

CGS NEWS

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CGS at the Autumn Series



Our U13 rugby squad made the recent trip to Dublin, to watch Ireland defeat Australia by 46-19. For many of the boys, this was their first trip to the impressive Aviva Stadium and they were treated to a fantastic performance by Ireland who recorded their highest score against the Wallabies. Then on Saturday past, our U14 squad made the journey to watch arguably the biggest game of Quilter Nations Series with Ireland hosting World Champions South Africa. In a hugely eventful match, South Africa demonstrated their power with a 24-13 victory. An incredible experience despite the result! The boys were able to get to pitch side at the end of the game to get autographs and photos with lots of the players. *A truly memorable day was had by all!*

Fantastic Music Department News

We're thrilled to announce that Jude Kingston has secured a place in The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain - 'the world's greatest orchestra of teenagers'! Jude will join 160 talented musicians from across the UK, including 2 others from Northern Ireland, performing at some of the finest concert venues throughout 2026, taking orchestral music into secondary schools, and mentoring aspiring young musicians. *Congratulations, Jude!* #NationalYouthOrchestra #MusicExcellence #CarrickfergusGrammar #ProudMoment



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OPEN EVENING

Carrickfergus Grammar school is a thriving school community with a warm, positive atmosphere which values the academic promise of each individual child who joins us.

Our Open Evening this year will be held on Thursday 15th January 2026, 6.30pm - 9.00pm.

Principal's talks will take place at 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

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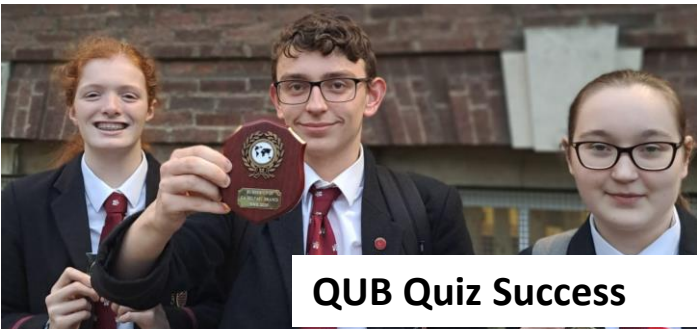
Year 14 Workshop

Year 14 Nutrition and Food Science class attended an A-Level HACPP support workshop at Loughry Campus, CAFRE in Cookstown. The workshop allowed the pupils' a chance to develop their knowledge & understanding of how HACCP, a food safety management system, is applied in a practical situation during the production of burgers, ice-cream and shortbread. *Overall, the trip was a great experience that let the pupils put their learning into action!*



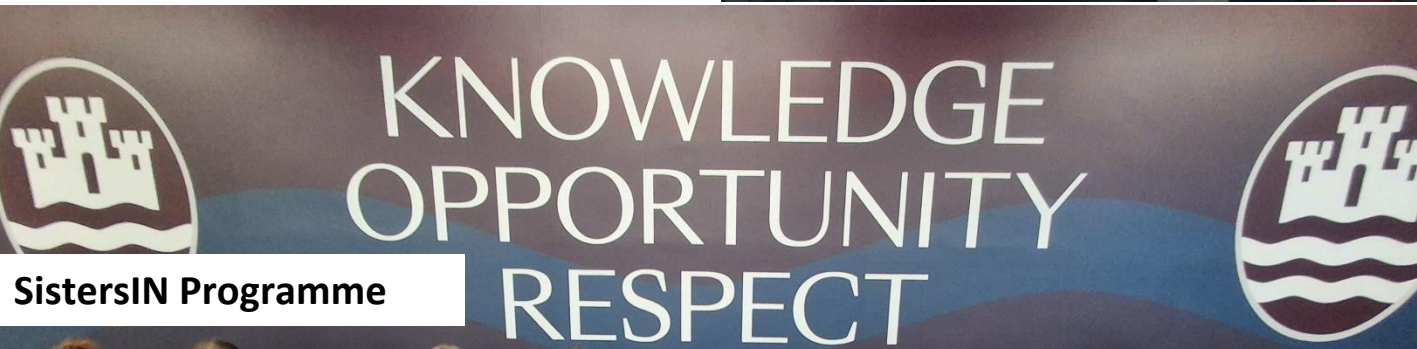
Year 8 Football

Congratulations to our Year 8 football team which won the opening game of the season 2-1 against Larne High. This was the team's first competitive game and each player showed great character and quality to come out 2-1 winners against a good Larne High side. 🏆 **Players of the match: Leo Comsa and Jack Beattie** **Goalscorers: Jack Beattie x1 Jace Ratcliffe x1** ⚽



QUB Quiz Success

Congratulations to our Year 12 Geographers Lucy McCormack, Jackson Millar and Tara Nelson who finished second in this year's Geographical Association World Wise Quiz hosted by Queen's University. The silver medal was secured in a high stakes tie-breaker against Methodist College Belfast, by correctly identifying 'Carrauntoohil' as the highest mountain on the island of Ireland. *Well done, everyone!*



SistersIN Programme



On Monday 10th November, Carrickfergus Grammar School welcomed mentors from the SistersIN Leadership Programme to a 'Mentor-Mentee' coffee morning. The programme was developed to help build the confidence of female students and to provide inspiration to the many different career options that exist today. Mentors come from a wide variety of industries, businesses and institutions; freely giving of their own time and expertise to help and guide our students. *Over 8 months the students will learn and practice leadership skills, as well as experience what it's like in the world of work.*



Before half term our Year 13 Geographers and Biologists went on a residential to Magilligan Field Centre. They braved the elements to collect data on sand dune ecosystems - a topic common to both AS courses. There was also opportunity to experience first hand the coastal landforms of the Causeway Coast and explore the rocky shoreline at Portballintrae. *Many thanks to Mr Baxter, Mr Crawford and Michael Cross at Magilligan for making this trip possible.*

The CGS Running Club enjoyed a fantastic Pyramid Session recently. The energy levels were high, as everyone tackled the gruelling but rewarding sequence of efforts, starting with 1 minute, climbing up through 2, 3, and 4 minutes, and then back down through 3, 2, & finally 1 minute. This was perfectly balanced by a walk or gentle jog recovery, allowing everyone to reset before pushing hard again. *Well done, everyone!*

Running Club latest



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Warhammer Club

Warhammer club takes place in room 27 every Thursday, after school from 3:30 to 4:30pm. It offers a creative and engaging way to build, paint, or play. *New members welcome!*



Dates for your diary

Monday 8th December 2025 – Year 10 Careers Info Evening at 7pm.

Thursday 11th December 2025 – Carol Service, St Nicholas at 7pm.

Friday 12th December 2025 – Year 10 Careers Interviews.