

Examinations

Written by Miss Taylor

Year 10 Finishes First Formal Exam Week

Year 10 sat their first formal exam week at the end of June. The exams took place from Thursday 22nd to Friday 30th June and students were examined in a range of subjects from core to options. Most students sat their papers in the Sports Dome and this was the first time Year 10 had seen it set up for exams; it certainly looked very different to what they're used to in PE lessons!



Year 10 worked very hard throughout the week as they got to grips with back to back exams and the challenge of fitting personal revision time in between. As this was a brand new experience for the year group, there was lots to learn with a plethora of new rules and regulations to get used to. Overall, the week provided a good taster of what is to come in Year 11 as they sit more formal exams, culminating in their GCSEs next summer.

The Year 10 mock exams followed five weeks of GCSEs. As the Exams Officer, I was looking a little weary by this point but still had a smile on my face as I greeted students each morning and made jokes that they didn't get. When asked how I thought the week went, I commented, "I think the week has gone well. The timetable was rigorous and will have been tough for Year 10 but they made it through. They did it!"

Year 10 will sit a further three mock exam weeks during Year 11 in November, January and March before tackling the real things across next May and June. Just think of how many hours they'll have done collectively by then; that'll require a lot of paper and a lot of ink!

Finally, just for fun, here are the top six strangest items found in students' pockets during exams this year. Students are asked to empty their pockets into a plastic wallet before the exam starts, so needless to say, these items were swiftly removed! Three of the items below were found on Year 11s and the other three on Year 10s, can you guess which ones were from which year group?

To give you a flavour of just how much was involved over the six days, here are some numbers that may interest you.

Over the course of the week:

- 1,873 papers were completed;
- The average number of papers per student was 9.75;
- There were 350 collective hours done for Art & Photography;
- The collective number of written exam hours was 2,698;
- The average number of written exam hours per student was 14.05;
- The average written exam length was 1 hour, 30 mins.

- A banana;
- A sandwich;
- A tennis ball;
- A spoon;
- A knife and fork;
- A bottle of multivitamins.

*Numbers based on 192 students with full attendance for each of their subjects.

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Students on The Mall, near Buckingham Palace.

An insight into Carr Hill's success stories...

In Press

Message from the Editor

A conversation with my sister sparked the idea for this newspaper. When we went to school together (I promise it wasn't that long ago), our school had a paper that celebrated all the positive things that happened in and around the school. No story was too big or too small. The plan with *In Press* is the same, to shine a light on the incredible things our incredible students do.

I would love to take full credit for everything inside the paper, but I have had *some* help creating this. All articles are written by staff and our hopeful fan favourite, the Staff Spotlight, has student input too. Year 7's Connie and Lucas helped with questions. My largest shout-out has to be to Y7 Lily who has adopted the role of 'Roving Reporter' for the Staff Spotlight.

Going into the next academic year, I will be looking for some more helpers to both write and edit articles. If you are interested, drop me an email or find me at break or lunch.

Happy Reading!
Mr Ford

Museums, Matilda and Massive Breakfast Plates - Year 8 take on the capital!

Written by Mrs Potts

Fifty year 8 students left for London early Friday morning. On arrival, they visited the Tower of London. Students were then taken to the Houses of Parliament, where they were shown an introductory video about The Story of Parliament before they were given a tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Students headed out to tea before arriving at the hotel.

On Saturday, after some full breakfast plates, they headed to the Science Museum where students were able to look at a variety of displays including a space section and a mathematics section. In the afternoon, they headed to the Westminster area to go on the London Eye. This was the wettest part of the weekend and students got soaked whilst queuing up to go on the London Eye. After this, they headed to Leicester Square where they were able to explore shops, including the Lego Store and M&M World. Following tea, students headed to the theatre to see Matilda.

On Sunday, students visited the Natural History Museum where they explored all the sections and experienced a variety of things including dinosaurs, insects, mammals, underwater sea creatures, volcanoes, space, and the evolution of life. In the afternoon, students were treated to a river cruise on the Thames before walking through London to head to Covent Garden. Students were able to explore the markets before heading out for their final meal.

