



# Carlton le Willows newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn term edition of the Carlton le Willows Academy newsletter

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Here we will share some of our many student success stories and give you a taste of life at Carlton le Willows.

Including:

- **Sixth Form open evening & Year 11 Pie Night**
- **Year 8 Latin trip**
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## Pie Night/Sixth Form Open Evening



Carlton le Willows invited all Year 11 students and their families in to school for our now annual Pie Night on 7 November. This offers the chance to sit and eat a pie and pea supper with family and friends, as well as the opportunity to gather a wealth of revision resources to help them in their coming studies.

Pie Night was run in conjunction with Sixth Form Open Evening, which saw current A level students working alongside staff from all subjects to give a flavour of what subjects are on offer in our successful sixth form. There was also the chance to find out how the application process works and how parents can support their children.

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*"An excellent informative evening, thank you"*

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Feedback from the event was resoundingly positive with 100% of parents surveyed on the night saying they found staff enthusiastic and professional and that the evening was helpful and informative. They also praised the academy for being welcoming, communicative and friendly.





*1 - Team Media*



*2 - A stunning display of A level art and textiles*



3 - New course Health & Social Care



4 - An Inspector Calls revision guides



5 - History A Level



*6 - Where will a language take you?*

## Delta Mavericks champions



Year 9 science students from Carlton le Willows have been crowned champions at a trust-wide Science Mavericks event.

The 28 Academy students pitted their wits against students from other schools within the Trust to claim the title – more than 100 points away from their second place rivals.

The Delta Mavericks scheme is run every year and gives the brightest science minds from each school the chance to compete against their peers from other schools.

**Said Head of Biology at Carlton le Willows Dr Stevenson: “I am so proud of Carlton le Willows for scooping the Mavericks title . They finished with 215 points – more than 100 points more than second place. Outstanding results!”**

The Year 9 victory comes after Year 11 took part in the event earlier this term. Year 10 will get the chance to see if they can scoop the title later in the school year.

## Latin trip for students



Carlton le Willows students made us really proud (again). In September, a group of Year 8 students were invited to attend the launch of Latin at Delta’s headquarters at Education House in Knottingley. The conference gathered students from various Delta academies to experience a taste of the Latin language. There were quizzes, puzzles, team challenges and so much more. We’re very pleased to say that one group of Carlton le Willows students was the conference’s overall winning team! All students showed a fantastic amount of resilience and determination.

Carlton le Willows is one of just five Delta academies invited to participate in the national Latin Excellence Programme, which is funded directly by the Department for Education. This exciting opportunity has allowed the Department of Languages at Carlton le Willows to offer Latin lessons to both Year 8 and Year 10 students. In Year 11, these students will sit a GCSE in Latin, something which will open so many doors for them in the future.



## Festive foodbank appeal



Members of the Student Council helped gather together donations for the annual Food bank appeal at Carlton le Willows this week.

Every year Academy students from all year groups bring in donations of food or essential household items to help people in need over the Christmas period.

Boxes of goods were gathered together in the school canteen and then loaded on to the school minibus ready to be taken to the Hope Foodbank in Netherfield. This is an annual event on the school calendar when students and their families are able to show generosity to others.



## Cup-winning assembly for Year 11



Year 11 were treated to a glimpse of the European Cup during a visit by Dante and Cameron from Nottingham Forest Community Trust, who presented an assembly about apprenticeships in technology with NFFC sponsor Ideagen, through the Think Big programme.

## Meet Framework Youth Patron Isa



*7 - Isa giving his speech as Framework Youth Patron*

Year 10 Isa is hoping to share the message about homelessness in his role as youth patron for a major charity.

Homeless charity Framework appointed 14-year-old Isa to the voluntary one year role in recognition of his considerable volunteer efforts in aid of the Nottingham-based charity.

Isa said he was delighted to be given the role, which will see him delivering assemblies and speaking to students across the area, and he plans to use it to spread the word amongst his peers about the reality of homelessness.

