



CARRICK TIMES

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Welcome back to a new session. I hope everyone had a really enjoyable break and have returned fresh for the session ahead.

As ever we have had some very good individual pupil results, some surprising results that were above our expectations and some disappointing results where pupils had put in the work and did not perform on the day. Congratulations to the many pupils who got the results they were looking for.

The biggest improvement has taken place where pupils and parents have taken the school advice and moved into the recommended level of presentation. Sadly the few that didn't take the advice ended up not achieving their full potential.

The annual photographs for S1 only are scheduled for Tuesday 4 September. The new S1 pupils are settling in well and staff are looking forward to working with them over the session. My thanks to parents for ensuring that pupils are meeting the school dress code.

The new Parent Council will have its first meeting towards the end of August and will be in touch with parents in the near future.

Our School of Ambition Project will get underway shortly with its 3 Projects for development. The first is Leadership with opportunities for development for both pupils and staff. The second project is pupil involvement in the decision making processes within the school and finally our 3rd project is linking to partners who have either the expertise or resources to assist with pupil development.

As ever, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school

Regards

R Stewart

Headteacher

School Show Report

On the 19th to the 21st of June Carrick Academy presented the show Disco Inferno. The show consisted of a hilarious script, fantastic characters and a score of hits from the seventies, an unforgettable era of glitter, flares and platform shoes. The show played to a packed Town Hall on all 3 nights.

Putting on a school show involves a huge commitment from staff and pupils. Thanks and well done to all concerned. We are looking forward to next year's show already.

Graduations

Congratulations to Morven Gourlay and Kirsty Semple who have both graduated from university of Glasgow. Morven with: M.A 2nd class Div one and Kirsty with: M.B, Ch.B.

Jemma Wells has also graduated from the University of St Andrews with a degree in Geography.

Captains

Congratulations to all the pupils who survived the rigorous interviews to become our new school and house captains! The school captains are Elizabeth McJannet and David Wyllie. The school vice-captains are Jonathon Innes and Leigh Jardine. House captains are for Bute (Red): Claire McNeillie and Eilidh Douglas. Vice-Captains are Jen Wilson and Linzi Harper. For Arran (Blue): Hannah McCubbin and Eilidh Gerrish. Vice Captains are Daniel Hamilton and Josh McLeod, and for Cumbrae (Yellow): Laura Houston and David Logan. With vice-captains Gordon Gillon and Megan Hood. Good luck to all lucky enough to receive one of these positions. Photographs of all captains and vice-captains will

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Sailing Trip

During July a Carrick Pupil namely Elizabeth McJannet, and two former Carrick pupils, Kirsty Wilson and Kerry Knight, headed off to sail round Ireland with the Ocean Youth Trust Ireland on the tall ship "Lord Rank". They were first informed about the trip through the geography department because while they were away it provided a great chance to get a chunk of their advanced higher geography studies done. Their journey started in Bangor in Ireland and then they headed up to Jura, Islay, then Oban returning to Greencastle and finally Londonderry. Along with the Scottish team of the three girls, there was also Cameron Cunningham, Ben Fyfe, Neil and Henry who were both leaders. There were also 4 Swedish students and their teacher who was a professional photographer so had a camera at the ready at any given moment. The group had an amazing time even though at times the sea was particularly rough but this added to the whole experience. While on the trip they all completed the competent crew award and Elizabeth, Ben and Cameron completed the residential part of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The group would like to say a huge thank you to all who helped make the experience an unforgettable one in particular the "Lord Rank" crew, and the leaders for making it possible.



Holidays for session 2008—2009

Teachers (Inservice)	Thurs	14 Aug 2008	Re-open	Wed	7 Jan 2009
Teachers (Inservice)	Fri	15 Aug 2008			
Pupils return	Mon	18 Aug 2008	Close	Thurs	12 Feb 2009
			<i>local holiday</i>	Fri	13 Feb 2009
<i>local holiday</i>	Fri	19 Sept 2008	Holiday	Mon	16 Feb 2009
<i>local holiday</i>	Mon	22 Sept 2008	Teachers (Inservice)	Tues	17 Feb 2009
			Re-open (Pupils)	Wed	18 Feb 2009
Close	Fri	10 Oct 2008			
Teachers (Inservice)	Mon	20 Oct 2008			
Re-open (Pupils)	Tues	21 Oct 2008	Close	Fri	3 Apr 2009
Close	Tues	23 Dec 2008			
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Re-open	Mon	20 Apr 2009	Holiday	Thurs	13 Aug 2009
			Teachers (Inservice)	Fri	14 Aug 2009
	Mon	4 May 2009	Teachers (Inservice)	Mon	17 Aug 2009
			Pupils return*	Tues	18 Aug 2009
Teachers (Inservice)	Thurs	21 May 2009			
<i>local holiday</i>	Fri	22 May 2009	NB		
<i>local holiday</i>	Mon	25 May 2009	Good Friday 10th April		
Close	Fri	26 Jun 2009			

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University Open Days
Strathclyde— 4th September
Glasgow Caledonian—12th September
Heriot-Watt University—24th September
and
27th October

School Holiday
Friday 21 and Monday 24 September

Rugby News

School training starts back on the following dates for the boy's teams:

Seniors-Tuesday 3.30-4.45
 S3-Tuesday 3.30-4.45
 S2-Monday 3.30-4.45

The Rugby Committee would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring the school rugby this season:

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