Monday included a trip to Bletchley Park where students were treated to a tour of the places where the codebreakers worked during WWII. Students also took part in a codebreaking workshop where they tested their resilience levels before heading home.

This was a jam packed adventure for the students who got to see the capital city of London. Students got to experience a variety of activities and their behaviour was fantastic. Lots of memories were made and there were plenty of opportunities to spend time getting to know each other.

A message from Mr Waller

News Beginnings

It is always a pleasure to see a new initiative, and so I welcome the publication of our new school newspaper as another way of sharing information about the staff and students at Carr Hill High School.

A couple of weekends ago, I had the pleasure of being with 20 of our Year 9 students on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition and, despite the sometimes poor weather and the occasional wrong turn, they showed fantastic resilience and determination in reaching their goal of succeeding on that expedition. Those qualities are seen so often - whether on stage, on the sports field, in the classroom, or wherever. It has been lovely to see so

many young people achieve the best they can and become the best they can be.

As we look back over the academic year, so many of our young people have a great deal to celebrate in what they have learned; what they can now do; the experiences and friendships they have shared; and the opportunities that have come their way. As they and the staff look forward to a summer break, I'd like to thank them for what they have contributed to our school. These few pages of the newspaper give a insight into their hard work. There is so much to be proud of!



London Trip Photos



Dance Academy

Written by Mrs Morrison

We held auditions for the Dance Academy 2023-24 and the names listed below were successful. Our first big event will be at the Winter Gardens in November with weekly training sessions leading up to this.

- Captain – Sophie (Y10)
- Vice Captain – Shyla (Y10)
- Brooke (Y10)
- Summer (Y10)
- Emily (Y10)
- Emily (Y10)
- Gracie (Y9)
- Cara-Leigh (Y9)
- Sophie (Y8)
- Milana (Y8)
- Emily (Y7)
- Olivia (Y7)
- Olivia (Y7)
- Izzy (Y7)
- Katie (Y7)
- Kate (Y7)
- Evie (Y7)



Students at Bletchley Park during a coding workshop.



Students at their final meal at Wildwood.



LEGO Store, Leicester Square

Maths

Written by Mr Ford and Miss Waters

Mathematicians Master Maths Challenge

Our top mathematicians in Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 have taken on a nationwide challenge set by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT). The UKMT was founded in 1996, with the aim to advance the education of young people in mathematics. The trust write the Junior Mathematical Challenge (JMC), accessible to students in Year 8 or below, and the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (IMC), aimed at students in Year 10 or below. Their intent is to "encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems".

In the JMC, Year 7's Geetank, Maisy, Zane, and Jess (who achieved the best score in the JMC) all received gold awards, placing themselves in the top 9% of entrants. Jess and Zane's results were good enough to send them to the next stage, the Junior Kangaroo. Only 10,000 students are chosen to take part in this competition, which makes it a very impressive feat for both of them!

In the IMC, Henry (Y9) received a gold award and the best in school. He also qualified for the next stage, the Grey Kangaroo. Henry was able to get a merit in the Kangaroo, placing himself in the top 25% of entrants in that test. This places him in the top 2,000 students in Year 9 who entered the IMC. Well done!

COMING NEXT TERM

Carr Hill School Shop

The all-new school shop will be by run by prefects for you!

With reasonable prices for day-to-day necessities, we're sure it will be your one-stop shop in a crisis.

Here you will find:

- Pens
- Rubbers
- Pencils
- And more!
- Rulers

You will find the shop in the hub before school

Sports Report

Written by Mr Grady

Sportsman's Dinner

Carr Hill recently held its renowned Sportsman's Dinner evening on the 13th July at Ribby Hall. This is a great chance to recognise all the dedication, hard work and commitment shown to sport and PE at school.

Year 7 Harvey said, "It was really fun and the teachers put a lot of effort into it, which I appreciate."

