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an extension of the christian home



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the importance of christian education

introduction

what is education?

Is education about reading, writing and arithmetic?

Is it about passing 'A' levels?

Is it measured by the amount of homework brought home?

In reality education is much more than this...

education is life

It is not just preparation for life, although that is part of its function. It is not just learning about life, although that too is covered. No! Education is Life with a capital "L".

why is it life?

Since we are all children of a Creator God and live in a world He made for us, our existence here only takes on full significance when we enjoy a right relationship with Him.

Education is the process whereby a child develops an understanding of, and an ability to relate to the world around him/her. God, as the Creator, is the best source of information regarding "all things created in heaven and on earth." It therefore follows that in order for children to discover their true place in the home, their community and the world they must first find their true place with God. This then is Christian Education in the broadest sense and is a process, that once begun correctly, continues throughout life.



A child's schooling therefore must be seen as fundamental to that child's development. It is vital that schooling both recognises and does all in its power to foster and encourage each child's response to God's call upon their life and to fulfil God's plan for their life. Children will enjoy 'good success' as they grow up if the education received flows directly from a relationship with God and if God's Word is regularly before their eyes and established in their heart.

"All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." John 1:3

"...storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1 tim 6:19

the importance of christian education introduction



what is a christian school?

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom....." Proverbs 9:10

The purpose of Christian Education is that a child may attain a position from which he can make wise decisions. The Bible says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God..." James 1:5

The child who has a right relationship with God is able to discern and assimilate directly the accurate concepts, skills and knowledge that he or she requires, in order to face the world around them with competence and confidence. It is a widely held view today that a child's education should include some reference to a faith or religion.

The Biblical principle on which a Christian school rests is that a personal understanding of God is the only foundation upon which an education of real lasting value can be built.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

we aim to:

- > Build a positive relationship with parents in the best interest of the 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.

the school's mission statement

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carmel christian school about the school

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.

The School has a Principal as the Head of School and all staff are interviewed and appointed by the Principal.

All prospective students and their families are also interviewed by the Principal whose decision to accept a student for enrolment is final. All parents must sign and adhere to the discipline procedures as regards their child/ren.

Students are generally accepted as part of their family group and the school has a policy that normally prevents one child from a family group attending whilst others are in different schools.

The School was founded in 1997 for the education of young people. 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 Primary, where students join at 5 years of age, through to Secondary and Further Education (see separate prospectus for Pre-School).

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the school curriculum

As an independent school we do not use the National Curriculum but 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, particularly important with younger children, allowing 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 both measured and rewarded.

The students work on individual units (learning packs) called PACEs in each core subject: Maths, English Language and Literature, Science (which includes Chemistry, Physics and Biology), Social Studies including History and Geography as well as Word Building (Etymology).



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the wider curriculum and character building activities

In addition to the core subjects other lessons may include:

PE/Games
Swimming
Outdoor pursuits
Typing Skills
Information Technology

Life Skills
Arts/Crafts
Drama
Music
Design Technology
(e.g. Food Technology)

Biblical Studies
Languages
Business Studies
Child care

Some of these activities specifically encourage team work.

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 weeks 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.



carmel christian school certification and assessment

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) and this can be achieved at five levels. It has a similar points structure to GCSE, A Level and NVQs and holds equivalent ratings with other international qualifications.

| Level | Diploma | Equivalent |
|-------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Foundation Certificate | NQF* Level 1 Certificate of Achievement |
| 2 | General Certificate | NQF Level 2 GCSE D-G |
| 3 | General Certificate | NQF Level 3 GCSE A*-C |
| 4 | Advanced | NQF Level 3 AS* ¹ |
| 5 | Advanced/Honours | NQF Level 3 A2* ² |

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* National Qualification Framework

*¹ Advanced Subsidiary

*² Advanced Level

the school assessment

Carmel Christian School is a Registered and Licensed Independent School. Our Certification System is accepted and recognised in exactly the same way as GCSE and other comparable Certification Boards particularly at University Entrance level (UCAS).

Carmel Christian School, as with all other private schools, is visited regularly and examined by Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools to ensure that standards are maintained and to assist with improvements and suggestions for the benefit of the children.

Carmel Christian School is also examined annually by a School of Tomorrow Representative to 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 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 indeed. We respect each child's need to be treated as an individual person and as a child. However, each child is encouraged to cultivate team skills and social development as part of the 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 and not merely an institution 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 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.

In this school bullying is virtually unheard of and if it occurs 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 standards of conduct. We are committed to every child's progress and we expect the best outcome for each child.

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 a close contact between home and school by use of a return envelope system. Parent consultations are held at least once a term and much of the student's learning encourages parent participation.

School/parent co-operation is vital and we encourage positive parent participation in the whole curriculum and wherever possible and whenever offered, parent input into our extra-curricular activities. **It is a prerequisite that parents of children joining the school must volunteer some time to the school.** This arrangement will be made with the Principal.

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'.

The school operates over a five day week, with half a day on Friday. A wide variety of extra curricular activities are provided and enjoyed. Students between ages 4 to 11yrs may join Peachy - After School and Holiday Club.

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the school fee structure

School Fees are paid as an annual fee payable in 12 equal monthly instalments by Standing Order. To obtain information on the current fees contact the school office. This is subject to change. Prior written notice will be given of all changes.

PACEs will be charged to parents the month following the month of issue. PACEs can vary in cost, but are generally in the region of £2 each. PACEs that have to be re-issued due to scoring violations will be charged at a rate of £5 each. Costs for outside activities e.g. field trips, swimming lessons etc. will be extra. We endeavour to keep the costs to a minimum.

