



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL Sam Davidson

**Another year has flown by so quickly. It's a privilege to be the Principal here. It is a fantastic school and I was filled with pride celebrating again, with our annual awards marking the culmination of another successful year.**

On 18th June Christine Raeside, Regional Director for Carter's sponsor United Learning, took to the stage at Poole's Lighthouse Theatre to support this year's Pride of Carter Awards.

Over 60 awards were presented on the night, covering all subject areas and year groups, with a series of special awards including:

- Student Council Participation Award: Omar Samer
- Merit Award: Sasha Reddick-Wright
- Contribution to the Community Award: Benjamin Gregory
- #UnitedApp2018 Winners: Talia Ball and Emily Simes

This year has been a hugely important one for the school, with our Progress 8 score now above national average. This helps demonstrate the significant improvements we have made over the past few years and is evidence of the strong education our students receive at Carter.

As always, these latest awards are all about our students and the amazing talents that they possess. In each subject and year group, we celebrated excellence and endeavour and every student collecting an award can be justifiably proud of their achievement - they truly represent the very best of Carter and once again highlight our commitment to provide our students with an education with character.

During the event, the new Prefects were presented with their dedicated ties and badges, with guests also treated to music and dance care of Capri Atkinson, Alicia Harrison-Jennings and Cerys Bosisto, who gave individual performances, as well as a group performance from the musical Matilda and a piece from the school's work with dance company BalletBoyz.

This summer also sees work start on a £6 million programme of improvements, which will help the school meet the growing local requirement for more places in Year 7. This is such an exciting time for the school and I am eager for the build to start and for our students to have access to the new resources and a wonderful new learning environment.

At the end of the year it is also time to say goodbye to staff and welcome new staff. Ms Holden will be leaving our Maths team, thank you for all you have done and your love for your subject has had a real impact on our students. Mr Cribben is also leaving us to explore new ventures. Mr Etheridge, it's hard to know what to say about this gentleman. He is what Carter is all about, a teacher with high expectations, so much enthusiasm and keeps students and staff motivated. You will be sorely missed by everyone but we wish you and your family all the best for your new experience overseas!

We welcome Mr Halfhide who joins us in the new academic year in the Maths team and in the Progress Hub.

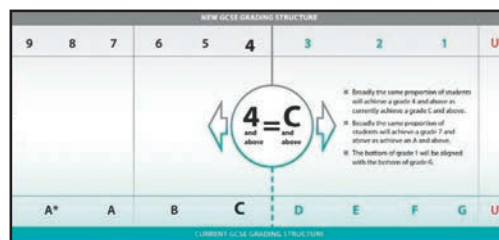
Have a wonderful summer and stay safe.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRINCIPAL Chris Phillips

**The New GCSE is well and truly here. This year's Year 11 have now completed all of their exams with almost all of them being measured on the 1-9 scale.** So when you hear the grades being announced and celebrated, please use this scale below to help compare the new to the old system.

One of the biggest questions in education this year has been **'What does a grade 6 or 5 really look like?'** All new exams have been made more demanding and are generally longer than before, with one of the exams being 2¼ hours long. The format of the exams has also changed, with new style questions or papers increasing from two to three. The Exam Boards are reluctant to release any advice and, without past papers and grade boundaries, has left teachers throughout the country making their best educated guesses as to what grade students are working at. However one of the many advantages of being part of United Learning means that there is a strong network of advice and a sizeable sample of student data that enables us to make the best predictions possible. This gives us great confidence in our ability to help our students achieve their best. Having said this we are still keenly awaiting the GCSE results to see how well our students have fared. We are also looking forward to using these papers and boundaries in future year groups to assess how well they are progressing. No matter what the outcomes are, it is fair to say that we are incredibly proud of the efforts students have put in to prepare for these exams. We also appreciate the hard work and time given by our dedicated staff to support students through this time. We wish our Year 11 students all the luck for their future beyond Carter.



