



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.

Houses

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| <i>B</i> | Bodeites | <i>Ch</i> | Chetwynd |
| <i>D</i> | Daviesites | <i>F</i> | Fletcherites |
| <i>g</i> | Girdlestoneites (otherwise known as 'Duckites') | <i>G</i> | Gownboys |
| <i>H</i> | Hodgsonites | <i>L</i> | Lockites |
| <i>N</i> | Northbrook | <i>P</i> | Pageites |
| <i>R</i> | Robinites | <i>S</i> | Saunderites |
| <i>Su</i> | Sutton | <i>V</i> | Verites |
| <i>W</i> | Weekites | | |

School Terms

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| <i>OQ</i> | Oration Quarter – Autumn Term, typically September to December. |
| <i>LQ</i> | Long Quarter – Spring Term, typically January to March. |
| <i>CQ</i> | Cricket Quarter – Summer Term, typically April to July. |

Year Groups

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| <i>Specialists</i> | Sixth Form pupils <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Year Specialists (1YS) – Lower Sixth Form – Year 12.• Second Year Specialists (2YS) – Upper Sixth Form – Year 13. |
| <i>Fifth Form</i> | Year 11 Pupils. Pupils in the Fifth Form are collectively referred to as Fifths. |
| <i>Remove</i> | Year 10 Pupils. Pupils in the Remove year are collectively referred to as Removes. |
| <i>Fourth Form</i> | Pupils in their first year in the School – Year 9 pupils – collectively referred to as Fourths or Yearlings. |

Miscellaneous

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| <i>Adsum</i> | A roll-call, taken in House (see also Jibs). |
| <i>Artifex</i> | The annual creative arts festival held in CQ. |
| <i>Banco</i> | An evening period for academic work from 7.00 pm to 8.45 pm. |

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| <i>Beak</i> | A member of the teaching staff. |
| <i>Big Ground</i> | 1 st XI Football Pitch. |
| <i>Brooke Hall</i> | The teaching staff's Common Room. Also the collective noun for the teachers. |
| <i>Broome & Lees</i> | Playing fields across Hurtmore Road (over footbridge). |
| <i>BTT</i> | The Ben Travers Theatre on Queen's Drive, opened in 1983, and named after the playwright who was an Old Carthusian. |
| <i>Catley's Level</i> | Old all-weather pitch adjacent to the Queen's Sports Centre (QSC). |
| <i>CDR</i> | Central Dining Room |
| <i>Chapel</i> | 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; Founders' Chapel (FC). |
| <i>Crown</i> | The School tuck shop. It is situated on the Long Walk facing Under Green. It is also sometimes referred to as <i>Crack</i> . |
| <i>Crack</i> | School Tuck shop. |
| <i>DWR</i> | Daniel Wray Room – Small meeting room attached to the Library. |
| <i>Exeat</i> | Half term break in the middle of each Quarter when all pupils go away from Charterhouse. Exeat in LQ is known as <i>Queen's Exeat</i> . |
| <i>Green</i> | 1 st XI Cricket Pitch. |
| <i>Hash</i> | A lesson. |
| <i>Homebill</i> | The pupils' evening meals. |
| <i>HHC</i> | Hunt Health Centre |
| <i>JDTC</i> | The John Derry Technical Centre, situated between Studio and Armoury, and opened in 1980. |
| <i>Jibs</i> | Evening Adsum in Houses. |
| <i>Lessington</i> | 2 nd XI Football Pitch. |
| <i>Long Walk</i> | Footpath across campus between Maniacs and Under Green connecting Princes Avenue with Queen's Drive. |
| <i>Maniacs</i> | 2 nd XI Cricket Pitch. |
| <i>Northbrook</i> | Playing Fields. |
| <i>OHH</i> | Old Headmasters' House. |
| <i>PMP</i> | Peter May Pavilion. |
| <i>Pontifex</i> | The annual inter-House cross-country races held in LQ. |

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| <i>Prom Courts</i> | Promontory Tennis Courts. |
| <i>QSC</i> | Queen's Sports Centre, otherwise known as Charterhouse Club. |
| <i>Quarter</i> | Terms are referred to as Quarters. There are three Quarters in the School year – Oration (September), Long (January) and Cricket (April). |
| <i>Quarter</i> | The mid-morning break, which is normally after the first two or three lessons (hashes). |
| <i>RVW (Music School)</i> | 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. |
| <i>SAC</i> | South Africa Cloister. |
| <i>Send-Up</i> | 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. |
| <i>SR</i> | Saunders Room – Meeting room attached to Sutton. |
| <i>Turning-Up</i> | The general term for inter-House games which are organised on a league basis. |
| <i>Under Green</i> | Playing Fields between Princes Avenue and Queen's Drive. |