

A Parents' Guide to Carousel Learning



CARR HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Carousel is an online quizzing platform that we use for homework at both Key Stages. Students have access to question-and-answer flashcards which they use independently to learn important knowledge and then complete a quiz to test their knowledge. As time goes on, students will learn more and more in school. In order to make sure they don't forget all this information, Carousel uses evidence-based strategies to help strengthen their memories over the long term. In particular, it supports Key Stage 4 revision and guides students towards independent study for their GCSEs.

Carousel auto-marks exact matches and lets students assess their own responses when needed. Teachers can easily review and moderate any answer and pick out specific responses as a springboard for in-class feedback.

- **Active Revision:** Students see flashcards first, then take the quiz, ensuring they are learning, not just guessing.
- **Self-Assessment:** Students check their own answers, promoting honesty and understanding of their own knowledge gaps.
- **Independent Study:** The "Study Pack" feature allows students to revise specific topics voluntarily.
- **Spacing and Interleaving:** The system automatically re-tests incorrect answers over time to strengthen memory.

How to Support Your Child

1. **Encourage Regularity:** Encourage your child to do 5–10 minutes of flashcard review before taking a quiz, rather than cramming.
2. **Focus on Mistakes:** Encourage them to review and re-take quizzes on questions they answered incorrectly.
3. **Active Practice:** Ask them to say answers aloud or write them down, rather than just clicking through.
4. **Use it for Revision:** Encourage them to use the "Study Pack" mode for independent, focused revision on weak topics.
5. **Check Completion:** Ensure they complete assignments by the due date

Students will receive a unique link from their teacher, which will be posted as an 'assignment' in Arbor. When they click on this link, they will be asked to enter their name.

The screenshot shows the CAROUSEL LEARNING dashboard. At the top left is the logo. At the top right, it says 'SIGNED IN AS Grace C'. Below this is a 'YOUR PROGRESS' section with three cards: '59 questions answered this month', '75 questions learned this month', and '1h 36m time spent learning this month'. There are two tabs: 'Quizzes' (selected) and 'Study Packs'. Below the tabs is a search bar. A list of quizzes is shown below, each with a 'Take Quiz' button and a due date:

Subject Teacher	Quiz Title	Due Date	Action
Physics Mr Myers	Forces revision - Term 1	Due 1 day ago	Take Quiz →
English Mrs Upton	Myths and Legends Quiz	Due in 13 days	Take Quiz →
Mathematics Mrs Painter	Place value - Quiz 3	Due in 15 days	Take Quiz →

