

Crafting Character Skillfully



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Inspired For Life

Testimonies

“The environment is unique and the children feel safe, secure and happy.”

Michael and Melanie

“All three of our children have gone through the programme and we have seen them flourish. In particular, one of our children who is doing A-Levels is flying through them as her academic abilities have excelled from this foundation of learning.”

Michael and Vicky

“Our son is more confident and secure as a person. He is a self-motivated learner and is developing in his faith. He has succeeded academically and shows great Christian character both in and out of the school classroom.”

David and Helen

“Our two girls have stepped up to the plate and have a self-discipline beyond their years, they even tell us they have homework before we ask! Their work ethic has cultivated an excellent attitude both socially and academically. We believe they have an excellent foundation for university.”

Wayne and Rose

“Our child has grown in wisdom as well as making considerable academic progress. As a result, she has become mature for her age and grown in confidence with her writing and drawing.”

Darrell and Clare

Welcome

Hello...

We founded Carmel Christian School in 1997 with the purpose of imparting biblical life skills alongside quality education that would prepare children for a life of excellence.

Over the years, we've seen the significance of combining traditional biblical values with education as our students have excelled in their chosen careers and family life. In more recent years, we've built upon our successes by extending our school to include an Early Years provision.

Carmel Christian School continues to be an extension to the Christian home and builds on our nation's traditional values to help children mature in character, academic ability and most importantly, their relationship with God.

We also welcome children of all ages and communities and trust that they will be inspired for life at Carmel Christian School.



Gerri & Michelle Di Somma
School Chancellors



A word from the Principal

Carmel Christian School is a fantastic environment for your child to develop intellectually, socially, physically, morally, creatively and spiritually. We provide a safe, loving environment where children can identify and progress in their skills and gifts.

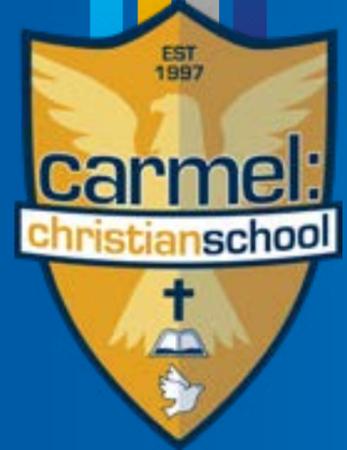
Our team of dedicated staff educates children to the highest academic standards using a proven Christian curriculum that has seen many of our school-leavers enrol in courses of higher education, including university.

Not only do we foster positive relationships with students, but we also endeavour to build positive relationships with parents in order to work together for the best interest of the children.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!



Japp Van Wyk
School Principal



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Confident Concise Steps

Navigating your child's education



Our History

Carmel Christian School was originally founded to cater for children of Christian parents who were seeking an alternative to state education. As more parents realised the importance of combining education with traditional biblical values, the school steadily increased their intake of children.

We have seen the success of Christian education through our school-leavers who developed into dedicated, grounded, confident, self-motivated individuals, well qualified to accomplish their unique destinies.

As a result, we have widened our horizons and have welcomed students of all communities, knowing that the foundation of quality Christian education and timeless values we impart can positively impact others too. This has seen our Early Years class, in particular, increase in numbers, as more and more children are being inspired for life at Carmel Christian School.

What was an extension of the Christian home has become an extension of the church into the community.

Our Mission

Helping children discover their life's purpose and equipping them with godly character for their unique journey.

Our Vision

Inspiring children for life, equipped with the Courage, Confidence and tools to Succeed.

We aim to

- Build positive relationships with parents in the best interest of their children.
- Deliver a balanced Christian curriculum.
- Care for each child in a safe, loving environment.
- Encourage each child to behave responsibly and respect their peers, staff and others.
- Provide opportunities for each child to identify and develop their skills and use their gifts.
- Foster the intellectual, social, physical, moral, creative and spiritual development of each child.

Our Values

Our core values are encompassed in five key words: children, integrity, community, love and respect.

Children:

At Carmel Christian School we value children for who they are. Full stop! We love, accommodate, embrace and encourage children from all nationalities. We understand and accept that every child is unique; we are not biased or prejudiced. We educate children to excel academically and strongly encourage them to develop their gifts and abilities.

Ingerity:

Integrity is integral to our school. We are authentic and real and reflect this in all areas of school life. We are who we say we are, and we do what we say we will do. We facilitate an environment for students to learn and develop integrity by taking responsibility for their own learning through goal setting and self-assessment.

