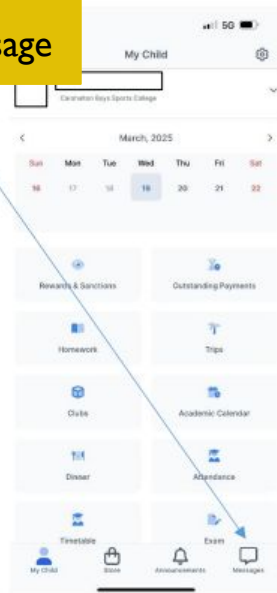
This includes messages regarding:

- a student who is going to be absent from school (please include the reason for the absence)
- a student has an appointment either on the day or in the future
- is going to be delayed in coming into school
- needs to leave early for an appointment (medical etc)

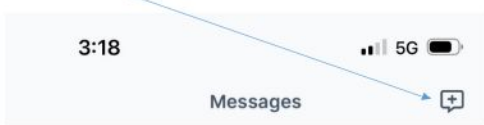
To confirm any communications relating to absence, appointments or lateness to school must be emailed to attendance@carshaltonboys.org or send a message via MCAS.

Please find here the details of how to notify the school about a student absence

Step 1 Select Message



Step 2 Select the '+' in the top right corner



Step 3 Select Carshalton Boys Sports College



Step 4 Type your message in the box at the bottom of the screen and click on the blue send button twice





Why attendance is important

Key Findings from the DFE Report

At CBSC we have been sharing the key findings of this report via tutor times and assemblies.

The findings are consistent with previous departmental research in this area, which found pupils who had between 95-100% attendance in Year 11 were 1.9 times more likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE compared to pupils who only attended 90-95% of the time (DfE, 2025).

We find a **negative relationship** between school **absence** and **attainment**; a pupil who **misses more days of school** is likely to **achieve worse grades** in their GCSEs.

This approximately equates to **1 grade decrease per 13 days absent**

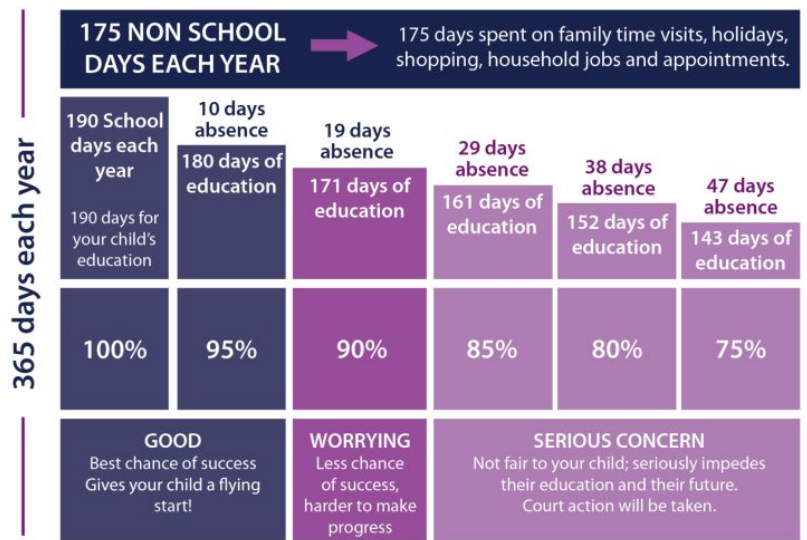
Furthermore, the percentage of pupils who are classed as **persistently absent, missing more than 10% of possible school sessions**, rose from **10.9%** in 2018/19 to **22.5%** in 2021/22.

The data measures the results of pupils at state-funded mainstream schools in England in 8 GCSE-level qualifications, known as 'Attainment 8'.

Attainment 8 is a way of measuring how well pupils do in key stage 4, which they usually finish when they are 16 years old.

The 8 subjects which make up Attainment 8 are:

- English
- Maths
- 3 subjects from qualifications that count towards the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), like sciences, language and history
- 3 more GCSE qualifications (including EBacc subjects) or technical awards from a list approved by the Department for Education



Each grade a pupil gets is assigned a point score from 9 (the highest) to 1 (the lowest). Each pupil's Attainment 8 score is calculated by adding up the points for their 8 subjects, with maths counted twice. English is counted twice if both English literature and English language are sat.

Full Report [HERE](#)



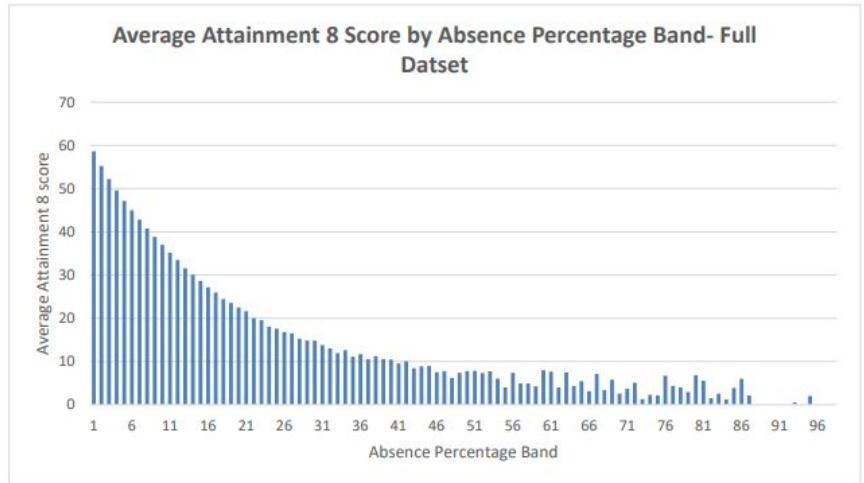
Why attendance is important

This graph shows that the average Attainment 8 scores decrease as average absence increase. Those in the lowest absence percentage band (0-1%) had the highest attainment 8 score.

0-1% absence equates to approximately 0-9 days of absence in 5 years.

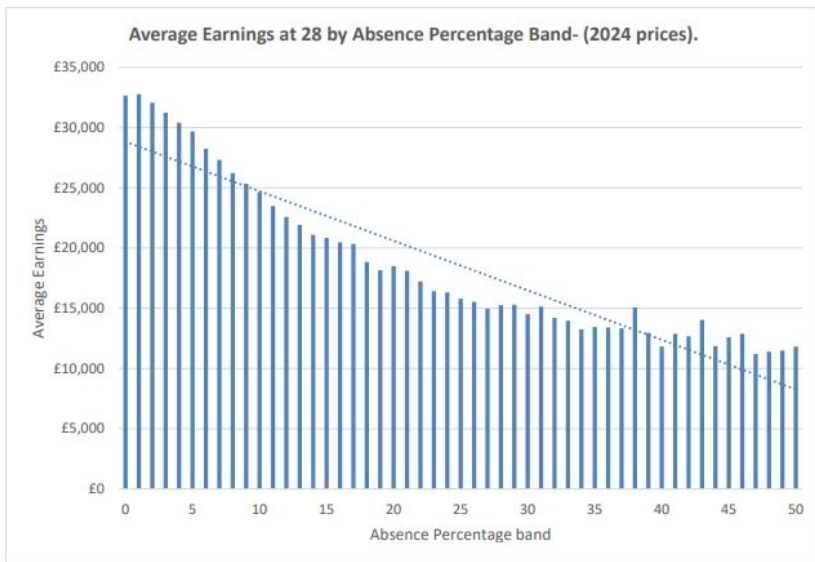
The effect becomes flatter after 40% absence.

Figure 1: Average Attainment 8 score by Average Absence Percentage



Source: National Pupil Database

Figure 2: Average Earnings at 28 by Absence Percentage Band (2024 prices)



Source: Longitudinal Educational Outcomes (LEO)

This graph shows the earnings average at 1 percentage point intervals in this dataset. It demonstrates those who have a higher percentage of absence during KS4, earn less on average than peers who have higher attendance.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, or if you have any questions, please email contact@carshaltonboys.org with your query and we will put you in touch with the right team.

Impact on lifetime earnings

We find **absence** has a **negative correlation** with **GCSE attainment** and **earnings**.

One day of additional absence between Years 7 to 11 for a typical student was associated with an approximate £750 (2024 prices) loss in future earnings.

One day of absence for persistently absent pupils, who miss more than 10% of their possible sessions, was associated with a £650 future earnings loss.

The likelihood of being in **sustained employment** for **12 months decreases by approximately 60%** for pupils who are classified as **persistently absent** and **approximately 75%** for those who are classified as **severely absent**.



Food Department

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It's been a busy half term with lots of cooking as usual. There has been some excellent work from Year 7 and 8 as a new group began their rotation of Food. Year 9 have been designing for different life-stages and dietary needs and Year 10 completed a mock practical assessment with some excellent results. Meanwhile, the 6th form has been cooking a range of fake-away recipes - a cheaper alternative to a takeaway!





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The profiteroles were cooked as part of our Directions and Destinations Day where students learnt about the Career Paths in Hospitality and Catering whilst aiming to produce a high skilled dessert!





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Harry Potter Studio Tour

Magical Experience at Harry Potter Studios!

Our sixth form students for Media Studies, Digital Media, Photography & Product Design embarked on an unforgettable trip to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour, where they explored the iconic sets, props, and behind-the-scenes secrets of the beloved film series.

As part of the experience, students took part in a Graphic Design Workshop, learning how professional designers create the magical branding, posters, and props seen in the films. From designing their own Marauder's Map to understanding the art of film marketing, it was a fantastic opportunity to blend creativity with hands-on learning.

The studio tour itself was equally mesmerizing, with students stepping inside the Great Hall, walking through Diagon Alley, and even seeing the breathtaking model of Hogwarts. It was an inspiring trip that brought the magic of film production to life!





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Pinewood Studios Futures Festival

Our students recently attended the Pinewood Futures Festival, an incredible event at the heart of the UK's film and television industry. Hosted at the legendary Pinewood Studios, home to iconic productions like James Bond and Star Wars, the careers day offered a unique insight into pathways in media, film, and television production.

Students got to participate in a panel discussion with NFTS alumni as well as networking opportunities with industry professionals and getting hands on practical experience on set. Students engaged with top professionals from VFX, set design, camera production, and more. The trip was an eye-opening experience, sparking creativity and ambition for future careers in the entertainment industry!





