

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



Latest Charity News

Fantastic CGS Charity news, with over £3000 raised from the latest House Colour Run, with the money then divided equally between the four Houses for charitable donation. We welcomed representatives from the chosen charities into school to receive their cheque. *Well done, everyone!*



STEAM week begins

STEAM Week is officially underway! We were thrilled to welcome the brilliant pupils from Oakfield Primary School and Greenisland Primary School to join us for a fantastic first day of our P6 'STEAM' focused open week. *The future is bright!*



After the early start, our Years 8 and 9 group headed to the Eiffel Tower, where they climbed to the second level to admire the view across the whole city!

After this we had some downtime and a boys v girls rugby game broke out on the grass! *We finished the day with a slightly damp river cruise down the Seine before heading for dinner!*

Follow the trip at facebook.com/carrickfergusgrammar



#STEAM #P6openweek #CGS



Paris Trip 2026

UK Maths Challenge



Well done to all of our Year 9 students who recently took part in this year's Junior UK Maths Challenge. Congratulations to the following:

Silver:
Leah Beckett, Finn Bradshaw, Amelia Cathcart, Lily Chambers, Gabriella Craig, Serenity Davis, Calum Gould, Harley Taylor, Beau Thompson, Pak to Max Yau, Alfie Young and special mention goes to Rhea McNeill who was the top performer in the school.

Bronze:
Cole Adams, Caiden Beeley, Dainton Blair, Christopher Campbell, Eva Campbell, Caitlin Chambers, Riley Cooke, Anna Craig, Ari'Elia Cree, Reggie Ewart, Lamar Ghreir, Martha Glover, Oliver Howe, Sophie Jamieson, David Lynn, Manaswi Mallampalli, Carter Mawhinney, Alfie McCabe, Sophie McComb, Kieran McCune, Daisy McKeown, Stanley McMurtry, Brooke Millar, Charlotte Mone, Daniel Moore, Zayd Muhtadi, Elsa Neill, Felicity Jane Scott, Robert Shannon, Zara Soeters, Caleb Trimble, Matthew Tsoi, Joseph Williams, Olivia Wilson, Marcel Ziolkowski.

#proud

CGS GCSE & A Level Art Exhibition



Tuesday 16th June 6:00-7:30 pm
Venue: Art Department

We will soon be proudly unveiling an inspiring collection of original works at this year's GCSE and A-level Student Art Exhibition—join us for an unforgettable celebration of imagination and talent!



Technology News

What a brilliant first year for our Year 8 Technology and Design pupils, who have showcased incredible creativity and technical skill by mastering everything from functional Flashcard projects and Mini Fans, sketching using 3D perspective techniques and designing their very own toothpaste dispensers, using CAD/CAM technology! Well done, everyone!



Duke of Ed success



Recently, Alex Hogg attended a Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebration event in the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

The event also marked 70 years of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award — a truly special occasion. *Despite a little rain, spirits remained high and everyone had a great day.*

CGS OLD GIRLS TOURNAMENT



OLD GIRLS VS CURRENT 1XI

**CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 17TH OF JUNE 6PM-LATE**

It's that time of year again... our much-loved Old Girls' Hockey Tournament Evening is back!

Whether you left school last year or decades ago, we'd love to see you back on the pitch for an evening of hockey, laughter, and catching up with old friends.

- Reconnect with former teammates
- Enjoy some friendly competition
- Share pizza and refreshments
- Reminiscence about unforgettable school memories
- Celebrate the friendships and experiences that hockey brought us.

All past pupils who played hockey are warmly invited to join us.

👤 Pre-2015 leavers: Contact Emma Oliver (née Boal)

👤 Post-2015 leavers: Contact Chloe Stewart (née Mitchell)

Alternatively, send us a message through our CGS PE Instagram for more details.

📍 Carrickfergus Grammar Hockey Pitch

🕒 6pm - late

📅 17th June

Don't worry if you haven't picked up a hockey stick in years... this event is all about coming together, having fun, and celebrating our hockey community.



Club Success for CGS pupils

Huge congratulations to our own Ashton Mckee, Dawson Hamilton, Daniel Russell, Ben Logan and Brody Johnstone as they helped their Carrick Rangers team win both the league and the cup this season! *Well done, boys!*



NIFYA Cup winner!

Congratulations to CGS pupil Jack Beattie, as he recently lifted the NIFYA Cup! Jack currently plays for Cliftonville FC u13s in the National League Premier Division and they faced off against Shankill Juniors in the final of the NIFYA Cup, at Ulidia Playing Fields on 23rd May. He scored in the 21st minute, to put the Reds three goals ahead of Shankill Juniors and Cliftonville went on to secure a 4-0 victory, in an impressive display of strength and skill. A fantastic achievement for the boys!

No time to rest on their laurels: training will now continue for the SuperCup NI Competition (world renowned international youth football competition) in July, where Jack and his teammates will play Al Jazira FC, Maiden City and Ross County in their group in the Minor Section. *Good luck, Jack!* 🍀🍀

Cup Final Winners!



Congratulations to our very own Anna (Captain) and Maya (Year Eight), Emily, Imogen and Abbie (Year Nine) who all played for Barn Utd in the Final of the South Belfast Youth League Cup. After a 0-0 finish at full-time, the match went to nail-biting penalties, leading to a 3-0 win for Barn Utd (with Anna and Maya scoring) and three amazing saves from goalkeeper Imogen! Speaking of the win, Mr Maxwell said "CGS has been following the progress of this team closely, given that five of the players are our very own pupils! The team played brilliantly today in very warm conditions at the Blanchefflower Stadium, and CGS offers warmest congratulations to the team and coaches. *We are very proud of our pupils involved!*"

CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



**LAURA
MCKNIGHT**

CGS 2011 - 2016



WHERE IS SHE NOW?

Sales and Customer Service Executive at Peter Thomas Photography

TIME AT CGS:

FAVOURITE SUBJECT

I really enjoyed Sciences and Technology at School

MEMORIES

Making friends and learning new things

CAREER PATHWAY:

POST GCSE CHOICES

I studied Health & Social Care at NRC. I worked as a bridal sales consultant for 2 years and then moved on to my current role in Peter Thomas Photography.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SALES & CUSTOMER SERVICE EXECUTIVE

I have many roles in my job, these include customer service, serving customers, admin tasks, sales, writing social media posts and creating bookings for customers.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

I am always happy when I hit my targets! I really enjoy making customers happy - it is such a blessing to get to show off the memories that are being captured.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something! You can do anything you put your mind to. I am a mum of three and love my job. My passion is sales. The only person standing in your way is yourself.

Think a career in sales or photography could be for you? Find out more about them here:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/photographer>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/sales-executive>



Well done to our very own Year 11 pupil William M. for his maiden 50 at Carrickfergus Cricket Club!



CGS at NEBSSA Golf

We had four teams representing CGS at the recent NEBSSA East Golf Qualifiers at Carrickfergus Golf Club. Congratulations to Charlie, Elliott, Daniel and Dawson who won on the day and now go forward to finals day at Ballycastle GC. *Well done to everyone who competed in tricky conditions!*



Dates for your diary

Monday 8th – 12th (inclusive) June: P6 STEAM/Sports week.
Monday 8th – 12th (inclusive) June: Year 13 Work Experience.
Friday 19th June – Duke of Ed Silver practice begins.
Wednesday 24th June – New Intake Evening.