

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



Team announced for 2026/2027



Carrickfergus Grammar School is delighted to announce its Prefect Team for 2026-2027. Many congratulations to the team, including:

- Head Girl Esther Bovill (Islandmagee Primary School)
- Head Boy Issac Yau (Victoria Primary School)
- Deputy Head Boy Jake Robb (Oakfield Primary School)
- Deputy Head Girl Gemma Moore (Acorn Integrated)
- Deputy Head Girl Evie Dorrian (Silverstream Primary School)
- Senior Prefect Julia McMillan (Glynn Primary School)
- Senior Prefect Megan Sproule (Eden Primary School)
- Senior Prefect Jude Kingston (Ballycarry Primary School)
- Senior Prefect Paolo Matusiak (Silverstream Primary School)

Good luck to everyone, next year!



Year 9 pupils gain recognition

Congratulations to the eleven Year Nine pupils who were presented recently with a Certificate of Recognition for their sustained commitment to the highest standards of work, attitude and behaviour throughout Year Nine. Keep it up- your hard work, resilience and commitment will lead to great achievements! *We are very proud of you.*



Latest Cricket News

CGS are Schools Cup Quarter Finalists!

Carrick Grammar beat Lurgan College by 22 runs in the 2nd round of the Schools Cup. CGS batted first scoring 84-7 of their 20 overs, with an important contribution of 45 runs from skipper Jay Parkhill. Carrick then bowled Lurgan out for 62 in reply with great bowling performances from Xander McKay (4-11 including a hat trick), Bobbie Brown (3-11) & Matthew Kane (2-21).

We will play away to BRA in the quarter final.

Y8-10 SUMMER EXAM TIMETABLE FOR MAY 2026									
Year	Exam	Day	Time	Subject	Room	Teacher	Notes	Room	Teacher
Y8	Maths	Monday	9:00-11:00	Maths	101	Mr. [Name]		101	Mr. [Name]
	English	Tuesday	9:00-11:00	English	102	Ms. [Name]		102	Ms. [Name]
Y9	Maths	Monday	9:00-11:00	Maths	101	Mr. [Name]		101	Mr. [Name]
	English	Tuesday	9:00-11:00	English	102	Ms. [Name]		102	Ms. [Name]
Y10	Maths	Monday	9:00-11:00	Maths	101	Mr. [Name]		101	Mr. [Name]
	English	Tuesday	9:00-11:00	English	102	Ms. [Name]		102	Ms. [Name]

Our Years 8-10 Summer exam timetables are now online at:
<https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/exam-timetables>

Marathon Success



Well done to Miss Wylie who completed London marathon recently, in 3 hrs 49 mins. It was a very special marathon to be part of as it was the first time a marathon was ever completed in under 2 hours. In fact two runners managed to achieve this on the day. It was also a record breaking day in terms of participants. London marathon recorded 59,830 people crossing the finish line. The highest number ever recorded for a marathon. Miss Wylie was delighted to get the opportunity to take part in such a prestigious marathon but in the future she will be sticking to races with fewer participants. *Running in such a busy crowd is very hard work!*

As part of the development of its careers provision for pupils, CGS is using the ambitious Gatsby Benchmark Indicators to audit excellence in careers advice and guidance. As a result, we are delighted to be teaming up with 'Unifrog' - a comprehensive Careers platform that fosters aspiration by providing students with information and guidance on every available post-18 pathway available to them. The platform drives social mobility, empowering students from all backgrounds to make informed, ambitious decisions about their futures. *It also ensures effective Careers education by enabling staff to track student progress and engagement against the Gatsby Benchmarks and CDI Learning Areas.*



Careers News



School Council latest

As our senior students prepare to go off on study leave, we would like to thank our school council leadership team for their hard work and dedication this year. Mitchell Brown (chairperson), Lucas Magill (secretary), Emily-Grace Penrose (vice-chair), Tyler Trueick and Alicja Koziel have steered the group over a busy few terms, where they have consulted and advised on matters of school maintenance and safety, catering facilities and recycling. *Our junior team will continue working on behalf of the student body throughout the summer term.*



NI Youth FA Cup Winner!