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Paris Trip

Over February half term, our Sixth Form students embarked on an unforgettable trip to Paris, exploring the tourist sights of the city with Eiffel Tower, Arc De Triomphe, The Louvre, Notre Dame, Montmartre, and so much more to immerse themselves in French culture. We also got to experience the magic of Disneyland - including academic workshops with Disney as a global media conglomerate, offering valuable insights into the business and branding behind the magic. From sightseeing to studying, it was a perfect blend of fun and learning!



'The Paris trip really helped me understand how society and culture is different wherever you go. My favourite part of the trip was definitely Disneyland. I understand that the teachers want us to say the workshop was the best part of the trip but let's be realistic. From the trip I gained an understanding of French lifestyle and culture and nearly 2 kilos of sweets.'

Ethan B





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Wicked!

Year 8 Rewards Trip

To celebrate their outstanding achievements in the recent music assessment, Year 8 students who earned the highest possible grades were treated to a fantastic rewards trip to see *Wicked* in the West End! It was an unforgettable experience, filled with incredible performances and magical moments. Well done to all the students for their hard work and dedication—keep up the great effort!





Ski Trip 2025



Eighty-five excited students swapped their classrooms for the stunning slopes of Sestriere, Italy, this February half-term! From carving up the pistes to perfecting their pizza turns, our skiers tackled everything the Alps had to offer—some more gracefully than others! Laughter, wipeouts (especially with Mr Sharif around), and a few unexpected snow angels made this trip one for the books. A huge thanks to our amazing staff and instructors for keeping spirits (and skis) high. We can't wait to hit the slopes again soon!



Brilliant Club

Oriel College Trip

In March Miss Chaplin and Mr Way took 13 year 8 students to Oriel College, University of Oxford for the Brilliant Club graduation. They received a tour of the college campus along with a lecture from Oxford University students before a graduation ceremony with over 300 students from school across the country.

Over the last 3 months these boys have been working alongside a tutor, Georgina, to create a 1500 word assignment each on diseases (focusing on the spread of Malaria). In order to receive a top grade, students needed to demonstrate analysis, evaluation and referencing skills. George Irwin-Smith and Edward Ayers scored 77% and 76% respectively in their final grade. This ranked them in the top 5% of all the Brilliant Club students nationwide. All our students received a grade in the mark band above the national average, a tribute to their hard work!





Science Week



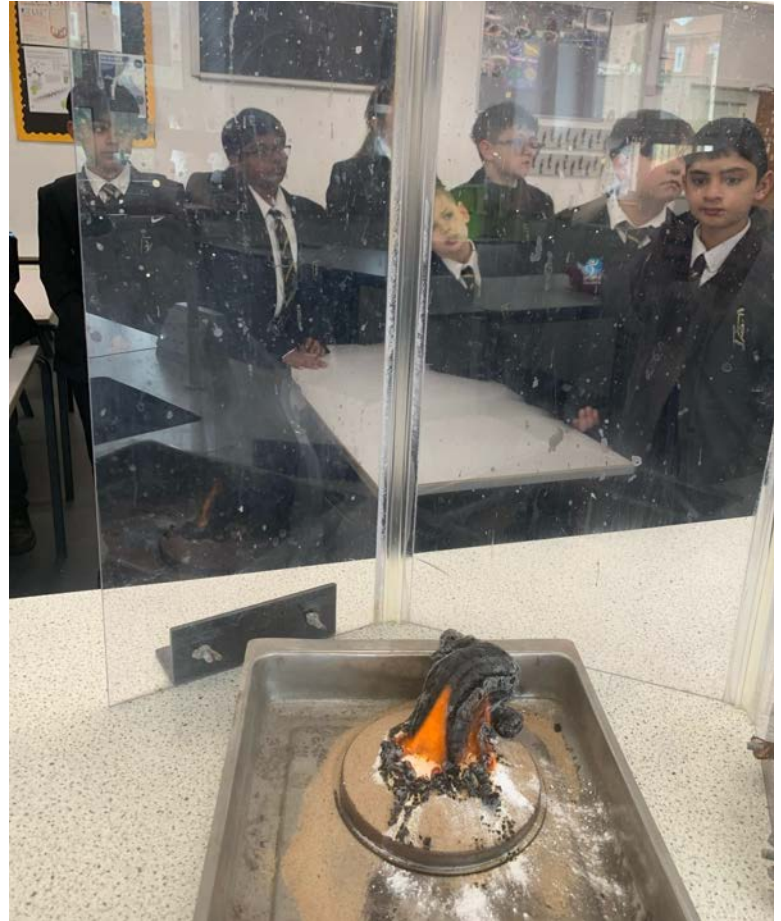
Exploring the Power of Change & Adaptation

This year's Science Week at Carshalton Boys was an exhilarating journey into the fascinating world of **adaptation and change**. Students immersed themselves in hands-on experiments and interactive lessons, discovering how animals have evolved remarkable strategies to survive in diverse environments.

One of the key investigations focused on how animals stay warm in extreme climates. Through practical experiments, students explored the effectiveness of different natural insulators, such as **fur and fat**, simulating how Arctic creatures like polar bears and seals retain heat in the icy waters of the **polar regions**.

Another exciting session delved into the **incredible ways animals change colour**—not only to blend seamlessly into their surroundings for camouflage but also to communicate with one another. From chameleons shifting shades to express mood and temperature, to cuttlefish using dynamic patterns to signal warnings, students marvelled at nature's hidden language.

Science Week at Carshalton Boys was a thrilling success, sparking curiosity and deepening students' understanding of the **ever-changing natural world**. With engaging experiments and thought-provoking discussions, it truly showcased the magic of science in action!





Sutton Schools Council

On Wednesday the 26th March, our Student Council POWER (Pupil Opportunity With Everyone Represented) hosted the Sutton Schools Council.

This was a fantastic event whereby our POWER Reps met with representatives from all Sutton schools here to discuss concerns with key members of the local authority, Police, NHS, Education, youth services.

A huge thank you to all the staff and visitors who made this event possible and a massive well done to all our POWER Reps, who represented CBSC fantastically.





Young Writers Competition



Some of our KS3 classes took part in the Young Writers, Poetry Escape competition last half term. They have been chosen to have their poems printed in an anthology and all received certificates. Well done!





VE Day 80th Anniversary

Last year saw our school community come together to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day – 6th June 1944. This was an important historic occasion made all the more poignant as the number of surviving veterans is now very small. Sadly at some point in the future the surviving participants who fought in the war against Nazism will no longer be with us.

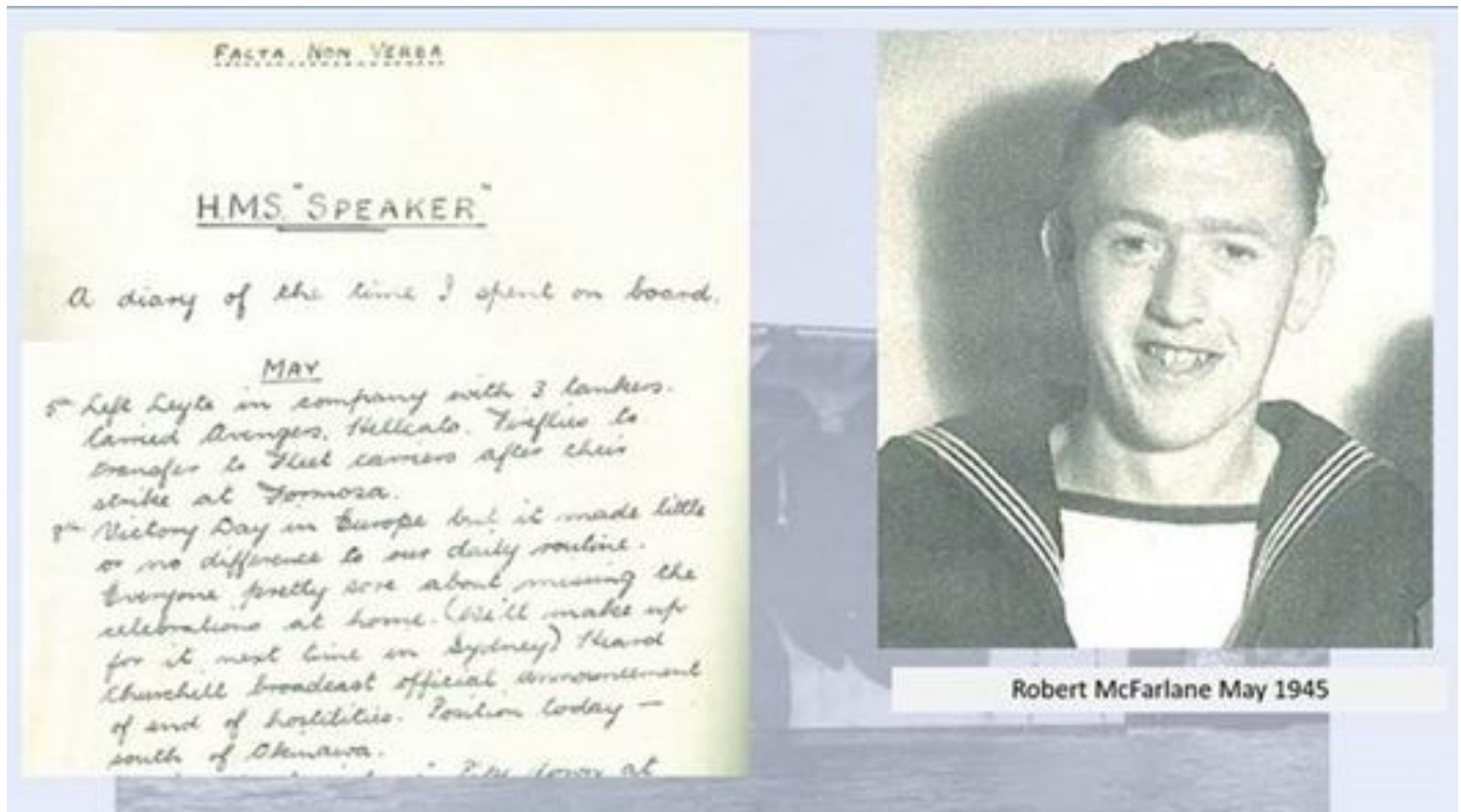
This year – 8th May 2025 - will see another historic anniversary, the 80th Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Nazis finally surrendered unconditionally and fighting ceased in Europe. As the *Daily Mirror* reported this was 'Britain's day of rejoicing'.