Community:

The school community is very much a family where each individual member is celebrated. The family environment enables teachers and pupils to grow in their faith and in relationship with one other. No child is isolated; we believe in working together and helping each other to achieve their highest potential. Core family values are promoted and adhered to as we educate children to be responsible towards each other.

Love:

Primarily, we encourage children to experience God's love and grow in their individual love for Him. We also place a high emphasis on loving each other and ourselves. The teachers genuinely love the children, and teach from this basis. The child is not just educated, but addressed as a whole person, spirit, soul and body, with the focus on bible-based life skills.

Respect:

We are a school that upholds respect for self and others; bullying of any kind is not tolerated. We esteem and appreciate each other, which encourages open and polite communication across all age ranges. Classroom teaching, activities and discussions are all underpinned with mutual respect.

Board of Governors



Wayne Skinner



Mona Van Wyk



Jaap Van Wyk (Principle)



Raphael Burke

The Chair of Governors may be contacted at:
817a Bath Rd,
Brislington,
Bristol - BS4 5NL.

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Chosen Curriculum Subjects

Exercising a wide range of skills to get ahead in life

The school Structure

Carmel Christian School is an independent, fee-paying day school owned and operated by Carmel Ministries International, a Registered Charity, with a Board of Governors (Registered Charity Number 1094052).

The School Principal is the head of the school, responsible for interviewing and appointing all staff.

All prospective students and their families are interviewed by the Principal whose decision to accept a student for enrolment is final. All parents must sign and adhere to the school's code of conduct as regards to their children.

The School was founded in 1997 and registered in September 2000. The school environment is one of Bible-based moral teaching, and firm but loving discipline.

There is added emphasis on a superior academic system, tried and tested over many years, based upon learning Maths, English, History, Geography, Science and Etymology in the context of God's created world and based firmly and soundly upon Bible principles.

Carmel Christian School provides full-time education from Early Years, where students join at 3 years of age, through to Secondary and Further Education.

Our curriculum

Early Years (Nursery & Reception)

Our Early Years class follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. It is based on ongoing observation and assessment of the following:

Prime Areas of Learning:

Communication, Language, Physical Development, and Personal, Social & Emotional Development.

Specific Areas of Learning:

Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts & Design.

Characteristics of Effective Learning:

Playing and exploring, active learning, and creating and thinking critically.

Assessments are based on the observation of daily activities and learning that a child demonstrates spontaneously, independently and consistently in a variety of contexts. Many perspectives, including those of the child, parents and other adults who have significant interactions with the child, are taken into account.

We are proud to be part of the Bristol Standard Programme, which enables us to regularly reflect upon our practice to maintain our high standards.

As part of the national government scheme, we offer 15 hours of free education for all 3-4 year olds.

ABC's, Juniors & Seniors

As an independent school, we do not use the National Curriculum. Instead, we are pleased to be a subscriber to the International School of Tomorrow Learning Programme, a world leader in individualised learning, enabling children to study and learn at their own ability level and pace.

All our learning is based upon a sound acquisition of knowledge coupled with regular testing and examination of work. This is particularly important with younger children and allows regular analysis and guidance of development.

All students work at their own pace and level of performance, set their own goals and their output is measured and rewarded.

The students work on individual units (learning packs) called PACEs in each core subject: Maths, English Language and Literature, Science (includes Chemistry, Physics and Biology), Social Studies (including History and Geography) Word Building (Etymology) as well as the wider curriculum and character building activities. In addition to the core subjects, other lessons may include:

- PE/Games
- Life Skills
- Biblical Studies
- PE
- Arts/Crafts
- Languages
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Drama
- Business Studies (Online Course)
- Typing Skills
- Music
- Information Technology
- Design Technology (e.g. Food Technology)

Some of these activities specifically encourage team work.

The options

When a student reaches a certain level of attainment, they, with the guidance of our Careers Advisor, will select their options. Every student at this level is expected to do at least one week's work experience.

Extra-curricular activities

Students can gain as much success from pursuing activities outside of the curriculum as they do within it. We actively encourage students to engage in extra-curricular activities and link them with providers where possible.



Competent Class Setting



The seeds of information for your child to flourish

The school certification

Carmel Christian School subscribes to the National Christian Schools Certification Board, NCSC, for all its school certifications. Students will complete the International Certificate of Christian Education Diploma

(ICCE). It has a similar points structure to GCSE, A Level and holds equivalent ratings with other international qualifications.

