

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



Sports Day 2025



What a glorious sunny day for our annual Sports Day at Carrickfergus Grammar School! ☀️ The turnout was fantastic, and it was brilliant to see such enthusiasm and effort from all our students across every event. 🙌👏 We're incredibly proud of every single participant — your determination, sportsmanship, and team spirit truly made the day special. 🙌
A special thank you to our amazing spectators who cheered from the sidelines all day, creating such a positive and encouraging atmosphere! #CGSSportsDay #CGSCommunity #ProudToBeCGS



Out and about with Year 8



Music Society News

Introducing our new Music Society Leadership Team who will guide the Organising Committee next season.

President Corey Millar and Vice-President Amy Galloway were elected by all the members of the Music Society over the past week and we look forward to all working together with them and our vision for 2025-26. *Congratulations Corey and Amy.* 🎵👏

Year 8Q got their wellies wet and their Geography brains buzzing at Crawfordsburn 🌿💧 River study complete: teamwork, data collecting, and a whole lot of splashing! *A great day out!*



NEBSSA Athletics

What a day! Our athletes battled through tough, hot conditions at the NEBSSA Athletics and came away with some great results against tough opposition 🏆🔥
 A huge shoutout to Belle Moffatt, who soared to a PB of 1.48m in the U13 High Jump! 🏆🔥

- 🏆 Medal Winners:
- 🏆 Imogen Kerr – Shot Put
 - 🏆 Harley – Shot Put | 🏆 High Jump
 - 🏆 Rose – Shot Put
 - 🏆 Belle – High Jump
 - 🏆 Sonny – Triple Jump
 - 🏆 Xander and Lucas – Javelin

Proud of every single athlete who competed today – your determination and team spirit were second to none! 🏆🔥
 #CGSSport #NEBSSA2025 #ProudToCompete #AthleticsStars



Ulster School's Success

Huge congratulations to Emily Hanley and Imogen who proudly represented Carrickfergus Grammar School at the

Ulster Schools' Athletics Championships — The most prestigious school athletics events in the country, drawing talent from all 11 districts and hundreds of schools across Northern Ireland!
 🏆 Emily Hanley – Ulster Champion in High Jump
 🏆 Imogen – Ulster Silver Medalist in Shot Put
 Emily now qualifies for the All-Ireland Championships — an incredible achievement! 🏆 She will now compete against the top 8 athletics in Ireland. Imogen's category doesn't run an U12 event, but with that performance and determination, we know she'll be ready to shine next year when she's eligible in U13. *We are so proud of you both — your hard work, talent and resilience represent everything we stand for at CGS.* 💙 #CGSSport #UlsterSchoolsAthletics #ProudToBeCGS #StudentSuccess #AthleticsChampionships #HighJumpChampion #ShotPutStar

CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



JOANNE ZEBEDEE
 CGS 1983 - 1990
WHERE IS SHE NOW?
 Management Consultant,
 Writer and Bookstore Owner
 (The Secret Bookshelf)

TIME AT CGS:

FAVOURITE SUBJECTS
 English & History

CAREER PATHWAY:

POST GCSE CHOICES
 I studied English, History and Geography for A Level

HIGHER EDUCATION

I went to the University of Ulster and attained a BA Hons in Humanities

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

I deliver Masters level vocational training, give strategic guidance to individuals and organisations and write bespoke qualifications.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AUTHOR

I write science fiction and fantasy novels.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BOOKSHOP OWNER

For this part of my job I have to make sure we have enough stock ordered, manage sales and also do some event management.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Two stand out - having my books placed on Ulster's Curriculum and winning Irish Bookstore of the Year!

WORDS OF WISDOM

Do the things that excite and inspire you.

Find more information on different aspects of Joanne's multifaceted career here:

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

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

Celebrating Leadership & Growth!