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRINCIPAL Nikki Pitman

The Summer term is always an exciting time, not because the summer holidays are just around the corner, but because it is a time where we can reflect on the achievements and accomplishments of staff and students. In January 2018, we launched our Knowledge Organiser books and it is great to see our students revising their key knowledge regularly using 'Look, Cover, Write, Check'. I also continue to be impressed with the work I see in books. The students are excellent at using their green pens independently in response to teacher feedback and we can really see the progress students make in each lesson. Thank you to all the staff for their precise and detailed marking that helps support our students. During the last few weeks of term we have packed in lots of exciting activities; Year 7 Corfe Castle trip, Year 10 Work Experience, The Creative Arts Showcase, Sports Day, Pledge Day to name just a few of the fantastic opportunities for our students. I hope you all have a well-deserved rest over the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

## UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE - Two Tours in a Day!

Year 10 students were invited to visit local Universities. With an early morning start at Bournemouth Learning Centre, we travelled to Solent University in Southampton where we were met by University Ambassadors who gave us a tour followed by a presentation about degree apprenticeships and lots of other interesting courses. We enjoyed our complementary lunch which gave our students an opportunity to experience the catering offered on site.

Winchester University was our next stop to see a presentation explaining the application process. A tour showed the differences between a campus and a city university and there was a discussion about the support and housing options available. The students were pleased to find out that there are a wide variety of options with lots of great courses to choose from and a range of support available.



## DANCE WORKSHOP with West End Star Layton Williams



On Wednesday 13th June our Year 10 GCSE Dance students had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a workshop with Layton Williams, who has recently finished touring with *Hairspray* the Musical. He is best known as one of the boys who played the title role in *Billy Elliot* the Musical in London's West End and also starred in *Bad Education*. The students were put through their paces and were given an hour and a half to learn a repertoire from *Hairspray*, straight from the West End. The students really pushed themselves to learn the dance and worked with determination, energy and enthusiasm. By the end of the workshop all students had clearly given 100% as they were visibly worn out. There were a few aching muscles the next morning!

## THE SKY'S the Limit

It has been an epic year! The Sky's the Limit participants have not only climbed the highest peak in England and Wales but they also completed the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge in 19 hours and 40 minutes. This challenge involves climbing Mt Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan within 24 hours. The group even beat last year's record! To top off the project we will all be travelling to the Pyrenees at the end of July for seven days, where we will be climbing some of Spain's biggest mountains and hopefully reaching 3000 metres! The trip will be guided by an International Mountain Guide and students will get to experience not only mountains that are twice the size of the UK's highest peaks but also scenery that will blow them away! The expedition not only aims to challenge the participants but also reward them for all of the determination, effort and team work they have had to muster over the last year. There have been many emotional times during the expeditions this last year but all have been worth it. Every student involved has learnt new skills and overcome fears. They have pushed themselves physically and mentally to the edge and proved not only to themselves but to friends and family that they can do absolutely anything when they work together and don't give up! Good luck for all future expeditions!!



## U13 HANDBALL Finals

The Carter U13 Girls Handball Team had made their way to the school games finals at Leaf Academy by winning previous games in the county. We played against four schools and the scores were Lockyer's 4 - Carter 1, Purbeck 1 - Carter 0, Shaftesbury 3 - Carter 1 and Wye Valley 0 - Carter 1. The girls had a wonderful time and Miss Elliott is proud of all who represented Carter. Well done!



## YEAR 7s EXPERIENCE LIFE at the University of Southampton

Following on from their introduction to studying English at University, a class of Year 7s took part in an activity morning at the University of Southampton, learning all about university life. The class were then led across the campus by students, completing a scavenger hunt all around the grounds. We were excited to learn about the Student Union, campus cinema and the library that was 186 years old. The day ended in a tense game of *The Chase*, where the class put their university knowledge to the test in a high pressured game. By the end of the day, the whole class were eager to learn more about university and couldn't wait to start thinking about the wide range of courses they could study in the future.