The war in the Pacific continued until August and is marked by VJ Day.

As a community Carshalton Boys Sports College would like to mark this occasion by gathering information of family relatives who served or fought in World War Two. Teachers tell me that many students have fascinating stories about family members who took part in the conflict in some way. To mark the anniversary we would like you to contribute any stories or information regarding family members of our student community who served or fought in World War Two.

Thank you for all the parents, carers, students, and staff who have so far taken the time to send in their stories of family members participation in the war. Please send any stories and pictures to Mr Watkin, Acting Head of History at swatkin@carshaltonboys.org

One such story was that of Robert McFarlane, grandfather of Mrs McFarlane in the History Department. He served on HMS Speaker as part of the British Pacific Fleet and recorded in his diary on 8th May 1945 that they 'heard Churchill broadcast official announcement of end of hostilities' whilst they were positioned to the south of Okinawa, Japan.





VE Day 80th Anniversary

Callum C's family in 10C shared their story of his paternal great grandfather. Warrant Officer Sydney John Proctor joined the RAF in December 1941 at the age of 19. He became a rear gunner, the most dangerous job on the aircraft isolated at the back and very vulnerable to attack. Whilst attached to 50 Squadron Bomber Command he took part in the raid on Peenemunde in August 1943 which was the site for German research and testing for the V1 and V2 rockets that were launched against England. Sydney John Proctor was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM) for his bravery and service in the war.

In France and Belgium the Allied armies advanced towards Germany and V1 and V2 rocket launching sites were captured meaning that the last V1 and V2 rockets hit London in late March 1945. The Daily Mirror of 24 March 1945 reported that Allied tanks were '20 miles away from Frankfurt'.

On the Home Front thoughts started to turn towards repairing the damage as seen in this advert for 'Bomb Damage Repairs' in the *Sutton & Epsom Advertiser* of 29 March 1945. In a meeting at the Labour Hall, Stayton Road, Sutton the local MP, Archibald Southby heard from local councillors that 'of the borough's 22, 000 houses, over 18,000 were damaged. The number completely destroyed was 370, and 210 houses were damaged and unfit for habitation'



DAILY MIRROR, Saturday, March 24, 1945.
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ALLES BURST ACROSS RHINE AGAIN

Tanks striking 20 miles from Frankfurt

AT a time when the world is awaiting news of an all-out thrust into the Ruhr, Allied Supreme H.Q. announces this morning that the U.S. Third Army has burst across the Rhine, about 150 miles upstream from Montgomery's front.

Tanks and troops are pouring further into the Reich with an almost complete lack of opposition.

Berlin says the new crossing was made by German amphibious tanks at Oppenheim, 12 1/2 miles south of Mainz, and some 70 miles up the Rhine from the Remagen bridgehead, now 31 miles long and 20 miles deep.

The new bridgehead is newly established about twenty miles from the city of Frankfurt-on-Main.

First crossings were made during Thursday night attacks. According to Allied intelligence reports the first wave of troops landed within the river in rubber boats at 10.30 p.m.

Caught completely by surprise, the Germans failed to fire a single round of artillery for the two hours.

By dawn counter-attacks were being made from the east bank, and were being stopped by the Germans.

"This is a couple of their job plans appeared over the mouth-head and were 200 ft high in places."

A lot of tiny artillery splatter marks proved their arrival as German troops entered, stood down and experimental. There will be a full report on the progress of the advance in the next issue of the Daily Mirror.

The Minister claims temporary housing will be provided at the rate of 100,000 a week. He hopes that by the June 1945 date "Continued Book Page"

General to run temporary housing

Government won't release all building men in Forces: 'Services would be annoyed'

General Sir Frederick Pile, sixty-one-year-old chief of A.A. Command, who organised London's defence against the blitz and the Home Islands, has been appointed C-in-C. temporary housing.

His new appointment was announced in Parliament last night by Mr. Dawson Bailey, Minister of Works at the end of the two-day debate on housing.

The Minister outlined the Government's plan for increasing the building programme for the summer and for the autumn. He said that the Government had decided against releasing every building worker now in the Forces.

"This, he said, would mean the destruction of the war effort and create a serious situation in the service."

Additional to the scheme for building men to be released in the summer, the Government would be prepared to consider the release of men in the autumn. He said that the Government would be prepared to consider the release of men in the autumn.

"The Minister said it was unlikely that more than a quarter of the total force would be released in the first year after Germany's defeat. And in that time no more than 100,000 men could be available for building new houses."

He refused to promise an increase in the Government's building programme, but declared "The day is not far off."

Mr. Pile's appointment had been announced in the House of Commons.

General Pile will be in charge of production, transport and erection of temporary housing. Mr. Hastings, Minister of Works, will be in charge of research, and Mr. Pile will be in charge of construction.

WAVELL HOME

Field-Marshal Viscount Wavell, former and Governor-General of India, arriving in London last night. He had been in India for several months.

THE HOUSE HAD HAD ENOUGH

There was an extraordinary debate in the House of Commons last night on the damage to the borough of Sutton.

At one time during his speech there was a member from Miss Mansel's Parliamentary constituency, the Minister of Health, the Government Whip and a Labour Whip.

They were later joined by Mr. Pile, Minister of Works, and Mr. Dawson Bailey, Minister of Works.

Mr. Pile said that the damage to the borough of Sutton was the most serious in the country.

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porary dwellings in their spare time. Coun. J. Everett, replying to points raised, mentioned that, of the borough's 22,000 houses, over 18,000 were damaged. The number completely destroyed was 370, and 210 houses were damaged and unfit for habitation. Men on repair work at the peak period numbered 1,400. The number had been reduced, and the borough was likely to be left with only 600 men.



This Month In History

This month in History.. March

7 March 1876: The telephone is patented

America is often hailed as the pinnacle of innovation, but Scotland's contributions are often overlooked. From kaleidoscopes to the toaster, Scottish inventors have left an indelible mark on modern life.

Alexander Graham Bell, credited with the electric telephone invention, built upon earlier concepts like Robert Hooke's acoustic telephone from 1667. Frustrated with telegraph limitations, Bell patented his 'harmonic telegraph' in 1876, revolutionising communication.

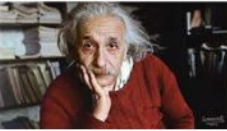
This innovation laid the groundwork for today's smartphones. Scotland's inventive spirit has played a significant role in shaping the world we live in, challenging the notion that innovation is solely an American trait.



14 March 1879: Albert Einstein is Born

Albert Einstein, born on March 14, 1879, in Ulm, Germany, reshaped modern physics with his groundbreaking theories, including the theory of relativity ($E=mc^2$).

His work revolutionised the understanding of space, time, and energy. Einstein's intellect and humanitarianism left an enduring legacy, earning him the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics.





International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) 8th March 2025: This year theme is 'Accelerate Action for women's equality'.

IWD in the United Kingdom has a rich history marked by significant milestones. Originating from the suffragette movement in the early 20th century, IWD UK commemorates the struggles and achievements of women in various spheres. Since its inception, it has evolved into a platform for advocating gender equality, women's rights, and social justice.


In the UK, IWD gained prominence during the First World War when women played crucial roles in the workforce while men were at war. The day became associated with calls for equal pay, voting rights, and improved working conditions. In 1917, the first IWD gathering took place in London.

Throughout the 20th century, IWD continued to be a focal point for activism, with women using the day to protest discrimination and inequality. In the latter part of the century, IWD became more institutionalised, with governments and organisations recognising its significance.

In recent years, IWD in the UK has seen a resurgence in grassroots activism, with campaigns focusing on issues such as gender-based violence, reproductive rights, and diversity in leadership. It serves as both a celebration of women's achievements and a reminder of the ongoing struggle for gender equality. Today, IWD in the UK is celebrated through various events, marches, and initiatives aimed at promoting gender inclusivity and empowerment.

11 - 13 March 1938: Hitler annexes Austria

Nazi Germany annexed the neighbouring country of Austria. This event is known as the Anschluss. In Germany 'Anschluss' means 'connection' or 'joining'. Hitler's political union of Austria achieved through annexation began on 11th March 1938, Austria was declared an official part of the Third Reich. This was in violation of the Treaty of Versailles 1919.



24 March 1603: Elizabeth I died uniting England and Scotland

The Virgin Queen is one of Britain's most successful and popular rulers, who reigned for 44 years. She established Protestantism in England and defeated the Spanish Armada in 1588, one of the greatest military victories in English history. Upon Elizabeth I's death, she was succeeded by King James VI of Scotland who united the two nations under a single British monarch.



25 March 1918: Walter Tull dies in action

Not only was Walter Tull the first professional black outfield footballer in Britain, but he was also the first known black officer in the British army. Walter was shot and killed on the frontline during the First World War.



26 March 2020: The UK goes into its first lockdown


On 26th March 2020, the first lockdown measures legally came into force in the UK, with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordering people to stay at home.



This month in History...April

3rd April 1721

Robert Walpole becomes first Prime Minister of Britain.




4th April 1964

THE BEATLES

The Beatles fill the first 5 places in the US singles chart with "Please Please Me", "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "She Loves You", "Twist and Shout" and "Can't Buy Me Love".

6th April 1199

Richard the Lionheart died as a result of an infected wound.



7th April 1739

Highwayman Dick Turpin was hanged in York.




8th April 2024

International Romani Day. This was first introduced in 1990 and has been celebrated annually since.




11th April 1689

Joint coronation of William III and Mary II in London. This secured the Protestant monarchy after the Glorious Revolution, which saw James II removed from the throne. Supporters of James II were known as Jacobites.



15th April 1755

Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary. It had taken 9 years to compile!




17th April 1969

Voting age in Britain lowered from 21 to 18.




16th April 1746

Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) was defeated at the Battle of Culloden Moor in Scotland by an English Army under the command of William, Duke of Cumberland. Stuart fled the battlefield. This was the last Jacobite rebellion attempting to restore the House of Stuart to the British throne.




19th April 1775

First battle in the American War of Independence took place at Lexington, Massachusetts.



