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Dear Parents and Carers,

### World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. There were 10 lucky Golden Ticket winners from across KS3, who all won a new book. Students also enthusiastically took part in trying to match a number of literary characters to the correct staff member. Mrs Oram loved taking on the role of Miss Trunchbull! The World Book Day website has plenty of activities to support reading at home:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

In addition to yesterday's activities, students are being read to in form time plus, our downstairs library has been recently refreshed and is welcoming students during English lessons. The English dept Twitter account has regular updates on reading, as well as revision links for Year 11 as we move towards their GCSE exams- feel free to follow us @HFCarltonEng

### National Careers Week

National Careers Week is taking place starting Monday. This is a national event that was set up by National Careers Week charity (NCW). The week shines a spotlight on the importance of high-quality careers education and provides opportunities for children to engage with the world of work. We have a range of activities planned across different subject areas, look out on Twitter for updates throughout the week. NCW is running a virtual careers fair which can be accessed through their website <https://ncw2023.co.uk/> It would be a great benefit to your child, if you could spend some time looking through the resources at home with them.

### Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 9th March (3.30 to 6.00pm)

Booklets and an email have been sent to parents today.

### Year 11- GCSE Examinations

Year 11 will receive their individual GCSE examination timetables next week. These will state the date and time of each examination for which they have been entered. It is really important that the pupils check their timetable carefully and speak to their Form Tutor if they have any queries. Further information about the final weeks and expectations will be sent out in due course.

### Progress Data - Years 7-10

Next week pupils will be given a copy of their progress data that was recently sent home via the SIMS app. Pupils will have the opportunity to reflect on their progress so far this year and will set some meaningful SMART targets. Please do discuss these with your child. Your child will be recording these in their planner on P111.

Finally, in celebration of World Book Day and my lifelong love of reading, here is a quote from one of my favourite books...

**“I have found that it is the small everyday deed of ordinary folks that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.” — J.R.R. Tolkien -The Hobbit**

Enjoy your weekend; I hope you get some time to immerse yourself in a good book!

Mrs D. Mitchell  
Headteacher