



Carshalton Boys Sports College

Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026



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



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BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2026



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Interested in joining the CBSC Family?

Please see all vacancies on our School Website [HERE](#)

PARENT SURGERY

Every morning, 7.30–8.00am. No appointment needed.

REPORT AN ABSENCE

attendance@carshaltonboys.org or via MCAS.



Principal's Welcome

We hope you are all enjoying a restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming students back on **November 2nd by 8.20am.**

We wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly special start to the year. In this newsletter you will find some of the highlights from the past few weeks, along with important dates for the half term ahead.

What has stood out most to us is the strength of our community. This half term, we have been celebrating the many cultures and backgrounds that make CBSC the school it is. This began during Black History Month with powerful staff-led assemblies, rap therapy sessions and thoughtful learning in lessons. We are especially proud of POWER, our student council, who are working to rename some of our tutor groups so that they honour the communities we serve.

Our students have shone as ambassadors at our Year 7 and Year 12 open events. It has also been lovely to welcome so many of you to our Year 7, 8 and 11 information evenings. Beyond the classroom, trips from Jamie's Farm to Paris, the Battlefields and Malaga have created memories that will last a lifetime. Meanwhile, our Year 11s are working hard as exams and NEA deadlines approach.

As Remembrance draws near, we warmly invite any students who are cadets to speak to the History team about taking part in this moving annual event.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for everything you have contributed. We hope you are enjoying a restful break.

Simon Barber & Jenny Gaylor

Co-Principals



WORLD SPACE WEEK



WHO TO CONTACT

Key Contacts

Year 7 Team Head of Year Mr Watkins LeadershipYear07@carshaltonboys.org	Year 8 Team Head of Year Miss McConnell LeadershipYear08@carshaltonboys.org
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Year 11 Team Head of Year Mrs Howard LeadershipYear11@carshaltonboys.org	Sixth Form Team Head of Year Mr Earley & Mrs Ellis LeadershipSixthForm@carshaltonboys.org

SAFEGUARDING

safeguarding@carshaltonboys.org
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ATTENDANCE

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 message via MCAS

Contacting your Child Tutor

Tutors are key to supporting your child's education and well-being. To contact your child's tutor, please use the email addresses below. This ensures your message reaches both the tutor and the year team (Head of Year and Pastoral Support Officer).

Important: To prevent important information from being missed, please do not email staff members directly.

For example, if your child is in tutor group 7A, the email address will be:

tutor07A@carshaltonboys.org. Note, there needs to be a '0' in front of Year 7 - 9

These emails will be live from next week.





DIARY

Key Dates This Term

Date	Event
Monday 2 November	First day of the half term. Students on site by 8.20am
W/C Monday 2 November	Year 11 Product Design Practical Days 1/2
W/C Monday 2 November	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C Monday 2 November	Diwali Workshops
Thursday 5 November	Year 7 Pastoral Evening
W/C Monday 9 November	Year 13 Mocks
Monday 9 November & Friday 13 November	Year 11 Construction Plumbing NEA Practical
Tuesday 10 - Thursday 12 November	Year 11 Food Practical Exams
Wednesday 11 November	School Remembrance Day
W/C 16 November	Year 11 Core Mocks
W/C 23 November	Year 11 Non-Core Mocks
W/C Monday 16 November	Life of Pi Film Screenings (16, 17, 19 W17)
Thursday 26 November	SEND Coffee Morning 9am-11am
Thursday 3 December	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 1 December	Year 11 Art Mock Exam
Tuesday 1 December & Wednesday 2 December	Year 13 Criminology Exam



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Key Dates This Term

Date	Event
Thursday 3 December	Year 11 Construction Mock Exam (Online)
Monday 7 December - Monday 14 December	Year 11 Product Design Practical Days 2/2
Friday 18 December	Last day of term

** Note some dates are subject to change, please monitor your communications from the school*

EXAMS INFORMATION can be found on our website [HERE](#)

TERM DATES

The full calendar for 2026–27 is on the school website [HERE](#)





SECTION NAME

New Plans for SEND Support

What this means for CBSC Families

You may have seen news about the government's plans to change how special educational needs (SEND) support works in schools. We want to explain simply what this is, and – most importantly – what it means for your child right now.