## STUDENT COUNCIL News

It has been a busy **STUDENT** term with **CATERING** surveys, Merit Rewards **COUNCIL** suggestions and fundraising opportunities.

The student reps were involved in an exciting project with the Borough of Poole where the views of our young people were sought on the regeneration of the wasteland near the Twin Sail Bridge. Students took part in a workshop and discussed their needs and ideas for this space. Suggestions included tree house areas for young people to hang out in or a study area with a café run by volunteers. Students spoke about the need for activities after school and fitness areas. Suggestions were made for an advice bureau and also guidance on life skills and future career paths. The Student Council also launched a competition to design a PE top to be worn during fixtures and pledged £300 of their budget for the printing of the tops. Their designs were in keeping with Carter's 'Expect the Best' motto and all finalists encapsulated the idea of a smart top which could be worn with pride at sporting events. The runners up were: Jack Rae, Nursen Acun Ella Hammitt. The winning designs were from Chelsea Ambrose and Lily-Bea Van Bierendonck and their ideas have been combined to create a final product. These are now in the process of being commissioned and we look forward to using them.

## MUSIC Update

The Music Department were delighted to be involved with the performances at the Pride of Carter event. Cerys Bosisto once again enthralled us with her vocal talent and Alicia Harrison-Jennings gave a lovely solo performance, accompanying her melodious voice on guitar.



Ukulele Club

Ukulele club is up and running, every Wednesday after school. New members are always welcome so drop by and bring a friend to try out this fun and versatile instrument.

## CONGRATULATIONS to our new Prefect Team 18/19

After a tough selection process including submission of an application letter followed by an interview where they had to talk about an initiative they would like to see in school we are delighted and proud to announce our new Prefect team for next term.

Head Girl	Cerys Bosisto
Head Boy	Harvey Rowan
Deputy Head Girl	Alicia Harrison-Jennings
Deputy Head Boy	Arley Wooller
Evie Wright	Kade Whitbread
Lucy Leonard	Danielle Bessant
Ryan Downton-Floy	Roman Raines
Olivia Goldsack	Elena Gillon
Megan Lee	Karolina Rogozinska
Hajar Shihab	Summer-Leanne Baldry
Courtney Shearing	Ellie Wenham

Being a Prefect is a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence and learn new skills.

## SCHOOL AT THE HEART of your Community

Prospective parents of all year groups are invited to attend one of our coffee mornings. A list of forthcoming dates will be published on the school website or contact us on enquiries@carter.poole.sch.uk

## GCSE ART goes to Roche Court

The Year 10 GCSE Art students had a fantastic trip to a wonderful sculpture park called Roche Court Educational Trust in Salisbury. Whilst there students developed confidence and skills by looking, thinking and speaking about art. It was so pleasing to see all the students engaged with the artwork and offer their own insights and opinions about the artworks.



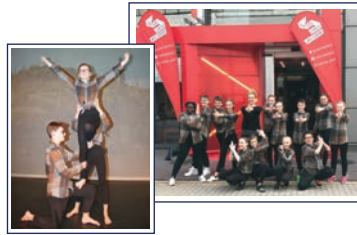
Upon our return to school, students were able to speak with confidence about the artists, artwork, materials, processes and inspirations we had witnessed whilst on the trip. All students presented work on their top three artists and this will help them to evidence their critical understanding which forms part of their assessment objectives for GCSE.

This was a truly inspirational trip where students had the opportunity to experience first-hand artwork from international artists whilst speaking to experts from Roche Court. Great fun was had by all, despite the cold weather. All the staff from Roche Court were extremely impressed with the students and said what a credit they are to Carter Community School.

## BALLETBOYZ!

A group of aspiring dancers from Carter Community School found themselves in the spotlight when they took part in a specialist dance project with the world famous BalletBoyz.