21st April 1509


Henry VIII became the King of England after the death of his father, Henry VII.



23rd April 1616

William Shakespeare, the famous playwright and poet died, aged 52.

Feast day of St George, the patron saint of England.



24th April 1858

The biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, was finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace, London.




27th April 1828

The Zoological Society of London opened a zoological gardens in Regent's Park. Lady visitors were politely requested to refrain from poking the beasts through the bars of the cages.




29th April 1884

Oxford University agreed to admit female students to sit examinations. However, women were not to be awarded degrees.



30th April 1945

Adolf Hitler and his wife, Eva Braun, committed suicide in their bunker in Berlin. Both bodies were then burnt.



History rules!



This Month In History

This month in History...May


May 1st 1707

The Act of Union comes into force uniting England and Scotland to form the United Kingdom of Great Britain




2nd May 1945

The Battle of Berlin ends as the Soviet army takes Berlin




6th May 2004

TV sitcom *Friends* airs its season finale in the United States watched by 52.5 million viewers



May 8th 1945

World War II ends in Europe as Germany signs an unconditional surrender. The war continues in the Far East. It is estimated that some 15 million military deaths occurred whilst approximately 38 million civilians lost their lives during the conflict



May 10th 1994

Nelson Mandela sworn in as South Africa's first black President



May 15th 1988

The Soviet Union begins withdrawing from Afghanistan following its invasion in 1979



May 18th 2009

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam - *The Tamil Tigers* - are defeated by the Sri Lankan government after almost 26 years of fighting between the two sides




May 19th 1536

Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII, is beheaded at the Tower of London



May 22nd 1859

Arthur Conan Doyle, author of the Sherlock Holmes mysteries, is born




May 1st ... every year

May Day or International Workers Day commemorates the historic struggles and gains made by the workers, trade union and labour movement



May 23rd 1934

American outlaws, Bonnie and Clyde, are killed by police in Louisiana




May 25th 2020

Murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer sparks nationwide protests



May 28th 1972

A break in at the Watergate building in Washington D.C eventually leads to the resignation of USA President Nixon in 1974



This month in History...June

2nd June 1953

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II



4th June 1913

Emily Davison, a Suffragette, hit by Anmer, the King's horse, at the Epsom Derby. She died from her injuries 4 days later.




Normandy Landings June 6, 1944



7th June 1095

First Crusade takes place between the Christian Crusader Knights and the Muslim Saracens. Ultimately, Jerusalem fell to the Christian Crusaders and over 70,000 Muslims and Jews were murdered by the Christians.



8th June 793

First Viking attack on England, at Lindisfarne. Lindisfarne is a small island, just off the coast of Scotland.




12th June 1929

Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt, Germany. Her family was forced into hiding in Amsterdam during the Second World War, but were ultimately captured by the Nazis. Anne died in Bergen Belsen concentration camp in March 1945.



6th June 1944

The D-Day Landings took place. This was the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare. Code named Operation Overlord, the Allies used over 5,000 ships and landing craft to land more than 150,000 troops on five beaches in Normandy. This gave the Allies a foothold in Western Europe and is considered by many to be the beginning of the end of the Second World War.




Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

GRTHM offers us all the chance to raise awareness and explore the history, culture and language of Traveller communities. The month challenges myths, tackles prejudice and offers a balanced debate about the issues facing Travellers in the UK today.


GRTHM celebrates the richness that Gypsy, Romani and Traveller communities bring to our everyday lives through their many and varied academic and artistic achievements.

Historians estimate that between 200,000 and 500,000 Roma and Sinti people were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. They continue to be persecuted across Europe today.



15th June 1215

King John sealed the Magna Carta. The Magna Carta is seen as the basis of many English laws and is a very important historical document.




22nd June 1948

The Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex. The ship had 802 people on board from different countries in the Caribbean. Many of the people on board were tailors, mechanics and carpenters and they came to live and work in Britain. Between 1948 and 1971, over half a million people from the Caribbean settled in the UK. They are known as the 'Windrush Generation'



28th June 1918

The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, was assassinated by Gavrilo Princip. This is considered to be the 'trigger' cause of the First World War which lasted from August 1914 until November 1918.





Directions & Destinations Day 2025

Thank you to all the staff and visitors who made our annual careers event - Directions & Destinations Day possible. It was a fantastic day, full of opportunities for our young people.





Directions & Destinations Day 2025





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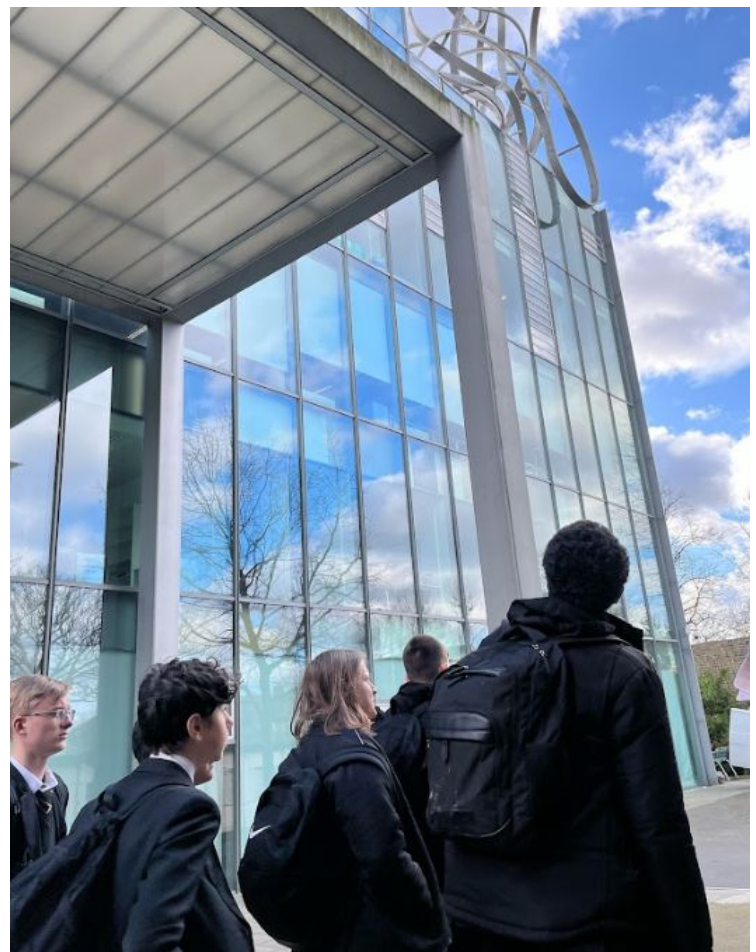
Year 8 & Year 9 Goldsmiths Trip

Year 8 and Year 9 got to experience an urban campus university on their trip to Goldsmith's this February. Students had an amazing time doing a group project designing their own student society. Some of the societies included a Trip society and an Underwater Frisbee society. They then went on a campus tour and saw the diverse architecture of the city campus. Finally, students broke out into groups again and designed their own McDonald's menu to be sold in the country of their choice. Through this business taster session, students were able to imagine the different challenges of international business and marketing. Students loved to work together and use their imagination and heard from student ambassadors how their anxieties about social life quickly melted away once they started university.



Year 10 Goldsmiths Trip

Year 10 students took a trip to Goldsmiths University this February to learn more about the advantages of university and sit in on an English taster session. Students also designed their own student societies and pitched them to the rest of the group. Some of the successful societies were the Architecture and MMA societies. Finally, students went on a campus tour and got a chance to experience a lesson on poetry, cliché, and music. Students enjoyed hearing from student ambassadors and imagining the vibrant social life of university.





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KPMG Virtual Experience

Day

Easter Holidays

Monday, 14th April

10am - 3pm

Gain Real-World Experience with

KPMG

Virtual KPMG Work Experience Day taking place during the Easter break on Monday 14th April 10am – 3pm with students in Y11, Y12 and Y13 Students?

This is a unique opportunity for your students to hear from Professional Services firm KPMG and build their skills. During the day your students will hear about KPMG's different business areas including Audit and Tax through interactive workshops. It's something great to put on CV's and showcase their learnings across job applications and LinkedIn profiles.

Are you a Year 11, 12, 13 student interested in gaining work experience with one of the world's leading professional services firms?

Join the KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day during the Easter Break to explore career opportunities in business, finance, accounting, and professional services while developing key employability skills.

Event Details

Date: Monday, 14th April

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual (join from anywhere)

Who Can Attend? Year 11, 12 and 13 students

What to Expect?

- Learn about **KPMG's early career pathways**
- Take part in **interactive sessions and real-world business case studies**
- Gain insights into **careers in professional services**
- Hear from **current apprentices and senior professionals** about their experiences at KPMG

Why Attend?

This **one-day virtual experience** is designed to give students **valuable exposure to the world of professional services**, helping them build confidence, develop key skills, and gain an understanding of **career opportunities at KPMG**.

Whether you are considering an apprenticeship, exploring work experience or simply want to learn more about the industry, this event will provide **first-hand insights and career advice** to help you take the next step.

Register now to secure your place!

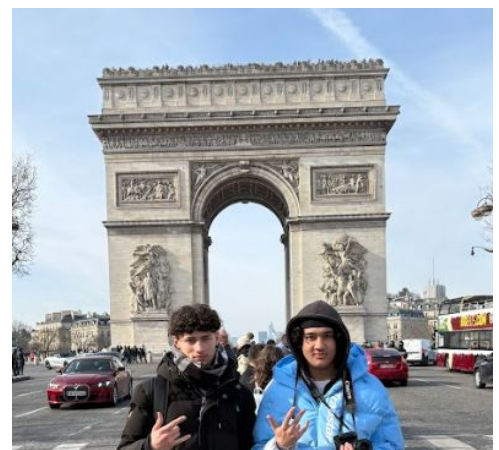
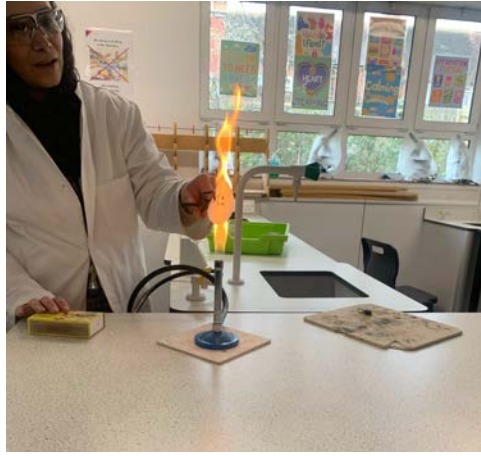
Register Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPMG-Virtual>

We look forward to welcoming you online for the **KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day!**



The Half Term In Photos





The Half Term In Photos





YEAR 7

Head of Year: Mr Marrs
Pastoral Support Officer: Mrs Thompson
LeadershipYear07@carshaltonboys.org

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, it's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by! It feels like only yesterday we welcomed our Year 7 students, and now we are already preparing to head into the final term of the school year. The brighter days ahead are a reminder that summer is just around the corner, and with it comes new opportunities and growth.