What's happening?

In February 2026, the government published a White Paper (a document setting out future plans) called 'Every Child Achieving and Thriving'. It proposes a new type of plan for pupils with SEND, called an Individual Support Plan (ISP), which would eventually sit alongside – or in some cases replace – some of the support plans schools use now.

What isn't changing

- Nothing has changed yet. These are proposals, not new laws.
- Your child's current support, Individual Education Plan (IEP), or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is not affected.
- Any review meetings, targets, or support already in place will continue exactly as normal.
- If your child has an EHCP, this is not being taken away. The government has said EHCPs will continue for children with the most complex needs.

What might change in the future

The government's own timeline suggests any real changes for families are still several years away, with the earliest expected around 2029. Before anything changes for CBSC pupils, we would expect clear guidance from our local authority (Sutton) and its SEND service, Cognus, and we would write to affected families directly.

SEND & Inclusion Page on our school website can be found [HERE](#)





What we're doing

- We are keeping a close eye on the guidance as it develops.
- We are making sure our current support plans already cover the things a future plan would need – clear day-to-day support, clear goals, and regular review – so that if anything does change, it will be a smooth transition, not a disruption.
- We will update this page, and write to parents directly, if anything changes that affects your child.

Any questions?

If you'd like to talk through what this means for your child specifically, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the SEND team.

Best wishes,

Paul Farr

Assistant Principal and SENCo



JAMIE'S FARM TRIP



SECTION NAME

Battlefields Trip

Four Days, Two Countries, 100 Years of History

What happens when you swap the classroom for the Western Front? Year 9 found out on an unforgettable Battlefields Trip to Belgium and France.

It started with an early alarm and a powerful first stop: the grave of one of the youngest known soldiers of the First World War, a boy from Dorking, just down the road from Carshalton. From there, the boys stepped into a trench, ducked into wartime medical bunkers and explored the In Flanders Fields Museum, before refuelling with chicken and chips in Ypres.

Day 2 took them to the Somme, where preserved trenches and vast memorials at Vimy Ridge, Beaumont-Hamel, Thiepval and the Ulster Tower showed the true scale of the battle they had studied in lessons.

Back in Belgium, they stood at the edge of the Pool of Peace, a huge crater blasted out by a single mine in 1917, and crawled through reconstructed dugouts at Passchendaele. At Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world, the rows of headstones stretching into the distance left everyone quiet. The day ended under the arches of the Menin Gate.

And the final stop? A Belgian chocolate shop, of course.

Respectful, curious and mature throughout, the boys did themselves, their parents, the school and their country proud.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM





SECTION NAME

Honouring Our Communities

Year 8 & Year 9 Black History Month Rap Workshop

Prior to the workshops students in Year 8 and 9 had an assembly delivered by Bhishma Asare MBE, the founder of Rap Therapy. He spoke about the importance of Black History Month and this year's theme Honouring Our Communities. He explained how important rap music was in changing the direction of his life as a teenager.

The 2 hour workshop delivered by Tubby and Mikey from Rap Therapy was a huge success. Pupils learnt about Harry Aikines-Aryeetey, born in Carshalton and an ex pupil of Greenshaw High School.

They learnt how to write 'bars' using three rhyme schemes and then had an opportunity to perform their rap.

Staff were hugely impressed with the team work, engagement and quality of work produced.







SECTION NAME

STEM Club

STEM Club marked World Space Week in style this year. Our KS3 students took on the “Rocket Revolution” debate, asking whether the money spent on space exploration can really be justified. The discussion was lively and thoughtful, with students weighing the benefits of scientific discovery and innovation against the needs we face here on Earth. It was brilliant to see them build their arguments, listen to each other and defend their views with confidence.