#proud

Congratulations to our very own Charlotte Mone in Year 9, who recently won the Northern Ireland Youth FA Cup as part of the U13 Glentoran Women's squad at the Mid-Ulster Sports Arena in Cookstown. It was a nail-biting match against Bloomfield FC Girls which was 2-2 until the Glentoran squad scored another brilliant goal deep into the second half to win 3-2. Well done, Charlotte, from us all at CGS! *We are very proud of you!*

CGS are Netball League Champions!

Our Year 8 girls are the NEBSSA netball league champions! They played their final recently against a strong Sperrin Integrated team. Final score was 22-14. Player of the match Maya Skelton, whose shooting and match play has been outstanding throughout the season. Thanks to coach Betty and assistants Sophia and Lucy. *What a season, girls!*



School Fair 2026

Thank you to everyone who came along to support and enjoy the recent Parents' Association School Fair. A special thank you to the students who gave up their Saturday to help with face painting and foot darts. You were brilliant, and we hope you had a great time being part of it. Thank you as well to everyone who supported us in the Grab a Grand scheme with @clanmil_housing — we really appreciate it. A big thank you to all our event sponsors: @the_esme_edit_, @jr.hairdressing, @bwfhosting, @all_good_inc, @nigel_thegaragedoormanni, @cannonhyundai, @pollock_lifts and @irishsaltmining. We were also delighted to welcome Cheryl Brownlee MLA, John Stewart MLA, Gordon Lyons MLA, Cllr Peter Johnston and Cllr Anna Henry, who took the time to come along and show their support. *A sincere thank you as well to the Mayor's Office for their kind donation towards our fundraising.*



Unite SUNI Carrickfergus



Last week, the Scripture Union groups of Carrickfergus Grammar School, Ulidia Integrated College and Carrickfergus Academy joined together for a night of praise, prayer, testimonies and fellowship. Thank you to the pupils who organised the event, our SU band who led the praise, SUNI for supporting the evening and North Street Presbyterian Church for hosting us.

CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



ASHLEY MCCONNELL
CGS 1996 - 2000



WHERE IS SHE NOW?
Vice President of Operations for Officetrax in Ontario, Canada
TIME AT CGS:
FAVOURITE SUBJECT
Business Studies

MEMORIES

Mr Irwin and Mr McKittrick introducing me to business studies, and quickly realizing I had a real interest in the subject.

CAREER PATHWAY:

SIXTH FORM CHOICES

Studying Business Studies & French helped me get into my career

HIGHER EDUCATION

International Business Studies at Ulster University
Masters in Communication, Advertising and Marketing
Postgraduate diploma in teaching and PhD Communication all at Ulster University.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN OPERATIONS MANAGER

I oversee daily operations of an IT company, project managing developers, finance, marketing, health and safety, human resources and customer support.

I also have to review legal documentation, meet clients to confirm requirements, complete tender documents as well as attend conference and sales events.

STANDOUT CAREER MOMENTS

Becoming VP of Operations after learning every aspect of the business. Representing my company on numerous podcasts alongside CEOs of billion dollar competitor companies.

WORDS OF WISDOM

People will be sympathetic to a point, but make sure you always deliver!

Life happens and things don't always work out how you imagine. Show grit and determination to achieve your dreams no matter what life throws at you. Excuses won't help you deliver/succeed, hard work will.

Think a career relating to business studies could be for you? Find out more about it here:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/business-consulting-and-management>



#proud

Dance success for Kyra!

Congratulations to our Year 8 pupil Kyra Stevenson, who won 3rd place on the podium at the recent London Championships! Kyra dances for Jordan Academy of Dance. Well done, Kyra!



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 20th - 27th (inclusive) May:** KS3 Summer exams.
- Monday 25th May:** Late May Bank Holiday. School closed.
- Monday 8th - 11th June –** Year 8 Paris Trip.
- Monday 8th – 12th June –** P6 STEAM week in school.