This term has seen some amazing progress from our students. They've shown resilience and determination in their learning, whether it's in the classroom, through extracurricular activities, or in the way they approach challenges. Resilience is going to be key in the final term as we push forward to the end of the year, and I have every confidence that our students will rise to the occasion.

I want to take a moment to praise those students who consistently do the right things every day. Your hard work, positive attitude, and commitment do not go unnoticed. Remember, every effort counts! Your hard work is rewarded through Achievement Points, which will soon be able to be cashed in at the school shop, school trips and we also have our end-of-term rewards assembly to look forward to, where we'll celebrate all of your fantastic achievements.

One of the highlights of the term was the Directions & Destinations Day, where students had the chance to explore the many exciting opportunities that lie ahead for their futures. It was a fantastic event, and I hope it inspired our students to start thinking about the possibilities and the paths they might take as they continue to grow.

This term, we also celebrated World Book Day, a wonderful occasion where students were encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters, share books, and engage in creative activities related to reading. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and imagination from Year 7, and it's clear that our students appreciate the power of reading to expand their horizons and fuel their imaginations.

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to wish all our students and their families a well-earned rest. I hope you take the time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer Term, where we will continue our journey toward success together.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break!

Mr Marrs and Mrs Thompson



Y7/8 PSHE Cyber Crime Assembly



Y7/8 Rewards Trip



YEAR 7

Head of Year: Mr Marrs
Pastoral Support Officer: Mrs Thompson
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YEAR 8

Head of Year: Mr Wadman
Pastoral Support Officer: Miss Awolope
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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As another term closes, we would like to thank all of you for your continued hard work, support and patience. As a busy term comes to a close, I am reminded of the pupils hard work, dedication and commitment to their schooling and perseverance in lessons. With decisions around Pathways on the horizon, Summer Term around the bend and Year 9 approaching, it is important to look back at how far the boys have come over this term and since Year 7.

An array of trips including the Ski Trip have taken place this term. The students had an amazing time on the slopes, developing their skills and confidence while enjoying the beautiful mountain scenery. Beyond skiing, they demonstrated great teamwork, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the trip. A big thank you to all of the boys who came and staff involved!

This term, students have also been engaging in our Directions and Destinations programme, which provides valuable insights into future pathways, including careers and higher education options. They have participated in workshops and exhibitions, giving the students the opportunities to see where their future careers may lie.

Another highlight of the term was our visit to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Students had the opportunity to experience live theatre in an authentic setting, deepening their appreciation for Shakespeare's works. Watching a performance in this iconic venue truly brought literature to life and reinforced their classroom learning.

As we head into the break, we encourage students to take some time to relax and recharge, ready for the exciting challenges of the Summer Term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Mr Wadman and Ms Awolope

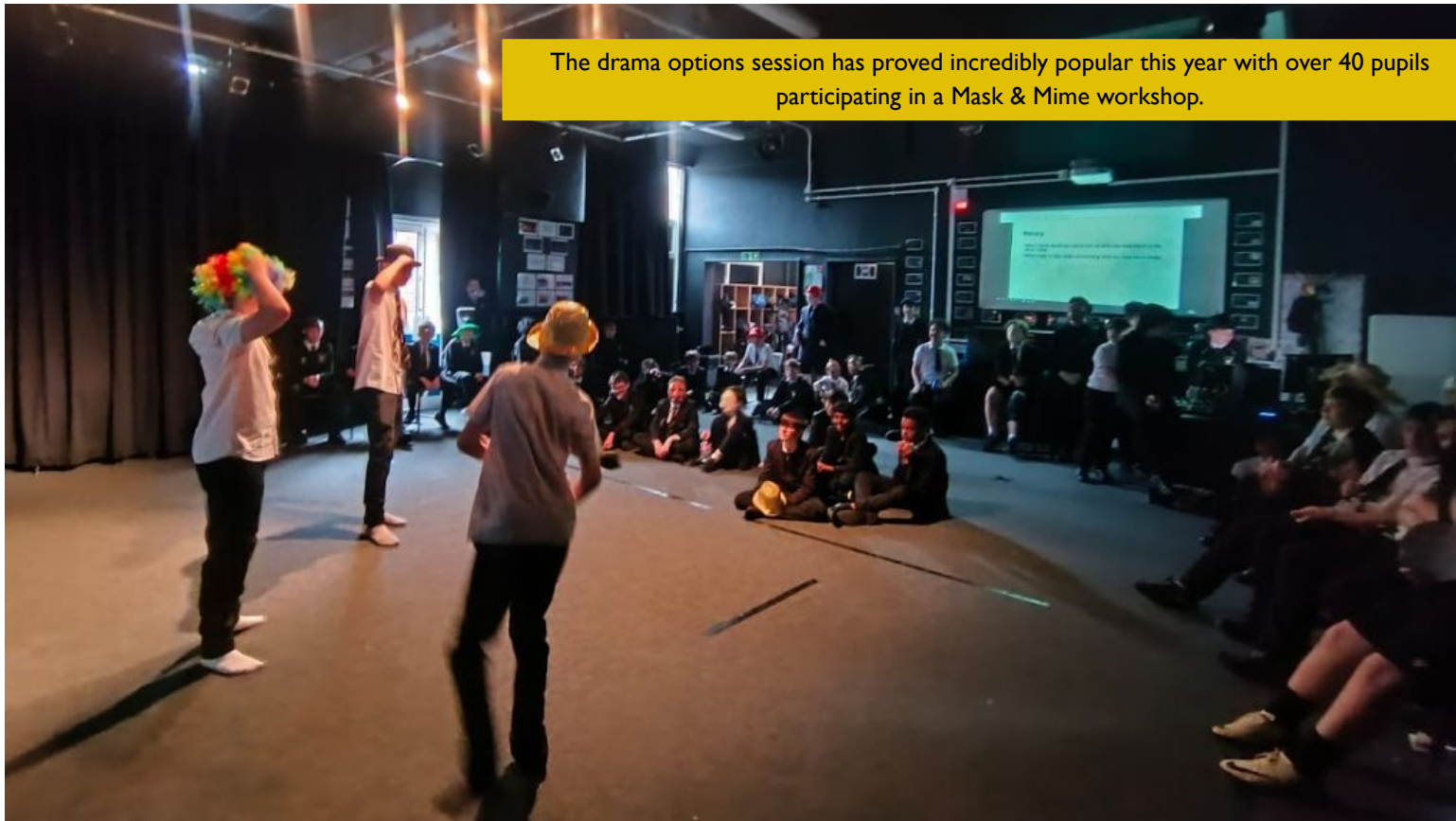




YEAR 8

Head of Year: Mr Wadman
Pastoral Support Officer: Miss Awolope
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The drama options session has proved incredibly popular this year with over 40 pupils participating in a Mask & Mime workshop.





YEAR 9

Head of Year: Mr Norton
Pastoral Support Officer: Mrs Howard
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Aim Higher Visit to Goldsmiths University

Year 9 students had an exciting opportunity to visit **Goldsmiths University** as part of the **Aim Higher** initiative. This program is designed to give students a taste of life in higher education, helping them to explore future possibilities and understand what studying at university involves. The visit was both inspiring and informative, with students gaining valuable insights into university courses, campus life, and the steps needed to achieve their academic goals.

Directions and Destinations Day – A Huge Success!

Our **Directions and Destinations Day** was a fantastic success! Year 9 students took part in a range of engaging workshops focused on different career paths, helping them to explore professions they might be interested in. They also had the chance to visit a **careers exhibition**, where they spoke to professionals from various industries and learned more about the skills and qualifications needed for different careers. This experience has certainly given our students plenty to think about as they start to consider their future ambitions.



Introducing Our New Year 9 Student Leaders

We are delighted to announce the selection of **10 outstanding Year 9 student leaders** who have demonstrated excellent teamwork, responsibility, and leadership potential. They have already made a positive impact on the school, including assisting at the recent **Year 8 Parents' Evening**. Congratulations to our new student leaders:

- Sam C
- Zakarias C
- Elliot B
- Shi Xian Z
- Idris U
- Josh A
- Ryan G
- Clark A
- Alex GS
- Elias E

Well done to all our new leaders — we look forward to seeing the difference you'll make!

KS4 Study Hub Link [HERE](#)



YEAR 9

Head of Year: Mr Norton
Pastoral Support Officer: Mrs Howard
Leadershipyear09@carshaltonboys.org

Task: 15mins
Design a new happy meal for a chosen country.