The three most prestigious awards went to the following students:

Keith Walwyn Memorial Trophy

KS4 - Attitude and Commitment

Daisy

The John Cotter Award

Year 7, 8 and 9 - Attitude and Commitment

Zach

Carr Hill's Sports Personality of the Year

KS4 All Rounder, Attitude, Performance, Personality

Holly

Special Recognition

In football, Holly in Year 11 has represented and captained England School Girls U16's – she also has a contract for Liverpool FC!

Another congratulations goes to Erin in Year 10, who with her gymnastics team recently came second at British Championships and are British vice champions for junior group, followed by silver for rope and then gold for ball making her team the British junior ball champions. Well done Erin!

Other Awards

What follows is a long list of students who received accolades and awards. It feels wrong to leave anybody out of this, so here comes two pages of names!

Athletics

Year 8 Girls Captain –Alexis	Most Improved Girl Year 8 – Renae
Year 9 Girls Captain –Ava	Most Improved Girl Year 9 – Olivia
Year 10 Girls Captain – Millie	Most Improved Girl Year 10 – Taila
Year 8 Boys Captain – Ronnie	
Year 9 Boys Captain – Oscar	Most Improved Boy Year 7 – Jack
Year 10 Boys Captain – Zach	Most Improved Boy Year 8 – Kian
	Most Improved Boy Year 9 – Riley
Most Improved Girl Year 7 – Olivia	Most Improved Boy Year 10 – Ben

Year 7 Girls Athlete of the Year – Ella
 Year 8 Girls Athlete of the Year – Ava
 Year 9 Girls Athlete of the Year – Millie
 Year 10 Girls Athlete of the Year – Anna

Year 7 Boys Athlete of the Year – Ronnie
 Year 8 Boys Athlete of the Year – Tevita
 Year 9 Boys Athlete of the Year – Zach
 Year 10 Boys Athlete of the Year – Ned

Badminton

Under 14 Boys Captain – Jack
 Under 14 Girls Captain – Jess
 Under 16 Boys Captain – Jacob
 Under 16 Girls Captain – Sophie

Year 7 Boys Player of the year – Caleb
 Year 7 Boys Improver of the year – Jack
 Year 7 Girls Player of the year – Maisy
 Year 7 Girls Improver of the year – Kate

Under 14 Boys Player of the year – Luke
 Under 14 Girls Player of the year – Jess

Dance

Vice Dance Captain – Shyla
 Dance Captain – Sophie

Year 10 Most Improved Girl – Brooke
 Year 11 Most Improved Girl – Katie

Year 10 Dancer of the Year – Emily
 Year 11 Dancer of the Year – Erin

Football

Boys

Year 8 Captain – Charlie
 Year 9 Captain – Oscar
 Year 10 Captain – Zach
 Year 11 Captain – Harley

Year 7 Most Improved – Leo
 Year 8 Most Improved – Kian
 Year 9 Most Improved – Riley
 Year 10 Most Improved – Harley

Year 7 Player of the Year – Stephan
 Year 8 Player of the Year – Liam
 Year 9 Player of the Year – Zach
 Year 10 Player of the Year – Ben

Sports Report

Written by Mr Grady

Sportsman's Dinner Continued

Here is a continuation of the winners of award from this years Sportsman's Dinner. Well done everyone!

Football

Girls

Year 8 Captain – Maisy
 Year 9 Captain – Renae
 Year 10 Captain – Edie

Year 7 Most Improved – Emily
 Year 8 Most Improved – Teagan
 Year 9 Most Improved – Millie
 Year 7 Player of the Year – Abigail
 Year 8 Player of the Year – Katya
 Year 9 Player of the Year- Olivia

Netball

Year 8 captain- Charlotte
 Year 9 Captain – Georgia
 Year 10 Captain – Olivia
 Year 11 Captain – Maddi

Year 7 Most Improved – Olivia
 Year 8 Most Improved – Megan
 Year 9 Most Improved – Ella-louise
 Year 10 Most Improved – Molly
 Year 11 Most Improved – Daisy
 Year 7 Player of the Year – Charlotte
 Year 8 Player of the Year –Jess

