CHARTERHOUSE

Known as Lingua Carthusiana, the School's unique private language, or 'idiolect', has evolved over centuries and is part of Charterhouse's proud history. All are used on a daily basis and are cherished as part of our shared tradition.

Adsum	A roll-call, taken in House (see also Jibs).
Banco	An evening period for academic work from 7.00 pm to 8.45 pm.
Beak	A member of the teaching staff.
Brooke Hall	The teaching staff's Common Room.
BTT	The Ben Travers Theatre on Queen's Drive, opened in 1983, and named after the playwright who was an Old Carthusian.
Chapel	There are three chapels in the School: Memorial Chapel built as a memorial to Old Carthusians who were killed in the First World War; Millennium Chapel (MMC) which is situated in the north-east corner of the Memorial Chapel; Founder's Chapel (FC).
Crown	The School tuck shop. It is situated on the Long Walk facing Under Green. It is also sometimes referred to as *Crack*.
Exeat	Half term break in the middle of each Quarter when all pupils go away from Charterhouse. Exeat in LQ is known as *Queen's Exeat*.
Hash	A lesson.
Homebill	The pupils' evening meals.
JDTC	The John Derry Technical Centre, situated between Studio and Armoury, and opened in 1980.
Jibs	Evening adsum in Houses.
Pontifex	The annual inter-House cross-country races held in LQ.
Quarter	Terms are referred to as Quarters. There are three Quarters in the School year – Oration (September), Long (January) and Cricket (April).
quarter	The mid-morning break, which is normally after the first two or three lessons (hashes).
RVW (Music School)	Music school situated on the south side of Memorial Chapel and opened in 1984, in memory of Ralph Vaughan Williams who was an Old Carthusian.
Send-Up	When a pupil does a piece of work that a beak considers distinguished, they are sent with their work to the Second Master. For every third send-up they are awarded a prize.
Turning-Up	The general term for inter-House games which are organised on a league basis.
Yearlings	Pupils in their first year in the School.