Students then got hands-on in their teams of engineers, marketers and designers, working under the watchful eye of their supervisors to bring their ideas to life. These roles mirror real careers in the space and engineering industries, giving students a taste of how teams collaborate on major projects.

A huge well done to everyone involved. If your son is interested in joining STEM Club please ask him to speak to his Science Teacher.







STEM CLUB



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AIMHIGHER TRIP



SECTION NAME

Capital Quest 2026

On Thursday 15th October, our Year 12 and 13 students swapped the classroom for the capital for our Sixth Form “Capital Quest”. Working in teams of four to six, they made their way around central London, completing a photo challenge as they went. Planning routes, navigating the city independently and working together against the clock, students showed the teamwork, initiative and maturity we are so proud of in our Sixth Form. The challenge also gave our new Year 12s a chance to bond with each other and with Year 13.

Well done to every team that took part!







SECTION NAME

AimHigher Trip

Aimhigher
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Year 10 Get a Taste of University Life at Roehampton

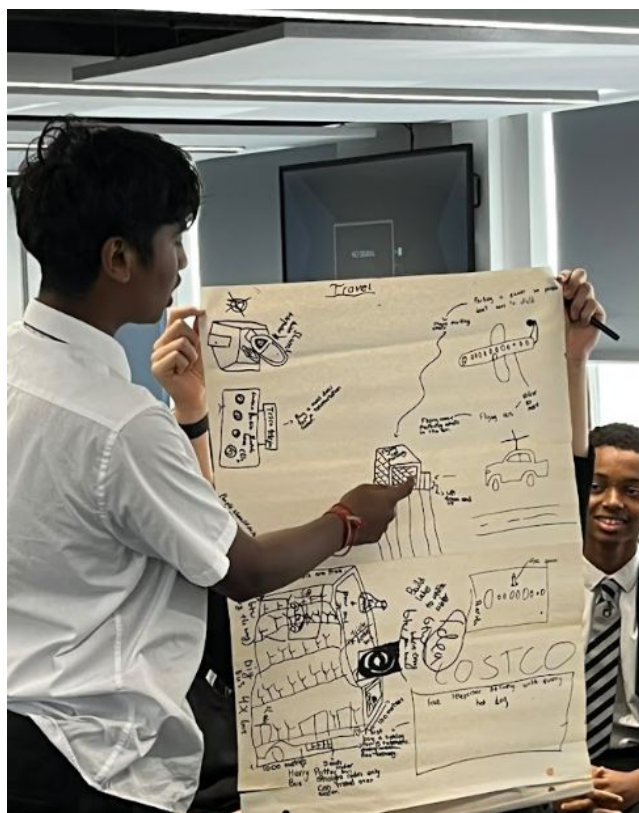
On Tuesday 13th October, a group of our Year 10 students visited the University of Roehampton as part of the Aimhigher programme, which works with schools to help young people explore the routes open to them after school.

The day began with a guided tour of the university's campus. Students explored the lecture theatres, library and student spaces, and had the chance to ask questions about what day-to-day life is like for undergraduates.

Students then took part in a Business and Marketing taster session, giving them a first-hand experience of what studying at degree level involves. It was a valuable opportunity to see how the subjects they study now can lead into exciting university courses and future careers.

Our students represented CBSC brilliantly throughout the day, engaging with enthusiasm and maturity. Visits like this play an important part in our careers programme, helping students make informed choices about their next steps and raising their aspirations for the future.

A huge thank you to the University of Roehampton and Aimhigher for hosting us and making the day such a success





SECTION NAME

WaterBear Music Workshop

Musicians Take On the WaterBear Music Workshop

Our sixth form students recently took part in a music workshop with WaterBear, The College of Music, a specialist music college based in Brighton and Sheffield that offers degree courses for musicians, artists and music industry professionals.

The workshop gave students the chance to develop their musical skills and creativity while gaining a real insight into how the modern music industry works. Led by professionals who are active musicians themselves, the session encouraged students to think creatively, collaborate with one another and explore new ideas in their music.