If a student is withdrawn from school before commencement 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 and a healthy packed lunch will be required except on Fridays. 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.

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 Christian Centre.

Application Form - Located at the back. Once completed, return to the General Office, Carmel Christian School.

school requirements

uniforms must comply with our dress code



general guidelines

Jewellery is not permitted in school except for girls who may wear one pair of studs or sleepers in their ears if pierced but body piercing is not permitted.

Hair for boys must be worn short and for girls, long hair must be tied back or a headband worn.

Hair colouring is not permitted nor fashion or 'Punk' styles.

No mobile phones or beepers are allowed in school unless prior written permission has been given.

abc and junior

girls

- >> pale/sky blue polo shirt
- >> royal blue crew neck shirt with school logo
- >> grey pinafore or skirt*
*(preferably 3 inches below the knee not above)
- >> white knee length socks or knitted black tights*
*(sheer tights are not acceptable)
- >> black comfortable shoes

boys

- >> pale/sky blue polo shirt
- >> royal blue crew neck shirt with school logo
- >> grey trousers
- >> black socks
- >> black shoes

senior

girls

- >> pale/sky blue polo shirt
- >> royal blue crew neck shirt with school logo
- >> black skirt*
*(preferably 3 inches below the knee not above)
- >> white knee length socks or knitted black tights*
*(sheer tights are not acceptable)
- >> black comfortable shoes

boys

- >> pale/sky blue polo shirt
- >> royal blue crew neck shirt with school logo
- >> black trousers
- >> black socks
- >> black shoes

pe kit (boys and girls)

- >> white polo shirt
- >> navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms
- >> trainers
- >> all pupils will need an old shirt for painting



carmel christian school statement of faith

the scriptures

We believe that the Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testament, are inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. (2 Tim 3vs16,17; Romans 10vs17).

the Godhead

There is one God. This one God has a plural nature. This one God is called the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; all distinct personalities; all designated God. (Romans 1vs7; Hebrews 1vs8; Acts 5vs3,4).

Jesus Christ our Lord

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God; we believe in His Virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death as our Substitute, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father (John 1vs1-3; John 1vs18). Jesus died for all men, His blood is the only redemption from sin and by His stripes we are healed. (Titus 2vs13; Matthew 20vs28; 1 Peter 1vs18; 1 Timothy 1vs15; 2 Corinthians 5vs21; Galations 3vs13,14; 1 Timothy 2vs6; 1 Peter 3vs18)

the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person, distinct from God the Father and God the Son (2 Corinthians 13vs14; Acts 10vs38). The

Holy Spirit is personal and is God, the third Person of the Holy Trinity (John 14vs16; John 16vs7; Acts 5vs3,4).

eternal life & new birth

We believe that the Bible teaches that salvation is by grace, a free gift of God to all those who believe in Jesus Christ. Those who have received Christ by faith have their sins forgiven and become children of God, a new creation in Christ Jesus. (Titus 3vs4-7; John 1vs12,13; Romans 10vs9,10; 2 Corinthians 5vs17)

water baptism

We believe that baptism in water is by immersion and is a direct commandment of our Lord for believers only. The ordinance is (a) a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection and (b) a public confession of a new believer's faith in Christ.

baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, empowering and equipping believers for service with the accompanying supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit (Mark 16vs17; Acts 1vs8; Acts 2vs4,38,39). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8vs14-17; Acts 19vs2). The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the physical sign of speaking with

other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. (Acts 10vs44-46; Acts 19vs1-6)

the church

The true Church is made up of those individuals who have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Only the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the repentant sinner qualifies one for membership in the true body of Christ (Eph 1vs22,23; Eph 2vs18-22; Hebrews 12vs23).

The primary mission of the Church is:

- To be an agency of God for evangelising the world and enforcing Satan's defeat.
- To be a corporate body in which man may worship God.
- To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.





Christian Information

Church Attending: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____

Pastor/Minister: _____

Has the student's father ever made a profession of Christian faith? Yes No

Has the student's mother ever made a profession of Christian faith? Yes No

Has the student ever made a profession of Christian faith? Yes No

Medical Information

Family Doctor: _____

Surgery Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____

Family Dentist: _____

Surgery Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____

Does the Student have any physical defects or allergies? Yes No

If "yes" please give details: _____

Family Information (only complete rest of form for first child in family)

Father's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Position: _____

Work Tel: _____ Mobile Tel: _____

Email Address: _____

Marital Status: (underline as applicable) Married / Divorced / Separated / Widower / Widow / Single Parent

Mother's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Position: _____

Work Tel: _____ Mobile Tel: _____

Email Address: _____

Marital Status: (underline as applicable) Married / Divorced / Separated / Widower / Widow / Single Parent

Children in family of school age (if not applying) >> Please tick box if they are currently attending this school.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

What is the reason for selecting this school for the Student?: _____



Carmel Christian School is centrally located. It has excellent transport links.

by car from the M4

From the M4 leave at Junction 19 onto the M32. Take Junction 3, the A4 Link Road, follow the signs to Bath. A retail complex (JJB Sports) will be on your right and Jaguar Garage on your left. Continue and turn left into HSBC bank forecourt. The school is behind this building.

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 past McDonalds on your right and turn right into the forecourt of the HSBC Bank. The school is behind this building.

by bus from the city centre

Services X39, 349. These buses stop outside or near to the school.

by train

Any train to Bristol Temple Meads. Then catch a bus (as above).





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