

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



CGS visits the Far East

Fifteen Year 13 pupils recently returned from an unforgettable two-week educational trip to China, travelling alongside pupils from Carrickfergus Academy. The visit began at Hubei Normal University in Huangshi, where students immersed themselves in Mandarin language lessons and a range of cultural activities, including martial arts, paper cutting and calligraphy. The group then travelled to Luoyang, one of China's ancient capitals, where they explored iconic sites such as the Longmen Grottoes, the White Horse Temple, local museums and the historic Luoyi Ancient City. After experiencing China's high-speed bullet trains, pupils spent their final days in Beijing, visiting major historical landmarks including Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Confucius Temple, the Imperial College Museum and the Summer Palace, before finishing the trip with an unforgettable climb along the Great Wall of China. *This incredible opportunity was made possible thanks to the Confucius Institute at Ulster University and its partner, Hubei Normal University. (see Photo Gallery on page 2)*



#proud



Congratulations to CGS pupil Layla Groves, who competed in the CRDM World Championships in Dublin on 1st April. Layla placed 3rd in the world in a highly competitive age 12 group. We could not be more proud of her!

CGS pupil on the World Stage

IN ASSOCIATION WITH 

CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Spring FAIR

Car Boot Sale
 CGS Merchandise
 Free Bouncy Castle
 Free Bouncy Slides
 Free Obstacle course
FREE HOTDOG & DRINK!

FAMILY FUN DAY OUT

**SATURDAY
 25th APRIL
 11AM-2PM**

SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKET HERE





China 2026 Gallery



CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



ASHLEY COLLINS

CGS 2017-2022

WHERE IS SHE NOW?
Childcare practitioner,
The Den

TIME AT CGS:

MEMORIES

Too many!

FAVOURITE SUBJECTS

PE and child development

CAREER PATHWAY:

POST GCSE CHOICES

I attained good GCSE's and decided to go to NRC. I completed 2 years of sport in which I got 3 merits, and now I am still studying childcare level 3.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CHILDCARE PRACTITIONER

I work with children aged 2-5. I ensure all their needs are met and they are in a safe, healthy environment to play, learn and develop.

This could include changing nappies, reading stories, going on trips, planning activities, observing them or even giving hugs when needed.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Completing sport work placement at Carrick Rangers as I was so nervous for it. Also, now hearing how much they miss you or care about you reaffirms how good of a job you are doing. It is very rewarding!

WORDS OF WISDOM

Be yourself. Don't let anything get in the way, everything happens for a reason.

Think a career in early years could be for you? Find out more about it here:

https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job_profiles/early-years-teacher



Parent Association News

Congratulations to the 3 PTA hamper winners Zara, Calum and Katie, all Year 9. Thank you to everyone for supporting PTA fundraising efforts.

CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL



SEAG INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026 - 7:00PM

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL



INCLUDING A SESSION ON HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN PREPARATION FOR SEAG

KNOWLEDGE | OPPORTUNITY | RESPECT

CGS is pleased to be holding a SEAG Information Event on Thursday 30th April 2026 at 7:00pm in the school Assembly Hall for P6 parents considering the school as a host assessment centre for their child. This event will also include a session on how parents might best support their children in preparation for the SEAG Assessments. Key features of the CGS provision for 2026 include:

- * Assessments undertaken in classrooms, not in large Halls;
 - * A familiarisation event with the same Invigilator children will see on the test days;
 - * An invigilator and assistant invigilator in every room.
- All P6 parents most welcome.



CGS Music Star latest

Congratulations to Year 13 pupil Jude, who was a finalist in Northern Ireland Young Musician of the Year. He performed the First Movement of Debussy's Violin Sonata and Estrellita by Manuel Ponce. Jude has just undertaken a two-week residency with the National Youth Orchestra. #proud

Trophy Presentations

Our school community came together in a very special and unique whole-school Assembly - all 900 staff and pupils - to celebrate the recent successes in sport and music, and to recognise the dedication, commitment and hard work of our wonderful pupils, staff, coaches and peripatetic tutors. An amazing event to round off an amazing week for the school. #ProudToBeCGS #Praestantia



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Easter Celebrations

At our annual Easter assemblies, Andrew Gray, the Assistant Pastor of Larne Baptist Church, shared The Great Easter Exchange of Jesus and Barabbas. Thank you to Andrew, our Scripture Union band and all those involved. *The morning was a wonderful way to celebrate together.*



STRONG ROOTS. BRIGHT FUTURES.

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026
AT 4:00PM
SIXTH FORM OPEN AFTERNOON
DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL. SHAPE YOUR FUTURE.

Top 53 schools in UK for A Level - Sunday Times

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81% OF GRADES ARE A*-B

90% OF PUPILS ACHIEVE 3 OR MORE A LEVEL GRADES AT A*-C

18 OUT OF 21 SUBJECTS ARE ABOVE NI AVERAGES AT A*-C

A SIXTH FORM THAT SUPPORTS YOU TO SUCCEED

UNIQUE LEARNING PATHWAYS

A wide choice of subjects including Psychology, Sociology, Health & Social Care, Accounting, Life & Health Science, as well as traditional subjects.

MODERN FACILITIES

Access to a modern study facility and dedicated Sixth Form Centre designed for focused learning and collaboration.

CAREERS FOCUS

Dedicated careers classes and expert guidance to help you explore options and plan your future.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Access to a wide range of online resources to support your learning and career progression.

STRONG PASTORAL CARE

Supportive staff, tailored guidance and a caring community that helps you thrive.

YOUR FUTURE YOUR WAY

We prepare you for university, apprenticeship or the world of work - wherever your ambitions take you.

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026 AT 4:00PM

COME AND SEE WHAT MAKES OUR SIXTH FORM UNIQUE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL. BE PART OF OUR FUTURE.

Find out more at www.carrickfergusgrammar.com

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Year	Exam	Day	Time	Subject
Year 8	Maths	23rd May	9:00am - 11:00am	Maths
	English	23rd May	11:30am - 1:30pm	English
	History	23rd May	2:00pm - 4:00pm	History
	Science	23rd May	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Science
Year 9	Maths	23rd May	9:00am - 11:00am	Maths
	English	23rd May	11:30am - 1:30pm	English
	History	23rd May	2:00pm - 4:00pm	History
	Science	23rd May	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Science
Year 10	Maths	23rd May	9:00am - 11:00am	Maths
	English	23rd May	11:30am - 1:30pm	English
	History	23rd May	2:00pm - 4:00pm	History
	Science	23rd May	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Science
Year 11	Maths	23rd May	9:00am - 11:00am	Maths
	English	23rd May	11:30am - 1:30pm	English
	History	23rd May	2:00pm - 4:00pm	History
	Science	23rd May	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Science



Dates for your diary

Saturday 25th April: Parent Association Spring Fair. 11am start.
Thursday 30th April: SEAG P6 Info Evening in school. 7pm start.
Monday 4th May: May Day Bank Holiday. School closed.

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

