



# CGS NEWS

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## Annual Prize Giving 2022



“Honoured Guest Ms Pamela Welsh, governors, staff, parents, past and present pupils, and particularly, most importantly, the class of 2022, I am very pleased to endorse the Chairman’s words of welcome to you all this evening.

We come together this evening to celebrate the achievements and outcomes of pupils in the 2021-2022 school year at Carrickfergus Grammar School. Achievement comes in many different forms, whether it is academic attainment, on the sporting field, through musical excellence, as a result of general endeavour or a specific accomplishment such as full attendance or, quite simply, through meeting individual potential. This evening we will hear about and recognise achievement on many levels – we will celebrate talent, ability and industry. *Together parents, family, friends, staff, pupils, we will share and celebrate the success achieved by our pupils.*”

Read the full Principal’s speech here at:

<https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/prize-giving>

## Achievement Assembly 2022



Our annual Achievement Assembly took place this week with NI football international Emily Wilson as our guest speaker. The assembly recognises the achievement and commitment of our students in extra curricular activities including sport, choir and orchestra.

We had so many prize winners however sport, music and orchestra rely on teamwork and to all those who didn’t win awards today, we want you to know your efforts and dedication do not go unnoticed.

#preparetosucceed



## Three generations at CGS

Fantastic to see three generations of CGS pupils, as Year 8 started school.

Pictured are mum, Mrs J Mewha, new pupil, Lucy Mewha and grandfather Mr J Dunlop.



## Rugby Sponsorship Announcement 2022/2023

The Medallion Squad were recently presented with their jerseys by team sponsors Gary Dunlop from Retrofit Kitchens and Tom Kenny from Kenny Homes. With a squad of 26 players, we are hugely excited for the season ahead!

Thank you Gary and Tom for your support.



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## School's Cup

Carrickfergus GS vs Bangor Academy

12th October @ Home

Kick-off 3:00pm



## International Honours for CGS pupil

Congratulations to our very own Year 10 student Caitlin Carlisle, who has been in Bulgaria this week representing the Northern Ireland Women's Under-15 team. They have been playing at the UEFA Development Tournament, which is being staged at the Hadzhi Dimitar Stadium in Silven. *Well done, Caitlin!*

#proud

## Science Club latest

At science club recently some students became SHIELD Agents as they chose a topic secret file and inside was information about an Avenger. Students had to use the force = mass x acceleration equation and force diagrams to help their Avenger in lots of scenarios. *Come along to Science Club on Thursdays after school for more science, learning and fun!*



## Upcoming Concert News

We are excited to announce a community concert being staged in CGS on Thursday 13 October by our friends in Third Carrick Silver Band. Many of our choirs and instrumental groups will also be performing so plan to come along and support the band and our pupils that night.

## Calling Year 8 and Year 9 pupils!

You are invited to Lunchtime Club on Monday and Thursdays, in Room 9, at 12.45pm. Eat your lunch first and then call in for games and fun together until 1.10pm.



## Staff Development work with @teacherhead

CGS was delighted to host world-class educationalist and author Tom Sherrington for a recent Staff Development Day. Tom - a former teacher and headteacher - is author of a range of books on effective learning and teaching. Tom already has links with the school, having worked in the past with Director of Research Mr Roberts and Mr Maxwell. Indeed, Mr Maxwell wrote a case study for one of Tom's previous books. The day focused on how Carrickfergus Grammar School can build upon its leading status in learning and teaching, particularly as regards retrieval practice and a knowledge-rich approach, in order to ensure that pupils are receiving the highest-quality learning experiences in the classroom.



## European Day of Languages 2022

Great to see our school celebrating European Day of Languages recently, with visits to local primary schools. Year 13 pupils Nicola Donald, Natasha McKeag, Kylie Little & Abbie brown taught French and Spanish, using the topics of Animals and Classroom objects, to pupils in Model, Victoria and Eden PS. *Good job, girls!*



## Dates for your diary

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 3rd Carrickfergus Band Concert
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Years 11 and 13 individual pupil photographs
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Instrumentalists 'bash'
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Year 8 visit to Queen's University.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Year 14 Interview Skills Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> October - 6<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive) - Half term holiday
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November - All pupils return to school (Week 2 timetable)





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# OPEN DAY 2022

Education

Teaching

Early Years

Physical Education

Early Childhood Studies

Health

Sport

Wednesday 26 October 2022  
1.00pm-7.00pm

## Start the day with Breakfast Club @ CGS



**Venue:** Room 46 (Miss Elliott's room)  
**Time:** 08.00am - 8.30am

Come along and have some toast or cereal in room 46 to get your day off to a good start!  
*This new initiative continues to be free of charge until Halloween.*