Year 9 Player of the Year – Millie
 Year 10 Player of the Year – Ella
 Year 11 Player of the Year – Daisy

Rounders

Year 8 Captain – Maisy
 Year 9 Captain – Jess
 Year 10 Captain – Millie

Year 7 Most Improved – Olivia
 Year 8 Most Improved – Renae
 Year 9 Most Improved – Chloe
 Year 10 Most Improved – Molly

Year 7 Player of the Year – Jessica
 Year 8 Player of the Year – Megan
 Year 9 Player of the Year – Edie
 Year 10 Player of the Year – Isabel

Rugby

Year 8 Captain – Jack
 Year 9 Captain – Jayden
 Year 10 Captain – Harry

Year 7 Most Improved – Jack
 Year 8 Most Improved – Noah
 Year 9 Most Improved – Callum
 Year 11 Most Improved - Jacob

Year 7 Player of the Year – Thomas
 Year 8 Player of the Year – Tevita

Year 9 Player of the Year – Artjoms
 Year 11 Player of the Year – Thomas

Rugby Player of the Year – Harry

Handball

Year 8 / 9 Captain – Harry

Year 10 / 11 Captain – Ben

Year 7 Most Improved – Ronnie
 Year 8/9 Most Improved – Ellis
 Year 10 Most Improved – Jake

Year 7 Player of the Year – Charlie
 Year 8/9 9 Player of the Year – Ethan
 Year 10 Player of the Year – Ben

Golf

Captain – Jess
 Most Improved - Caleb
 Player of the Year – Jess

This Girl Can

Inspiring Participation award- Erin
 Dedication and Commitment award- Emily
 TGC of the year- Ebony

22. The positive integers from 1 to 9 inclusive are placed in the grid, one to a cell, so that the product of the three numbers in each row or column is as shown. What number should be placed in the bottom right-hand cell?

A 9 B 6 C 4 D 3 E 2

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			105
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56	180	36	

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Your Maths Challenge

Above is a question that appeared on this year's Junior Mathematical Challenge. Give it a try! If you want your answers checked, bring your answers to Mr Ford's room.

Staff Spotlight

Written by Mr Ford and Lily (Y7)

In the spotlight, we will interview three members of staff per issue. As you will read, these questions are mostly just to get to know the incredible teachers here at Carr Hill.



Mr Scarborough - Teacher of Geography



Miss Forrest - Teacher of MFL



Mrs Swainson - Teacher of Art and Photography

Favourite food/meal?

Fish and Chips— normally on the way home from the gym!

Bacon and egg - I'm obsessed with it.

Tapas, any Spanish food really.

Favourite subject outside of your specialism?

History - I did it as an A-level.

Film studies - I studied it a A-level.

History, more specifically Art History.

What would you do if you weren't a teacher?

Train Driver.

Builder - possibly of furniture.

Some form of theatre design or prop maker.

Would you rather fight 1 horse sized duck or 100 duck sized horses?

1 horse-sized duck, because I could keep count.

100 duck sized horses, I'm convinced I could win them over with kindness.

1 horse sized duck.

Favourite animal/Spirit animal?

Giraffe - I love how they have evolved and how friendly they are.

Dog - I have a fox red Labrador.

I have a tortoise named Sherlock and my spirit animal is a flamingo.

What is your zodiac sign?

Virgo

Taurus

Aquarius

Subject specific questions:

Favourite country?

Egypt - I've been before and I love the culture there.

What languages can you speak?

English, Spanish, French, and German. I want to learn Italian too!

Favourite drawing style?

Continuous line - flowing and abstract

Prefect System Revamped

Written by Mr Long

Prefect System Revamped

2023-24 promises to be an exciting year at Carr Hill. Like all schools, we are always looking to improve things, and to ensure the best possible student experience.

In that spirit, our Year 11 "Class of '24" will be the first to take part in our enhanced Prefect System.

Across this past half term, the system has been introduced to our current Year 10's. They have responded wonderfully. There were a large number of applicants, and they prepared letters of application to an excellent standard. We have been delighted to invite over 50 pupils to be prefects, and they will take up their posts this September.