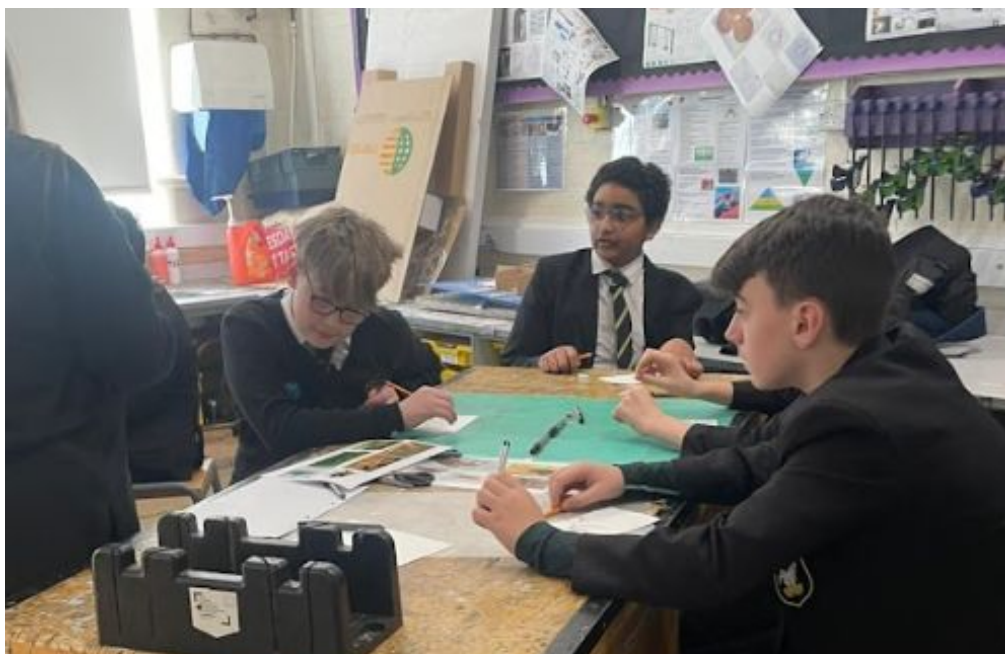
Take on board the following:

1. Choose a country where this new happy meal will be introduced.

2. Make sure the meal caters to the local tastes, and culture of the country you have chosen. State how it does?

3. Make sure the meal is nutritionally balance and the packaging is sustainable.

4. Design a logo and a box.





YEAR 10

Head of Year: Mr Szeider
Pastoral Support Officer: Miss McLellan
LeadershipYear10@carshaltonboys.org

As the Spring term draws to a close, we are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students who have recently completed their core mock exams. They have shown exceptional dedication and resilience, working hard under exam conditions and displaying a strong work ethic both in class and outside of lessons. This preparation has been invaluable and sets them up for success as they approach their GCSEs next year.

Beyond their academic work, Year 10 students have also demonstrated great enthusiasm for extracurricular events, particularly the *Directions and Destinations Day*. This event gave students the chance to engage in workshops and exhibitions, offering a glimpse into future pathways, careers, and post-16 options. In continuation of this, some students also participated in the *Future Frontiers Trip*, which further supported their educational aspirations and provided them with a deeper understanding of the opportunities available to them.

As we move into the Summer term, one key focus for Year 10 will be *attendance*. Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly tend to perform better academically, so we strongly encourage all parents and guardians to support their children in maintaining excellent attendance throughout the remainder of the school year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 10 on their maturity and commitment to their studies. Their hard work and dedication are laying a solid foundation for both the Summer term and their upcoming Year 11 journey.

Well done, Year 10 – keep up the fantastic work!

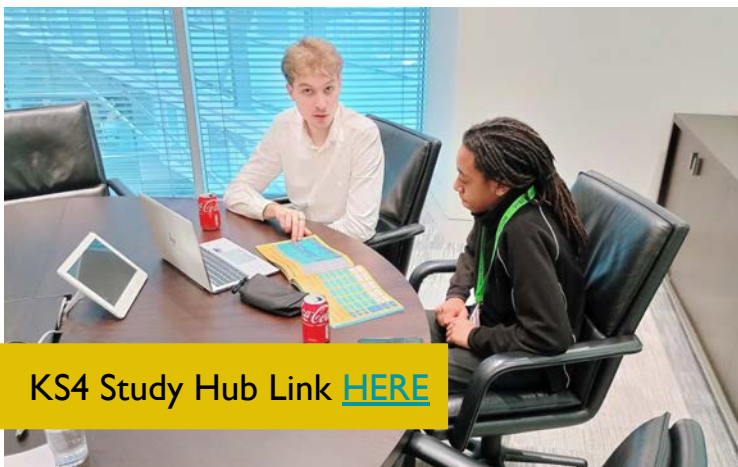
Mr Szeider & Miss McLellan



Directions & Destinations Day Workshops



World Book Day



KS4 Study Hub Link [HERE](#)



YEAR 10

Head of Year: Mr Szeidler
Pastoral Support Officer: Miss McLellan
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YEAR 11

Head of Year: Miss Torpey
Pastoral Support Officer: Ms Garcia & Miss Ellen
LeadershipYear11@carshaltonboys.org

The final phase of Year 11 is now upon us, and it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown by! We are incredibly proud of everything you've achieved so far, and now, as we approach your final term at CBSC, the real focus must shift towards the upcoming public exams.

This term is crucial, and it's important to stay focused and lock in on your goals. You've worked incredibly hard to get to this point, and now it's time to prioritise effectively. Make sure you are dedicating time to the subjects that need extra attention, but also remember that balance is key. Make your health and well-being a priority too. A calm mind will allow you to perform at your best.

As we move into this critical period, it's essential to take care of the basics that can make a huge difference to your performance and mental health. Please focus on maintaining good sleep hygiene, eating well, and staying active. Engaging in sports or extracurricular activities can be a great way to reduce stress and improve your mental clarity.

This is also the time to ask for help – if you're struggling with anything, don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers or support staff. We are all here to help you succeed, and we want to ensure that you feel supported in every aspect of your preparation.

We are also looking forward to seeing you all at the final Parents Information Evening on Tuesday, 1st April, from 17:00 to 18:00. This will be an important meeting where we will share updated predictions and provide valuable resources to help guide your revision. We'll also take the time to discuss the exam period in more detail, as well as the plan for deep learning and how you can best prepare for the challenges ahead.

Thank you for your dedication so far, and remember that we're here for you every step of the way. Let's make this last term count.

Miss Torpey



Year 11 Results Day
Thursday 21st August 2025
Times TBC

Results will be available for collection from school in person times TBC on **THURSDAY 21st AUGUST 2025**.

UNCLAIMED RESULTS will be posted to your home address.

If you wish for someone else to collect your results, we must have the nominated person in writing, signed by the child. Students can hand this to the exams team

Please make sure that the school office has the correct address. 6th form enrolment interviews take place shortly after this, details TBC

We will update any changes on the News Page on the Website [HERE](#)



KS4 Study Hub Link [HERE](#)



YEAR 11

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Pastoral Support Officer: Ms Garcia & Miss Ellen
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Sixth Form

Head of Year: Mr Earley & Mrs Ellis
Pastoral Support Officer: Mrs Barker
Leadershipsixthform@carshaltonboys.org

Academic Update



Year 12 and 13 are working hard in the run up to a busy summer term of exams, coursework and deadlines. Students have been issued with a 4 week planning sheet over the Easter holidays. This can be a vital time for consolidating knowledge, practising exam skills and making marginal gains. It is important that they have everything they need to revise including

- Revision timetable - issued in school
- Checklists and specifications
- Past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports

All these can be found online, in the Key stage 3 global hub and in google classrooms.

We encourage students to take some time over the holidays to recharge their batteries, see friends and family and get outside; but also to use the time wisely as the two week break can be a genuine opportunity to shift grades.

UCAS Year 12

Students are currently researching courses, visiting universities and building up experiences in preparation for UCAS applications which go live in May.

110 students in year 12 attended the UCAS convention on 25th March. This is one of the key events on our UCAS calendar and a chance for students to engage with every university. They were able to collect 2026 prospectus, ask questions and come away with some really good information, advice and guidance for next steps.

UCAS

Students will have a number of PSHE and workshops about applying to university next term but below are some useful links to get started.

[Advice for parents, guardians and carers | Undergraduate, Conservatoires, Apprenticeships, 16-18 Choices | UCAS](#)

[How to choose the right undergraduate course for you](#)

[The ultimate checklist for comparing your choices | Undergraduate, Apprenticeships, 16-18 Choices | UCAS](#)

[How To Write Your Undergraduate Personal Statement | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)





Sixth Form

Head of Year: Mr Earley & Mrs Ellis
Pastoral Support Officer: Mrs Barker

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UCAS Year 13

Our current year 13 students who want to go university have completed their applications and the majority of them have offers from all their universities. They are in the process of liaising with subject teachers about predicted grades and closing the gap if required. It is important that they make strategic decisions to ensure positive outcomes on results day.

Each student has a one to one with Mrs Ellis before making their final choices.



Useful websites

[Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

[Student Guides | MoneySavingExpert](#)

[Student finance in England - Everything you need to know](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

16th May - Student Finance Deadline

6th June - UCAS Deadline for making decision

14th August - Results Day (details below)

**Note Student accommodation deadline will vary from University to University*

Sixth Form Results Day Thursday 14th August 2025 Times TBC

GCE – A Level Results will be available for collection from school in person times TBC on THURSDAY 14th AUGUST 2024

GCE – AS Level Results will be available for collection from school in person times TBC on THURSDAY 14th AUGUST 2024

UNCLAIMED RESULTS will be posted to your home address You should receive them on FRIDAY 15th August

Please make sure that the school office has the correct address

Year 13 transition consultation may be required with 6th Form Team, between 14th August (all day) and 15th August (until 1pm) The 6th form team will be available to provide UCAS support & guidance

We will update any changes on the News Page on the Website [HERE](#)



Sixth Form

Head of Year: Mr Earley & Mrs Ellis
Pastoral Support Officer: Mrs Barker
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Directions & Destinations Day

This was a fantastic day for all our sixth form students. Year 12 had the opportunity to visit stands of employers, colleges and employers and network with a range of partners. They also attended two workshops in their chosen areas. Year 13 acted as fabulous leaders on the day in a wide range of support roles developing their employability. We thank them for their time and support. We even had some sixth form alumni come back to visit and host their own stands and workshops.



Pastoral Update

It has been another busy term for our Year 12 students as they have now transitioned fully into the 6th form life and way of working. They have experienced mock exams, UCAS conferences, parents evening and much more. All of these experiences are preparing them for an even busier summer term where many will experience AS public exams.

Year 13 students have been involved in a further set of mock exams preparing them for the summer series. The cohort managed this time extremely well and continue to work towards NEA deadlines and moderations. The pastoral team are always here to help and support during these stressful periods.



Paris Trip



Sparx Maths

Head of Dept. Joanne Lambert
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Celebrating Success & Offering Support

Over February and March, our students have been continuing to work hard on Sparx Maths, earning XP points for completing homework and engaging in extra practice. A huge well done to everyone who has been putting in the effort and dedication—your hard work is really paying off!