As part of the project, run by academy sponsor United Learning, students were invited to attend a special workshop in London with the BalletBoyz dance company. During the workshop, students learnt choreographic processes and movement material, which they then used to create a performance piece. Members of the company then visited school to provide guidance and support, with Carter students basing their piece around the 'Rodeo-Hoe Down' by Aaron Copland.



## NURTURE GARDEN 2018

Our pupils have had so much fun in the Nurture Garden over the last few months.

It has been a very exciting project growing plants and vegetables from seeds and then using them in the Food Tech lab to create delicious dishes. April, May and June have been ideal for growth and learning. The students have particularly enjoyed growing strawberries, potatoes, spinach and the various herbs we have used in our quest to create the perfect pasta dish.



We see the garden as an opportunity for the students to learn in a real way, in an outdoor context, while also instilling an understanding of where their food came from and the importance of eating fruit and vegetables. It has been lovely to plot and plan in the sun as well as rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck in.

The garden has provided us with wonderful learning opportunities for students. There are a wide range of benefits from the school garden: learning, increased well-being and understanding of our natural environment. Our students have been enriched by the experience of growing food and the behaviours acquired through such work. Furthermore, the composting project spearheaded by Ms Gollop has really encouraged students to look at how waste can be used in a positive way to nurture our plants. Our students understand that they are like the plants they care for so well - they need food, sunshine, water and attention in order to grow and flourish. The garden also provides a safe, clean, warm space for students to enjoy the fresh air and tend to their plants.

We hope to improve our garden as much as possible over time and welcome any donations of soil, old wellington boots, pots, decorative items, paint, plants, and seeds that you may have at home.

## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S Award

It has been a fantastic year so far for our DofE participants. All students completed their training and practice expeditions ready for their upcoming assessments. Our Bronze participants will be completing their assessment in the New Forest whilst our Silver group will be venturing further afield to the Brecon Beacons where they will be wild camping for two nights!

As well as completing expeditions, students have also been involved with volunteering, learning new skills and partaking in new sports. Some students have been supporting the middle schools with sports whilst others have given up their time to volunteer at local charity shops.

This year we have also had a grant of almost £5000 thanks to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diamond Fund. This now means we can push ahead with our commitments to increase the number of participants on the Bronze and Silver DofE scheme, as well as enrolling some of our current Silver students on the Gold award before they leave in Year 11.

This will be Carter's first ever Gold DofE group which is extremely exciting! They are hoping to plan expeditions in the Lake District, possibly even Scotland all on stand-up paddleboards! Completing this award is no easy feat; requiring a minimum of one-year volunteering, as well as organising a new skill to learn and a new sport. They must also enrol on a residential for five days away from home. The expedition is also no walk in the park consisting of four full days and three overnight wild camps - carrying all of their equipment needed!

Students may start their DofE in Year 9 to complete Bronze and enrol on Silver in Year 10. For further information regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's award then please email Mr Lea - leaj@carter.poole.sch.uk

We wish all of our current participants who have their qualifying expeditions coming up the very best of luck!



## EXPANSION Works

Starting this summer and scheduled to run until August 2019, the first phase of the expansion works will include the conversion of the old nursery block into additional science classrooms, as well as the construction of a new Drama room, dining room and English and Technology block.

Further works will include; the introduction of a new Learning Resource Centre; expansion of the staff room; relocation of the SEN department; re-organisation of student access to the student entrance and pedestrian access to the main school entrance; expansion and re-organisation of the drop-off area, parking and cycle storage facilities.

During the construction period, our contractors will work to keep any potential impact to a minimum, though there may be occasions when parking and access around the site will be restricted. On completion of the works, the improvements will provide significant benefits not just for our students, but for all those associated with the school.