Well done to every student who took part for their energy, talent and enthusiasm throughout. Opportunities like this are a fantastic way for our sixth formers to discover the wide range of pathways available in music and the creative industries beyond school.





SECTION NAME

PE Heart & Lung Lessons

Wonder and Awe in PE: Bringing the Heart and Lungs to Life

Our PE students recently enjoyed some truly memorable lessons exploring the heart and lungs up close. Having studied the structure and function of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems in the classroom, students were able to put that theory into practice by examining real hearts and lungs for themselves.

Seeing the chambers, valves and blood vessels of the heart, and how the lungs inflate, brought their learning to life in a way no textbook diagram can. There were plenty of genuine wonder and awe moments as students made the link between what they had learned and what they could see in front of them, and many came away with a deeper understanding of how the body works during exercise.

A big well done to all the students for their maturity, curiosity and enthusiasm throughout, and thank you to the PE department for organising such engaging and hands-on lessons.





SECTION NAME

Celebrating Year 11 Success

Year 11 Gold Tie Awards

Earlier this half term, many of our Year 11 students were awarded gold ties in recognition of their outstanding effort and dedication to their learning, as well as their wider achievements across the school. These ties are a real mark of distinction, and every student who received one should be very proud. They are fantastic role models for the rest of the school as they head into this important year.

Congratulations to all our gold tie recipients. We are so proud of you!





SECTION NAME

Senior Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 7th October, a group of our students took part in the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge, a national competition taken by thousands of students across the UK. Over 90 minutes, participants tackled 25 challenging multiple-choice questions designed to test problem-solving, logical thinking and mathematical creativity well beyond the usual classroom content.

Well done to everyone who took part. The questions are deliberately demanding, and every student who sat the paper showed real determination and a willingness to stretch themselves. Results will be shared once they are released, and the highest scorers may be invited to take part in follow-on rounds.

A big thank you to all the staff involved in organising the challenge and supporting our students on the day. Opportunities like this would not be possible without their time and commitment.





SECTION NAME

Attendance

Reporting Absences

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)

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All school Policies can be found on our website [HERE](#)





SECTION NAME

Safeguarding

As part of the Extended Services for schools, we believe in signposting information for young people and families so that they can get the best help and support. Please note that this information is correct at the time of posting, and 'best efforts' will be made to keep the details up-to-date.

Click on an item in the menu for a directory of useful phone numbers and email addresses for support services, agencies and helplines.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, or a student has disclosed to you,

YOU MUST EMAIL

safeguarding@carshaltonboys.org (our external safeguarding email) AND FOLLOW UP BY SPEAKING TO ONE OF THE PASTORAL TEAM BELOW.

Students, Parents and visitors can report incidents via **Report it Sort it** if they are outside school hours, or they can speak to the safeguarding team directly if on site.

Designated Safeguarding Lead & Deputy Head

Paul Avery

pavery@carshaltonboys.org

REPORT IT SORT IT BUTTON

Link HERE: <https://reportitsortit.cbcs.co.uk/>

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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Wellbeing

To book your place, please follow the link [HERE](#)

The poster is for 'Parent/Carer Webinars' for 'Secondary Schedule 26/27'. It features a dark blue background with colorful abstract shapes. At the top left is the 'Education Wellbeing Service' logo. At the top right is the 'NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust' logo. The email 'wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk' is at the top center. A QR code is on the right. A list of webinar topics is in the center, and a call to action is at the bottom.

Education Wellbeing Service

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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

Parent/Carer Webinars

Secondary Schedule 26/27

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. [Click HERE](#)

Understanding and supporting teen sleep

Supporting your teen to cope with exams (Years 11-13)

Screen time, social media and gaming - what parents need to know

Conflict, communication and compromise - the teen years

Healthy habits in teenagers with Autism

Managing exam and assignment stress (Years 7-10)

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.

Respectful Open Collaborative Compassionate Consistent



MÁLAGA TRIP







“Pupils are safe, happy and looked after well.”

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We Believe

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