Below, you'll find the top XP leaderboards for both upper and lower school, highlighting those who have gone the extra mile to boost their XP and show outstanding commitment to their studies. Every extra bit you do not only earns you XP but also helps you level up on Sparx! Keep striving to improve!

As always, if you need help with any maths topics or want to revise for upcoming tests, remember that M12 is open every lunchtime. An A-Level Mathematics student will be available to offer support, whether you're tackling difficult concepts or looking to get ahead. Make sure to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your understanding.

Let's keep the momentum going and see who will be climbing the leaderboard next month. Keep up the fantastic work, and let's continue making progress together!



Sparx Maths

Students earn XP by completing tasks in their Sparx Homework.

For each homework type, the maximum amount students can earn is:



Compulsory: 420 XP

XP Boost: 405 XP

Target: 135 XP



Additionally, students can earn 20 XP per Independent Learning task they complete.

Students reach a new Sparx Level every 1,000 XP.

Leaderboards

Lower School Feb - March

Name	Year	XP
Max	07C	14,740
Casper	08A	9,214
Giriish	07N	7,916
Rashman	07S	7,144
Thanujan	08P	7,133
Richie	07P	6,986
Nana	08A	6,902
Joshua	08C	6,866
Oliver	07N	6,808
Sanush	07E	6,806

Upper School Feb - March

Name	Year	XP
Rafe	10P	7,359
Harrison	11C	7,082
Junaid	11S	7,031
James	11A	6,139
Keiran	10W	5,930
Mickey	11M	5,160
Josh	10S	4,824
Shubh	11P	4,589
Bradley	10E	4,542
Fabien	11E	4,480

NEED HELP?
Maths Club is on everyday in M12 Lunchtimes





Reading at CBSC

Lead: Joseph Kelly
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KS3 Leaderboard

Sparx Reader

A recent survey of our Y7 and Y8 students showed that over **90%** recognise the importance of reading for their development, with **46%** admitting that they enjoy reading more than they used to and almost **70%** admitting their reading has improved this year.

This term, English teachers have continued to work closely with parents to maintain student focus and engagement with student reading, racking up almost 21,000 hours of careful reading.

We know that just 10-minutes of reading a day can have an enormous impact on students' learning and development, and we want to say another enormous thank you to parents and carers who are supporting children with reading at home.

If you have any questions about how to encourage your child to read (or about Sparx Reader) please contact jkelly@carshaltonboys.org.



Students have completed
20,853 hours
of careful reading this year in Sparx Reader. Great effort!

Students have read
6,439 books
this year in Sparx Reader. Amazing!

TOP TUTOR GROUPS	
Tutor Group	Hours of Careful Reading
1	<u>07P</u> 704
2	<u>08P</u> 651
3	<u>09F</u> 605
4	<u>10S</u> 562

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



Reading at home this holiday...



Encourage reading at home this holiday!

Reading for pleasure is not only a source of enjoyment but also a crucial factor in academic success and personal development.

By fostering a love of reading at home, you can significantly contribute to your child's educational journey and help bridge the inequality gap in education. This guide provides some practical tips and strategies to encourage children to read for pleasure.

1. Set a Reading-Friendly Environment

Create a comfortable reading environment. Set up a cozy reading nook or designated space at home where your child can relax and focus on reading without distractions.

2. Lead by Example

Children often imitate their parents' behaviours, so let them see you engaging in reading regularly. Be a role model by reading books, magazines, or newspapers in their presence. Discuss what you've read and share interesting stories or facts, showing them how reading can be enjoyable and enriching.

3. Encourage Book Choices

Allow your child to choose their own reading materials but help them to find books related to their hobbies and passions. Let them explore different genres, such as fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, mystery, or biographies. Visit the library together or take them to a bookshop to help them discover stories that capture their interest.

4. Make Reading a Routine

Establish a consistent reading routine at home. Set aside a specific time each day for reading, whether it's before bedtime, during meals, or after school. Make it a non-negotiable activity and ensure everyone in the family is engaged in their reading time. Encourage your child to read outside of books as well. This can include reading recipes while cooking, instructions for DIY projects, or even subtitles while watching movies or TV shows. Consistency is key to maintaining their reading habit!

5. Discuss & Share

Engage in conversations about the books your child is reading. Ask open-ended questions about the plot, characters, and their opinions. Encourage them to share their favourite passages or memorable quotes. Opening up discussions will improve comprehension and deepen their love of reading.

6. Explore Digital Reading

Incorporate technology into reading experiences by utilising e-books, audiobooks, or reading apps – including *Sparx Reader* and *Sora* (CBSC's online library). Many digital platforms provide access to a wide range of reading materials, making it convenient for students to explore and access their favourite books at home

7. Sparx Reading Challenge

Setting up reading challenges or goals can foster a sense of accomplishment and inspire children to read more. Motivate your child by getting them to compete in the CBSC Summer Reading Challenge. The TOP 10 pupils across the school will win a **Golden Fast Pass**, allowing them to skip the queue for the whole of September!

Our goal is to create a positive reading culture (both at school and at home) where reading is seen as a fun and valuable activity. Check out the *National Literacy Trust* website for more information.

Access to ebooks has a positive impact on children's reading attitudes – particularly for boys! ([NLT, 2015](#))

Check out our FREE online library on **Sora** for a fantastic collection of diverse and exciting texts - from this year's award winners; to motivational reads; to a wide selection of magazines. [There's something for everyone!](#)

Login with your school Gmail!





Library Updates



A massive thank you to everyone who participated in the World Book Week celebrations! It was wonderful to see so many students and staff express their love of reading through various activities across the school. Award-winning author Cliff McNish enjoyed his visit on World Book Day; Year 7 and Year 8 students loved his assembly and ghost-writing workshops. Other events that week included a student-led production of *Macbeth Goes Wrong*, music concerts in the library, a bookmark competition organised by the Art department, *Let's Talk Manga* hosted by Mr Esnard and a sponsored *Readathon* managed by Mr Kelly.



Students' World Book Day costumes were brilliant! I loved the shark, Skulduggery Pleasant, and Yoshi. Teachers made an effort, too! Head of English, Mr Wilson-Hughes impressed everyone as King Duncan; Mr Kelly was the perfect Dog Man; Mr Sharif dressed up as Lenny from *Of Mice and Men*; and Ms Wadey, Ms Templeton and Ms Ansah and I transformed into Roald Dahl's characters Miss Trunchbull, Amanda Thripp and Miss Honey. I spotted at least three Harry Potters (Jenny, Miss Slinger, and Ryan) and Ms Ellis-Dennis and her tutor group were Gru and the Minions.



A special shout out to Miss Wood for the superb decorations in the library and reception, Mr Kelly and IT for their help with the assembly and workshops, Ms Patel, Chain Reaction, and Teddy T (Music), and Miss Clarke and student actors (Drama).

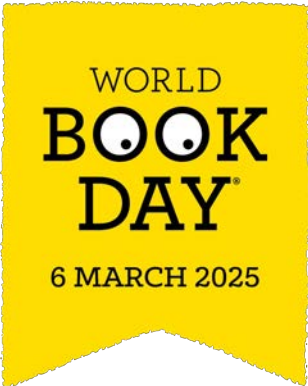


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Librarian



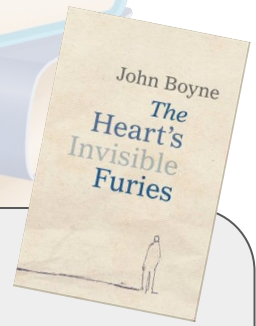


Library Updates



Thank you for your donations!

- Sheena Bailey (Sheena's Free Little Library)
- Zion D
- Yusuf K
- Salman S
- Miss Slinger



Top 5 borrowers



1. Zion D
2. Ronny P
3. Ru H
4. Bobby C
5. Austin L

What are you reading?

“The Heart’s Invisible Furies by John Boyne – it’s this month’s book club pick.”

– Katie Lee, Administrator



Term Dates - Key Dates - 2024-25



Term Dates can be found on our Website [HERE](#)

If you have any questions about any upcoming events, please email contact@carshaltonboys.org

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Term Dates - Key Dates - 2025-26



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Trips & Events

GCSE MFL Spanish Oral Exams

22nd April - 25th April

Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Workshop

23rd April

CARE Trip To Jamie's Farm

28th April - 2nd May

Year 12 Geography Trip Hayling Island

25th April

Year 9 - Year 11 Merton College Trip

25th April

Year 10 Geography Juniper Hall Trip

28th April

KS4 Cyber Outreach Choices

9th May

Year 7-10 Super League Basketball Playoffs

19th May

Year 10 National Theatre Tour (Drama)

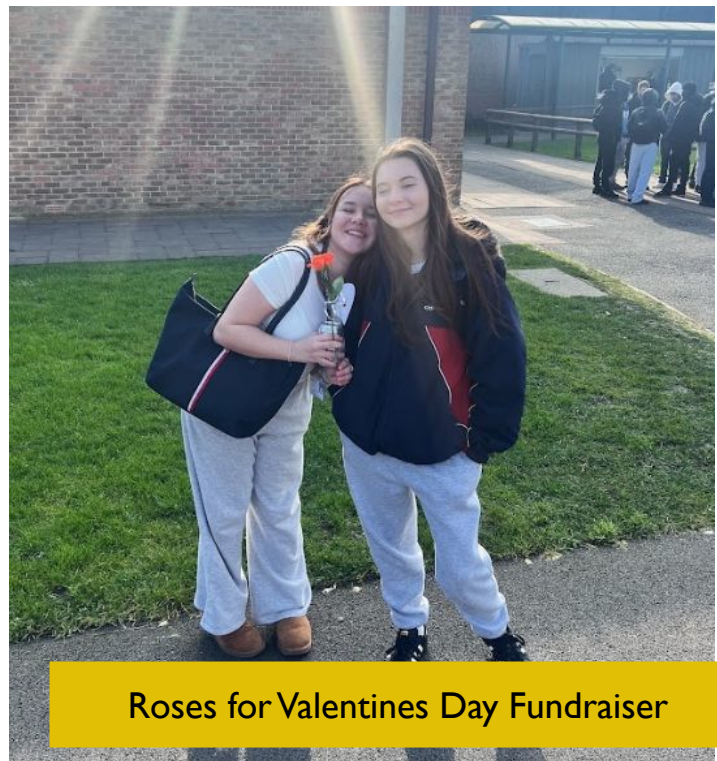
19th May

The Alevel & GCSE Public Exams begin next half term. Students half their own Timetables for this.