## GCSE GEOGRAPHERS Study in Swanage

On Friday 8th May nearly 50 Year 10 students completed their Geography GCSE Field Study in Swanage investigating Longshore Drift on the beach and the impact of tourism in the town. The students collected a range of data to take back to class and investigate. The trip was a great opportunity for students to collect evidence on geographical concepts and ideas that they have developed in class and to appreciate the wonderful coastline that we have in our local area.



Good luck to our students as they step up preparations for GCSE exams in 2019.

## FILM CLUB Round Up



This year saw the introduction of Film Club to the myriad of extra-curricular options offered to students at Carter. Every week, keen cinephiles watch and discuss a film that is considered a 'must see' for young people. This term, we have been making our way through the BFI's list of '50 films you should see by the age of 14'. Highlights so far include *Back to the Future*, *Labyrinth* and *Fantastic Mr Fox*. Hopefully next year will see the film club expand, drawing more on film theory and production. *However, popcorn will still be essential!*

## ART SPRING SCHOOL at AUB

In May, selected students were taken to Arts University in Bournemouth (AUB) to do a three day 'Spring School'. In preparation for their course they had to choose which discipline they wanted to try. The students who chose fine art started doing small sketches and on the last day turned their work into huge pieces, which they showcased to other students, teachers and lecturers. One student said, "It allowed me to be more creative as I had no boundaries and could interpret things in my own way. I would recommend the Foundation Year course at AUB. I had a brilliant three days."



## ROCK Stars ...

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It's that time of year again...*The Rock Wrangle!* A series of KS3 assemblies where the top ten fastest students in the year group pit their skills against each other to find out who is the FASTEST STUDENT in each year group!



With the end of the year fast approaching it is important that we celebrate the hard work that KS3 students have been doing towards their timetable knowledge. We are so proud of the speed and development of our students this year, it is down to the hard work of the tutors each week and the relentless consistency and enthusiasm of the awesome Maths Department. Good luck and well done!

## ACORN ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL to Normandy

Thirty-six of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students embarked on a week of outdoor adventure during the May half term. The group had an early start; meeting at school at 4am! Then travelling by coach and ferry to Normandy, France. The camp is located in the beautiful town of Hauteville-sur-Mer in Normandy. The residential provides a brilliant opportunity for our students to not only visit another country but to bond with other year groups whilst experiencing camping and outdoor activities.



Students spent five days taking part in various outdoor adventures such as kayaking, raft building, climbing and archery. Students even had the opportunity to visit Le Mont Saint-Michel which was wonderful. During the residential students are encouraged to push themselves and learn new skills. They were all encouraged to speak a little French! The Acorn staff are always brilliant and our students really engage with them. All students come away with either a new skill they have learnt or a memory they won't forget.

'THANK YOU' to the Co-op Hamworthy for their generous donation to the Normandy Trip!

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK Year 11s!

We have now said goodbye to our very hard working Year 11s. They have made us incredibly proud over the past year. All 54 students have had their first or second choices accepted in post 16 placements and the manner in which they have approached interviews, open days and 1-1 careers meetings has been second to none.

We all look forward to hearing about their future successes in their college placements and apprenticeships over the next couple of years and the exciting opportunities these have provided.

## CARTER CREATIVE Showcase

This year Carter's Creative Showcase (previously Carter's Art Exhibition) took place between 12th - 18th July. We celebrated creative work and achievements of this year's Year 11 leavers including work from Art, Resistant Materials, Catering, Music, Dance and Media Studies. The evening celebration included live student performances and refreshments. Governors, local partners and of course friends and family attended allowing us to celebrate together. The event was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our leavers hard work and to inspire our younger students as they move forward with their own creative GCSE subjects.



## YEAR 7s HISTORY TOUR of Corfe Castle

Year 7 enjoyed a great trip to Corfe Castle on 10th July. Students had a guided tour of this fine example of a Norman Castle. They learnt why it was built at that location and its functions. After lunch students linked in a Geography project looking at the impact of the Castle to the environment. They had a wonderful day!



