



CHARTERHOUSE

School Terminology

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

<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

<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

<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

<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.

<i>Beak</i>	A member of the teaching staff.
<i>Big Ground</i>	1 st XI Football Pitch.
<i>Brooke Hall</i>	The teaching and support 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.
<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 Senior Deputy Head. 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.