If you have any questions about our trips/events, please email contact@carshaltonboys.org



Pinewood Studio Trip



Roses for Valentines Day Fundraiser



Exam Boards

KS4 Exam Boards (Y9-11)

Please find the latest list of Exam Boards we use at KS4 below. If you have any questions please email contact@carshaltonboys.org. Please note, these are subject to change.

Subject	Examination Board
English Language	AQA
English Literature	AQA
Mathematics	Edexcel
Science (Combined Foundation & Higher)	AQA
Biology (Separate Science)	AQA
Chemistry (Separate Science)	AQA
Physics (Separate Science)	AQA
French	AQA
Geography	Edexcel A
History	Edexcel
Spanish	AQA

Subject	Examination Board
Art	AQA
Business Studies	WJEC
Construction	Eduqas Vocational Award in Construction and the Built Environment
Computer Science	OCR J277
Citizenship	OCR
Drama	AQA
Product Design	Edexcel GCSE
Economics	AQA
Engineering	Cambridge Nationals Engineering Manufacture
Graphic Design	NCFE
Hospitality & Catering	WJEC
IT Creative iMedia	OCR J834
Further Mathematics	AQA Certificate Level 2 Further Mathematics
Music	Eduqas
Media	Eduqas
Physical Education GCSE	OCR
Physical Education Btec	Pearson
PRE	AQA



EWP - Webinars

Education Wellbeing Service

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring/Summer Term 2025
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 4TH OR 6TH FEB** Social Media & Gaming: What Parents Need To Know
- 24TH FEB** Managing Exam & Assignment Stress For Parents Of Young People In Years 11-13
- 26TH OR 27TH MAR** Exam And Assignment Stress Management For Parents Of Young People In Years 7-10
- 24TH OR 30TH APR** Parenting Teenagers: Conflict And Communication
- 7TH OR 9TH MAY** Supporting Your Teenager With Emotional Difficulties And Self-Harm

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Link HERE](#)



EWP - Webinars

WELLBEINGINSCHOOLSEVENTS@SWLSTG.NHS.UK

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24TH APRIL 1 PM	30TH APRIL 6.30 PM
Parenting Teens - Conflict & Communication	
Link HERE	Link HERE
13TH MAY 7.30 PM	15TH MAY 12.30 PM
Supporting Your Teenager with Emotional Difficulties and Self-Harm	
Link HERE	Link HERE

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondarycollege-parents-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our friendly in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help your child's worries or anxieties, or support their challenging or tricky behaviour, you can pick up an application form from reception or speak to a member of staff.



Other Support

Available to all parents of secondary aged children in the London Borough of Sutton. We hope to offer parents a safe space to meet other parents in a similar situation to learn more about different topics and explore new ideas that will support your child's social emotional growth and development.

Parents will:

Feel more empowered and confident to trust their own judgements when supporting their children

Build self-esteem and confidence

Share ideas and tips with each other

For more information and to register your interest and to discuss any queries please call or email either: Jackie or Georgia

Jackie: 07736338809

jlawrence@thelimescollege.org

Michelle: 07736338605

mcullen@thelimescollege.org

The Limes College Secondary Family Support Group

When: Thursdays at 10am-11am

Venue: The Limes College, Sutton West Site, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, SM1 2SD

Entrance: The entrance is via the blue gates - down the drive and on the left (opposite the Family Centre and adjacent to the ball court)

The gate is locked so a member of staff will meet you at the gate at 09.55am/10.00am to let you in.

Dates:

24/04/25: Introductions, ground rules, parenting styles

01/05/25: Parent's mental health and well-being

08/05/25: Attachment/Love languages

15/05/25: Promoting positivity in children

22/05/25: Rules, boundaries, sanctions, rewards, conflict

05/06/25: Online Safety

12/06/25: Supporting children's mental health, anxiety, self-esteem /Zones of regulation

19/06/25: Adolescent brain development and impulse control

26/06/25: Healthy Relationships

03/07/25: Review/Endings



All welcome

Whilst we know that some parents may not be able to attend every session, we do encourage parents to attend as many sessions as possible. As the group develops with each session, trust and relationships will build and parents will hopefully feel more supported by each other and grow in confidence.

Once you have signed up to the group, we ask that parents contact Jackie or Georgia, if for some reason you are unable to attend that week.

Urgent and other support available

- shout 85258**
Shout offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when immediate assistance is required
Text "SHOUT" to 85258 or [visit Shout Crisis Text Line](#)
- SAMARITANS**
Samaritans 24/7 365 days a year - they are here to listen and provide support
Call: 116 123 or email: jo@samaritans.org
- Crisis Tools**
Crisis Tools helps professionals support young people in crisis - short accessible video guides and text resources
Sign up for free resources [here](#)
- PAPYRUS**
Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person
Call: 0800 068 41 41 or Text: 07860 039967 (opening hours 9am to midnight - 365 days a year)
- childline**
SHOULD, USE THE PHONE, ANYTIME
Childline confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem
Call: 0800 1111 anytime or [online chat with a counsellor](#)
- Good Thinking**
Good Thinking is London's digital wellbeing service and provides a range of resources for young people to help improve mental wellbeing including free NHS-approved apps
- THE MIX**
The Mix provides free, confidential support for young people under 25
Call: 0808 808 4994 (11am - 11pm every day) or [Email](#)
- Beat**
Beat provide support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder
Call the Youthline (under 18's) 0808 801 0711 or Studentline 0808 801 0811 (9am - 8pm during the week and 4pm - 8pm on weekends and bank holidays)
- kooth**
Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community including live chat with the team, discussion boards, magazine with helpful articles and a daily journal a magazine



Youth Theatre



- * Make new friends
- * Boost confidence and self-esteem
- * Develop creativity and performing skills
- * Learn new skills that will last a lifetime
- * Improve communication and social interaction skills

And most importantly... have fun!



FIND OUT MORE!

LOCAL CLASSES
 Banstead,
 Beckenham, Chipstead,
 Croydon (Park Hill),
 Crystal Palace, Purley,
 Reigate, Sanderstead,
 Selsdon and
 Wallington.



TWO WEEK TRIAL!

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Youth Theatre



£10 PER LESSON

"My drama class gave me the confidence and life skills that I needed to apply to my dream university. Each class was full of fun, professional drama activities and I made many friends along the way. I could always be myself and I never felt judged."

- YOUTH THEATRE STUDENT



YOUTH THEATRE

Our 1-hour weekly youth theatre classes are designed to build confidence in 12-18 year-olds through drama techniques. This includes spontaneous improvisation, mini scripts, theatre games, radio plays, monologues, and structured scenes.

NO AUDITION REQUIRED!

With over 44 years of experience, our specially trained teachers and curriculum can help **develop public speaking skills** to help students feel **empowered in educational and social aspects of life**. Working within a structured curriculum, our students develop public speaking skills, **improve their self-esteem and confidence**, as well as **fostering enthusiasm and a positive approach to life**.

FIND OUT MORE!



TWO WEEK TRIAL!



CONTACT US

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[HTTPS://CROYDON.DRAMAKIDS.CO.UK/LIST](https://croydon.dramakids.co.uk/list)



Youth Theatre



Drama Kids class details are as follows:



DAY	STUDIO	LOWER PRIMARY AGES 5-8 YEARS 1-3	UPPER PRIMARY AGES 8-11 YEARS 4-6	YOUTH THEATRE AGES 11-18 YEARS 7-13
MONDAY	EDEN PARK / BECKENHAM St John's Church, 251 Eden Park Avenue, BR3 3JN	5-6pm		6-7pm
	THORNTON HEATH Thornton Heath Leisure Centre, High Street, CR7 8LF	4-5pm	5-6pm	N/A
	WADDON Waddon Leisure Centre, 451 Purley Way, CR0 4RG	4-5pm	5-6pm	N/A
TUESDAY	PURLEY St John the Baptist Church 48 Dale Road, CR8 2EF	5-6pm		6-7pm
WEDNESDAY	NORBURY Downsview Methodist Church, Downsview Road, SE19 3XH	4-5pm	5-6pm	N/A
	WALLINGTON The Centre, Milton Road, SM6 9RP	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
THURSDAY	CROYDON (PARK HILL) St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ <i>(LAMDA Class Available Here for ages 8-18, 7-8pm)</i>	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
	BANSTEAD The Banstead Centre, The Horseshoe, SM7 2BQ	5-6pm		6-7pm
FRIDAY	SANDERSTEAD Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, CR2 9EE	5-6pm		6-7pm
	WEST WICKHAM Wickham Halls, Sussex Road, BR4 0JX	5-6pm		N/A
	CHIPSTEAD The Courtyard Theatre, Hazelwood Lane, CR5 3QU	N/A	4.15-5.15pm	5.30-6.30pm
SATURDAY	CRYSTAL PALACE Harris Crystal Palace, Maberley Road, SE19 2JH	11am-12noon		12noon-1pm
	REIGATE Reigate Priory School, 73A Bell Street, RH2 7AN	11am-12noon		12noon-1pm <i>Opening soon! Join the waiting list</i>
	SELSDON Greenvale Primary School, Sandpiper Road, CR2 8PR	10-11am		11am-12noon



Vacancies & Policies

CBSC Vacancies

Would you like to join the CBSC team?

All CBSC vacancies are shared on the CBSC website [HERE](#)

Links are also embedded below.

Current vacancies

- 2 i/c Science with responsibility for Chemistry
- Bank Exam Invigilators
- Catering Assistant
- Maths Teacher
- Science Teacher

CBSC Policies

[School Behaviour Policy](#)

[School Attendance Policy](#)

[School Safeguarding Policy](#)

You will find all other School Policies on our School Website [HERE](#)

For the latest News/Events information, please visit the following:



[Instagram](#)



[Threads](#)



[Bluesky](#)

[CBSC Website News & Events Page](#)

If you have any News to share about your child, for example, they have won a sporting competition, or done something amazing for charity, and you would like this to be shared in our Newsletter, Website or Social Media platforms, please email some details of this and photos to news@carshaltonboys.org