**"I'm excited about this opportunity. My main aim is for young people to really understand all the problems with homelessness.**

**"I'd like young people to understand more about homelessness and for them to have empathy and greater understanding."**

Isa began his involvement with Framework in 2021 whilst in scouts when he took part in a fundraising Big Sleep Out. A couple of years later he got his younger brothers involved and has also raised money for Framework through other ventures such as making Christmas cards.

They have taken part in another Big Sleepout event this autumn - even roping their friends in - raising more than £1,000 in the process.

## Proud Thursday

Students who have produced beautiful work throughout the week are given the chance to showcase their efforts to members of the senior leadership team every week during Proud Thursday.



Having shown their work they receive a certificate and a treat. Queues this term have been snaking through the dining hall. A great effort by everyone!

Take a look at some of our Proud Thursday winners below.











## GCSE and A Level success

In August students at Carlton le Willows were celebrating the release of results for GCSE and A Level.

At GCSE, outstanding results saw 80% of students achieve Grade 5 or above in English, while 63% achieved the grade in Maths. Across English and Maths the figure was 60%.

Other departments also saw some stellar results, with Geography recording a year on year increase of 11% taking Grade 5s to 57% and students with a Grade 5 in History up to 61%. Our students studying Modern Foreign Languages also did really well with 58% achieving a Grade 5 or above.

Among the students celebrating with staff on results day were those who achieved a clean sweep of top grades, including Richard Wang who got seven Grade 9s.

There was similar success amongst our Year 13 students, whose results in summer saw 90% of them secure a place at their first choice university.

Students collecting top grades were preparing to study at universities across the country, including Ruby Randall who secured a place to study English at Cambridge University.

Take a look at the gallery below to see some of our proud students from the Class of 2024.

## GCSE results 2024











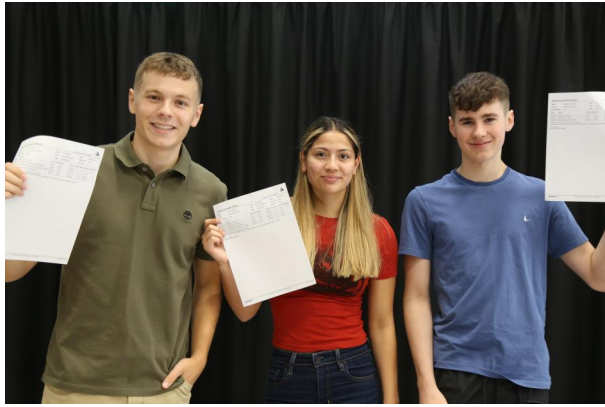


## A Level results 2024











## Healthy Minds kitemark

Carlton le Willows has once again been recognised for its commitment towards personal development – after becoming one of the first schools in the area to achieve the prestigious Healthy Minds School status.

The Academy has been re-accredited with the Healthy Minds kitemark, which is awarded to schools who have successfully implemented and maintained good quality teaching and learning to help develop healthy minds. At Carlton le Willows this is achieved through the Ethics, Philosophy and Citizenship (EPC) curriculum, which dedicates time to the delivery of resilience skills.



Michael Tomlinson, Head of EPC says: 'At Carlton le Willows we place education of the whole child at the heart of the curriculum. We believe that teaching resilience to our students helps them recognise their own strengths and vulnerabilities and learn habits that help them get the most out of any given task as they progress through school.'

"We know from research that resilience skills enable young people to improve life satisfaction, general, physical and emotional health. It also helps with better education, attainment and can prevent mental illness."

Through EPC lessons students revisit skills learned in Year 7, developing in-depth knowledge about resilience and how to apply the skills to various aspects of their emotional and social lives.

## Upcoming events

Dates for your diary for the spring term include:

First day back at school	06.01.25
Year 11 Parents' evening	16.01.25
Year 9 Parents' evening	29.01.25
Sixth Form Parents' evening	11.02.25
Drama Production	27.03.25
Year 10 Parents' evening	02.04.25



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