Level	Diploma
1	Basic Certificate
2	Foundation Certificate
3	General Certificate - Academic
4	General Certificate - High Achievement
5	Advanced

The school assessment

Carmel Christian School is a Registered School. ICCE appears in the current UK qualifications handbook.

Carmel Christian School, as with all private schools, is visited regularly and inspected by Ofsted to ensure that standards are maintained and to assist with

improvements and suggestions for the benefit of the children.

Carmel Christian School is also visited annually by representatives of CEE Ltd. who ensure that rigorous standards laid down by them are complied with.

The school and your child

Carmel Christian School is designed to cater for the individual. We are not a 'special needs' school as regards to Special Educational Needs, but this can be discussed if required.

We are a school that takes your child and your child's welfare and development as a whole person very seriously. We respect each child's need to be treated as an individual and as a child. However, each child is encouraged to cultivate team skills and social development as part of their growing process.

We provide a family environment where children can grow in the security of knowing that school is an extension of a loving home, not an institution merely driven by results and league tables.

Perhaps, most importantly, Carmel Christian School caters not only for the educational needs of your child but also for their physical, emotional and spiritual development. Success for your child as God intended will only be achieved if the school, student and parents work in partnership.

Homework is sent home on a regular basis and we expect parents to assist their child and check that all work is done. Failure to do homework will result in a demerit and possibly an after school detention.

Bullying is virtually unheard of at Carmel Christian School. If it occurs, it is dealt with swiftly and decisively in line with our Behaviour Management and Anti Bullying policies. The school reserves the right to withdraw any child from the school who will not comply with the school's standards of conduct.

We are committed to every child's progress and we expect the best outcome for each child.

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The rewards

We have an extensive reward system to celebrate achievement and effort, including:

- Verbal and written praise
- Merits and merit shop
- Privileges
- Honour roll
- Certificates
- Presentations
- End of year Awards Ceremony

The school and you

Good communication is vital and we maintain close contact between home and school by using a return envelope system. Parent consultations are held at least once a term. Much of the student's learning encourages parent participation. School/parent co-operation is vital and we encourage parent participation in the whole curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

A copy of the Complaints Procedure is available to parents upon request.

The school environment

The school provides an environment where learning is stimulating, supported and rewarding. Small class sizes ensure individual attention and the structure is conducive to study and academic advancement as well as enjoyment of 'school days'. A wide variety of extra curricular activities are provided and enjoyed. No mobile phones or beepers are allowed in school unless prior written permission has been given.

Caring Considerate Support

Equipping you with all you need for the journey

The school fee structure

Annual school fees are payable in 12 equal monthly instalments by Standing Order. To obtain information on the current fees, contact the school office.

PACEs will be charged to parents the month following the month of issue. PACEs costs £4.00 for ABC and Juniors and £4.50 for Seniors. PACEs that have to be re-issued due to scoring violations or failure will be charged at a rate of £7.90 each. Costs for outside activities e.g. field trips, etc. will be extra. We endeavour to keep the costs to a minimum.

If a student is withdrawn from school before completion of the school year, the annual fee is still payable until the end of the year. Any refund will be at the discretion of the Principal.

School meals are not supplied, so a healthy packed lunch will be required. School uniform is compulsory. Any child not wearing the school uniform will be sent home.

The school admissions policy

Non Discrimination Policy

Carmel Christian School admits male and female students of any race, colour, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights and privileges available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of gender, colour, nationality or ethnic origin in administration or its admission and educational policies, scholarship programmes, social and other school administered activities. The school is prepared to consider for admission children who have moderate additional needs.

Basic Communications Skills

All lessons are carried out in English. The school does not currently cater for non-English speaking children. No provision is currently made for sign language, people who are hard of hearing or blindness.

Preference Acceptance

Due to the physical size of the school, we give priority to the children of members of Carmel City Church.

Application Form

Once completed, return to the General Office at Carmel Christian School. The governors will then approve or decline the application.



Dress code general guidelines

Girls may wear one pair of studs or sleepers in their ears if pierced. Any other jewellery is not permitted for boys or girls. Body piercing is not permitted.

Hair for boys must be worn short. For girls, long hair must be tied back or a headband worn. Hair colouring is not permitted nor fashion or 'punk' styles.