## THE STEM DEPARTMENT is growing!

During 2018-2019 the department will be really excited to see the completion of new classrooms and workshops for STEM as Carter expands in size. We will be gaining three new Science labs along with a great new prep room. These rooms will allow for increased group work during practical lessons and classwork and provide more space within the labs. The school will also be gaining a new Food Technology room, a Graphics room and Textiles classroom. This will bring together the practical based subjects so they can work more cohesively. This is an exciting development for the STEM department.

## YEAR 7 BUILD THEIR OWN Norman Castle!

Year 7 students undertook a project to design and build their very own Norman Castle. The brief was broad, allowing students to choose the type of Castle and what materials they would use. We had lots of very intricate designs of Motte and Bailey castles as well as concentric castles and stone keeps. One student made her castle from entirely edible materials, the castle was a chocolate cake and the turrets were stacks of cookies! Her class certainly appreciated demolishing the cake after lunch! The castles were displayed outside the assembly hall for everyone to admire. Well done to all Year 7 students!



## VISITING THE WWI Battlefields

The Humanities Department ran a competition with the magnificent prize of a trip to the Western Front. This is part of the British Government's WWI commemorations and is fully funded for two students and one teacher. The two winners completed a small project on the commemoration of World War 1 as well as a personal statement detailing why they think they should be chosen for the trip. The project could be in the form of a poem, to a painting, a short story, a sculpture or a video. The tour includes visits to the key battlefield sites, memorials, cemeteries and museums. In addition to seeing the landscapes in northern France and Belgium, where the war was fought, students will walk through trenches, cross No Man's Land and visit the Menin gate. This is an amazing opportunity for our two lucky students.

## SMALLPEICE VISITS Carter again!



The STEM department welcomed back The Smallpeice Trust who worked with our Year 9 students again. They completed the Airboat Challenge Project. The charity has also offered our Year 8 and 9 students the opportunity to apply for a place on a residential course at Southampton University during the holidays. Some of our students will be attending and we would like to thank Smallpeice for this amazing opportunity.

## SCHOOL GAMES FINALS - Handball Officiating & Young Coach Academy

After hosting the Poole Primary Handball Festival in the Spring, Carter's Sports Leaders were selected to officiate at the School Games Finals at Bryanston School. Carter's Sports Leaders, officiated and ran the event which saw 24 teams from across Dorset play in the Festival. The leaders were fantastic and showed great knowledge and enthusiasm when supporting the children. Carter's Young Coaches were also tasked with planning and running stations for the Active Lives Change for Life Festival. All the leaders did a fantastic job and represented the school in the perfect way. Well done #TEAMCARTER! #EDUCATIONWITHCHARACTER



## 'CAN DO' Festival

A group of eight children in Year 7 and 8 had the opportunity to participate in the Rockley Watersports 'Can Do' Festival. The students experienced sailing and kayaking in the morning and in the afternoon they had a kayaking competition. Our students worked in pairs to try and beat sixteen other schools and came 3rd in their race! The students had a fantastic day and due to them all doing well in each race Carter came second overall. The students received silver medals from Super sailor, Niki Birrell who has won 2 bronze medals in the Paralympics.



## NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT Poole's Victoria Education Centre

A small group of Year 7 students had the opportunity to try out a variety of new sports at Victoria Education Centre. The group had a great day trying out activities including table cricket and boccia. Fun was had by all and the students very much enjoyed coming home with medals for their enthusiasm.

## STUDENT Success

Well done to the following Carter students who have had success within PE and sports outside of school.

Jess Playford has won a gold medal for trampolining and represented the South West at the Trampoline and Tumbling Regional Team Finals. Fantastic! Ebony Hook and Eeve England now play for Longfleet Lioness' U13 football team. Well done!

Ben Gregory won his freestyle ice-skating competition. Keep up the good work! Amelia Percival, Jeni White & Rosie Fleming represent Dorset in the U13 girls Handball team. We are so proud of you!