We are incredibly proud to present certificates to our amazing Year 13 pupils who have successfully completed the SOAR Leadership Course! Over the course of the 10 weeks, these students have shown dedication, growth, and personal development. *A huge thank you to Austin from Exodus for guiding them through this inspiring journey, and to Stranmillis University for accrediting this impactful course.*



CGS Year 8 Pupils have just returned from an incredible trip to Espana. It was a busy trip with many activities packed in! We were so impressed by the beauty of La Sagrada Familia, the detail in the work was astounding. We also visited the beautiful Montserrat and explored the picturesque town of Tarragona. We spent a day at PortAventura, as well as an immersive tour of Camp Nou, a trip to the aquarium and some retail therapy at the Maremagnum shopping centre! Don't worry, there was some time for relaxing too, most evenings were spent with either a trip to the beach or the swimming pool! Our pupils represented CGS spectacularly and they showed gratitude to anyone they encountered!

Gracias to all the pupils and staff!



Year 8 Spain Trip fun



CGS OLD GIRLS TOURNAMENT



OLD GIRLS VS CURRENT 1XI

**CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 25TH OF JUNE 6PM-LATE**

Tournament Returns

Dig out your hockey sticks and dust off your trainers – our annual Old Girls vs 1XI evening is back! Join us on Wednesday 25th June at 6pm on the CGS pitches for a fun-filled night of friendly competition, reunions, and sizzling BBQ vibes. Whether you left in 2005 or 2023, we'd love to see you back on the pitch! 📞 Keen to play? Contact Niki Taggart (pre-2015) on 07927182300, Chloe Stewart on 07738672392 (post-2015). *Let's make it a night to remember!*



NI football success for CGS pupils



Congratulations to our very own Jack May and Jay Longridge in Year 12. Both Jay and Jack received their first Northern Ireland Schoolboys Cap recently at Windsor Park. *Both boys have also been selected to represent County Antrim Premier Section in this year's SuperCup in July 2025!*



Celebrating the Power of STEAM at CGS

This month, CGS was delighted to open its doors to over 450 enthusiastic P6 pupils from 15 local primary schools as part of our annual STEAM Week. The event offered a vibrant and immersive introduction to life at CGS, giving our young visitors the opportunity to explore a wide range of STEAM subjects through interactive workshops, hands-on experiments, and dynamic sporting activities. From coding challenges to creative design tasks, and from science labs to team sports, the week was packed with energy, curiosity, and collaboration. It was a joy to see the next generation of learners fully engaged and inspired by the exciting possibilities within STEAM. *A huge thank you to all the students, staff, and visiting schools who helped make the event such a success. It truly was a fantastic celebration of innovation, creativity, and the #PowerOfSTEAM!*

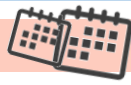


New Sponsor News

A huge thank you to Eurospar — our incredible 1XI hockey team sponsors — for their continued support of hockey development at Carrickfergus Grammar School. Pictured outside the Middle Road store is our 1XI Captain Olivia Jordan with the store manager and staff. Special thanks to the teams at Victoria Road, Middle Road, and Fortfield stores — you've gone above and beyond for our school, and we're truly grateful. *We encourage our school community to show their support for a business that supports us.* 🍌 @eurospar_ni



More success for our very own Mark Todd in Year 10, who has been called up for the GB Squad. Mark was competing in the Tallinn Open in Estonia some weeks' ago in the U15 68kg category. He did exceptionally well, gaining second place out of thirty competitors, winning 7 out of 8 matches. Following on from Mark's great result at the Tallinn Open and winning the English Championships, he has now qualified to represent Great Britain at the U15 European Wrestling Championships this year. *Well done, Mark!*



Dates for your diary

Thursday 26th June 2025: Pupil Wellbeing Day. Pupils finish at 12:30pm (except for Year 8 pupils who will be in Portrush). Details for individual year groups has been sent via ParentMail.

Friday 27th June 2025: Non-Uniform Day on the last day of term — pupils finish at 12 noon for the Summer holidays

GB Recognition for CGS pupil