Uniforms

NURSERY, RECEPTION AND ABC's

GIRLS

- White polo shirt
- Navy blue v-neckjumper with school logo
- Grey skirt or trousers
- White knee length socks or knitted grey tights (sheer tights not acceptable)
- Black comfortable shoes

BOYS

- White polo shirt
- Navy blue v-neckjumper with school logo
- Grey trousers
- Black socks
- Black shoes

JUNIORS

GIRLS

- White school shirt
- Navy blue v-neckjumper with school logo
- Grey skirt* or trousers (*knee length, not above)
- Grey pinafore dress (optional, winter)
- Blue and white checked dress (optional, summer)
- White socks or grey tights (sheer tights not acceptable)
- Black comfortable shoes
- School tie

BOYS

- White school shirt
- Navy blue v-neckjumper with school logo
- Grey trousers
- Black socks
- Black shoes
- School tie

SENIORS – as Juniors, except black skirts and trousers, not grey.

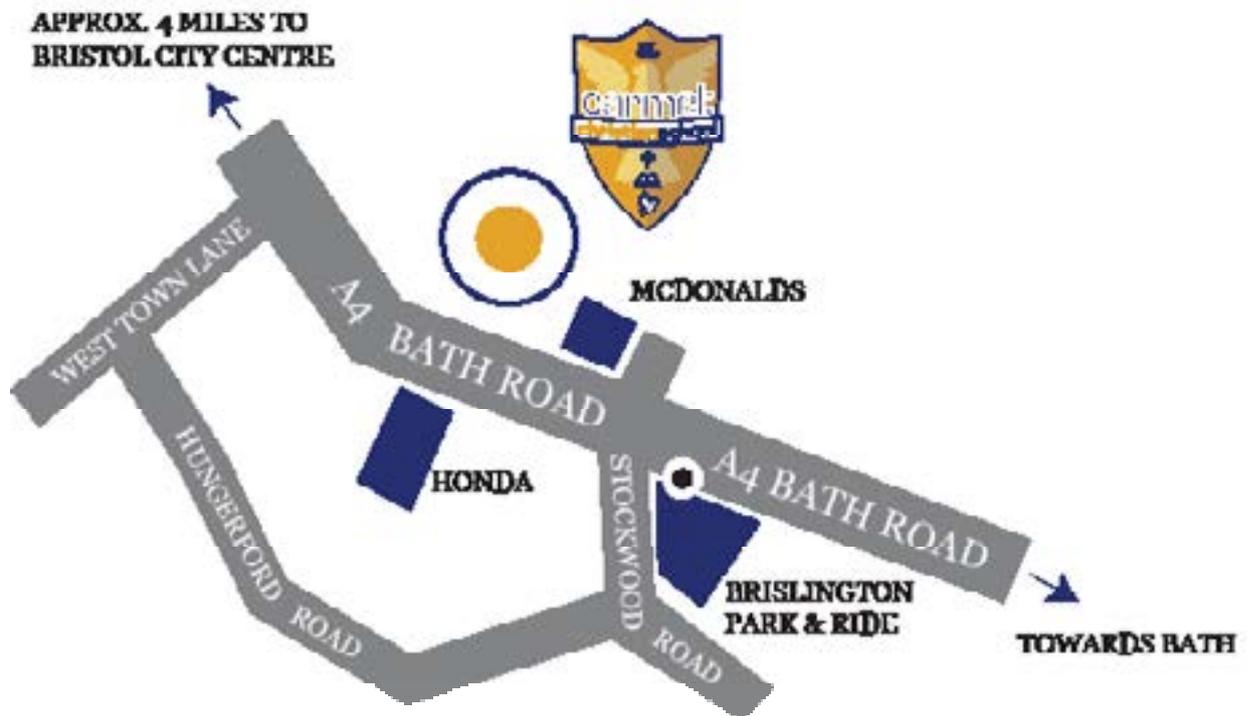
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BOYS AND GIRLS

- White polo shirt
- Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- All pupils will need an old shirt for painting

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How to find us



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We are located on the Bath Road on the main bus route to the centre of Bristol, close to the HSBC bank and Bristol Honda, and within easy walking distance of the shopping centre in Brislington.

By car from the M4 and Bristol centre: Leave at junction 19 onto the M32. Take junction 3, the A4 Link Road and follow signs to Bath. Turn left at the HSBC Bank. Carmel Christian School is at the rear of **Carmel City Church**.

By car from Bath: Follow A4 Bath Road towards Bristol past Keynsham to the Park and Ride on the left hand side. At the traffic lights go straight ahead and then turn right into the forecourt of the HSBC Bank. Carmel Christian School is at the rear of **Carmel City Church**.

By Bus from Bristol City Centre: Services X39 and 349 stop outside or near to Carmel Christian School.

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