The Prefect System

Our Prefects will take their place in four teams, named after our four school virtues – Commitment, Aspiration, Resilience, and Respect. Each team will have a different responsibility around school:

The **Commitment Team** will run an equipment shop every morning, ensuring all our pupils can be equipped to learn every day.

The **Aspiration Team** will produce display work around school, beautifying the environment and encouraging pupils to aim high.

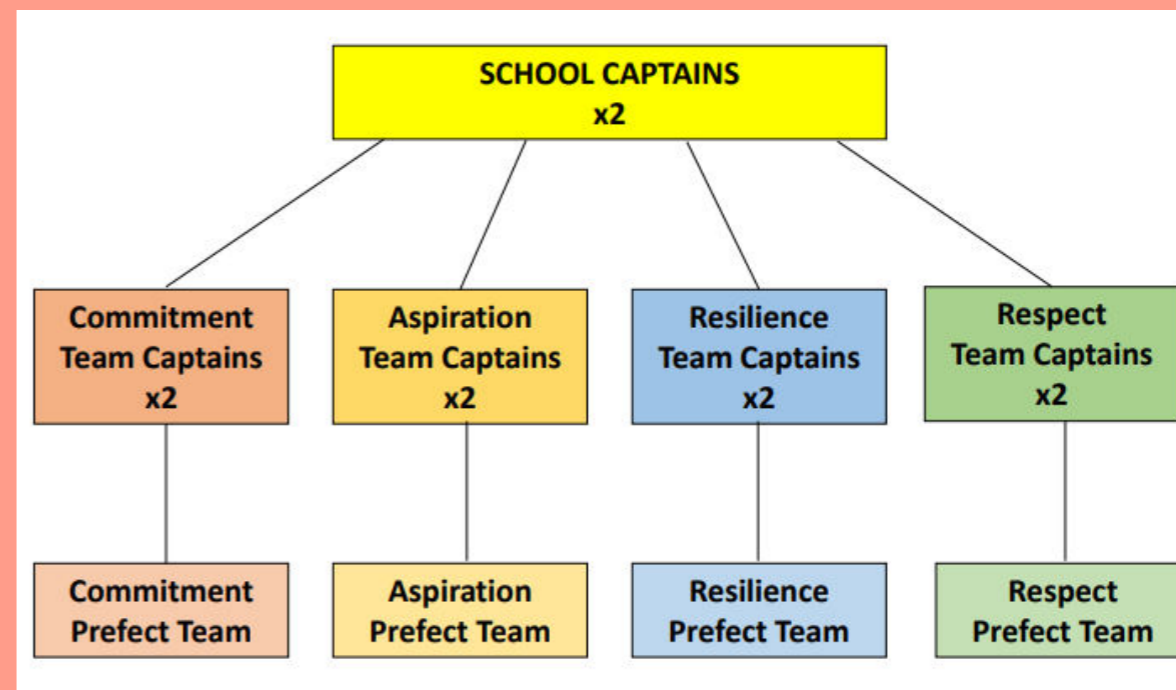
The **Resilience Team** will act as mentors, especially to our new Year 7's, smoothing their transition to secondary school.

The **Respect Team** will do duties to help ensure the safe and orderly running of school.

Team Captains and School Captains

In the revamped system, we do not have a Head Boy and Head Girl. Instead, we have two School Captains. There is nothing new about this; many schools have always called their top pupils "School Captains".

Beyond School Captains, we are also appointing two Team Captains for each prefect team. Overall, then, the system will work like this:



Announcements

Last Thursday (13th July, 2023) interviews were held for the Team Captain and School Captain positions. Twenty-one pupils were shortlisted for the top positions, and each did superbly well at interview. They were a credit to themselves, their families, and the school. This made decision-making tough, but we are delighted to announce that **Sophie and Alyssa** are our School Captains for the Class of '24. They have already led by example across their years here. Now they lead the student body as a whole. They will do a brilliant job. Look out for a "meet the prefects" feature in our next issue, where we will introduce you to the whole team.