

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



CGS in the community

On Remembrance Day 2025, our Principal, Mr Maxwell, was joined by Head Boy Max Matuszewski and Deputy Head Girls Olivia Jordan and Emily Winsby at the Cenotaph. The group laid a wreath on behalf of the Carrickfergus Grammar School community. #wewillrememberthem

Year 14 History students travelled to Dublin recently, as part of their A2 studies, visiting key historical sites including the General Post Office and Kilmainham Gaol. These guided tours provided pupils with a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of Ireland's political history by exploring locations at the heart of events such as the 1916 Easter Rising and the Civil War. Pupils were commended on their participation and excellent questions! 📖



History Dept Dublin Visit



Languages update

Our Year 13 linguists enjoyed attending Be Ready for a Career in Languages, an event run by Heriot Watt University in Belfast. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get a glimpse into the exciting opportunities that a career in languages can offer. Well done to all who took part!

KS3 Exam information

Our upcoming Christmas Junior exam timetables are now online.

Find them at:

<https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/exam-timetables>

Session	Monday 24th	Tuesday 25th	Wednesday 26th	Thursday 27th	Friday 28th
Session 1 (8.00-10.00)	Maths (1 hour)	History (40 mins)	English (40 mins)	French (40 mins)	Religion (40 mins)
Session 2 (10.10-12.00)	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION
Session 3 (13.30-15.30)	Geography (30 mins)	French (30 mins)	Music (30 mins)	Art (30 mins)	REVISION
Session 4 (15.30-17.30)	English (30 mins)	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION
Session 5 (17.30-19.30)	Religion (30 mins)	Art (30 mins)	Digital Technology (30 mins)	Chemistry (30 mins)	REVISION

Please read instructions carefully:

- Registration will take place in assembly from Thursday 20th November - Tuesday 27th November.
- You must arrive ready for your exam (no coats/bags/phones etc) at 15.30 and 17.30 on exam days.
- Bring your own calculator for all exams (unless you have been given one) and bring your own pen/pencil.
- Do not only use the calculator for important questions, this will supply the calculator through various other apps, so come to your senses and use it wisely.
- Books should be left at the front or back of the classroom as instructed by your teacher.
- Unseen questions should be asked and answered before the exam starts.
- You will only be allowed a small pencil case on your desk.
- Do not use the water in your room. The water is being brought in from the kitchen.
- Following the Christmas holidays, lessons will resume on 2nd January.

Exam	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50	12.00
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UK Maths Challenge

Well done to our AS and A2 level Mathematics students who took part in this years Senior UK Maths Challenge. Congratulations to Marc Campbell and Jayden Hamilton who both qualify for the next round in November. Lucy Bloomer, Grace Magee, Noah McCaffery, Sam Taylor, Olivia Woodside and Gemma Moore all received silver awards.

#proud

CGS Colour Run 2025



What a blast we had at the school's recent Colour Run! 🌈🏃🏃🏃

We saw so many smiles, so much energy, so much dancing and so much colour! Over £3000 raised for local charities and a fantastic way to re introduce the CGS House System. *Huge thanks to everyone who made this such a vibrant and memorable event.* #ColourRun2025 #SchoolFun #Community #Fergus #Thornfield #Castle #Knockagh



Just before half term, our Year 8s took to the pitch for some spook-tacular Halloween hockey! There were some fantastic costumes on show alongside excellent hockey skills. A special congratulations to our overall winners, Faye (the Lobster) and Mia (the Cow), for their brilliant outfits — and to Mia's team for their 'mooooooves' celebration! 🦋🦋 Huge thanks to Head Girl Olivia for umpiring and helping to choose the prizes, and to Sports Captain Beth and 1XI player Scarlett for their support. *Well done to everyone who took part — what a fang-tastic afternoon of fun and hockey!* 🏒🦋

Halloween Hockey Fun! 🦋



Junior Rugby Player Awards

A huge congratulations to our standout players from last term. For the U13s, Samuel Steenson takes home Player of the Term for consistent effort, performances, and positive attitude in every session. Alfie Young earns Most Improved Player after showing amazing progress and determination in training and matches alike. 🏉



CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



**LAURA CURRIE
(NEE JOHNSTON)**
CGS 2002-2009



WHERE IS SHE NOW?
Registration Analyst at NIE Networks

TIME AT CGS:

FAVOURITE SUBJECTS

Business and communication studies (ICT)

MEMORIES

My main memories are of the people from my time at CGS.

CAREER PATHWAY:

SIXTH FORM CHOICES

I studied ICT, RE and Media Studies for A Level.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREER PROGRESSION

For my degree I studied Information and Communication Technologies. I joined NIE Networks in 2013 I began as a Data Aggregation Officer. In 2023 I started working as a Registration Analyst.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A REGISTRATION ANALYST

There are many aspects to my job. These include: analyzing electricity market data, providing reports to government bodies, writing Excel automations & keeping up to date with developments in the electricity market.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

NIE are a great company to work for.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Try your best and see where life takes you. Sometimes the career you think you want at school isn't the one you will end up enjoying the most.

Think a career like Laura's could be for you? Find out more about it here:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/information-technology>

<https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/careers>

Girl's Football latest



A fantastic performance from our Year 8 Girls' Football team who defeated Dunclug College 3-0 in the recent Northern Ireland Cup!

🏆🏆 Goals came from Anna (2) and Layla, with brilliant teamwork and determination shown across the pitch. *Well done, girls!*



Dates for your diary

Saturday 15th November 2025 – SEAG Test 1 at CGS

Monday 17th November 2025 – GCSE English Language Unit 1

Thursday 20th November 2025 – Key Stage 3 Years 8-10 Assessments begin and finish Tuesday 25th November 2025

Saturday 22nd November 2025 – SEAG Test 2 at CGS