

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



Annual Prize Night 2026

CGS hosted a wonderful evening tonight, celebrating the successes of many pupils. All year groups were represented, as families and staff joined together to distribute prizes and recognise the hard work and achievements of its dedicated students. A huge thank you to guest speaker and former pupil, Laura Killeen MEng CEng MISTuctE, who met prize winners and spoke about her journey to success. *#preparetosucceed #proud*



We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of Paige McCollum, our Year 13 pupil, who recently had the incredible opportunity to travel to the USA after being selected as one of just twelve boxers from Ireland and Northern Ireland, to take part in the Bridges Beyond Boxing Ireland programme. Paige travelled to Louisville, Kentucky, where she visited the world-famous Muhammad Ali Center before stepping into the ring for her first fight in America — coming away with a fantastic win! Well done, Paige! We look forward to seeing what comes next in your boxing journey. 🥊

THE AMERICAN DREAM



Year 8 Pizza & Games night

Our annual Year 8 Pizza and Games night was held recently in CGS, offering our new pupils a chance to make new friends and feel part of the school from the very start. Pupils moved between one activity and the next, with the school full of music and laughter, while staff and senior pupils kept a watchful eye to make sure it all ran smoothly. As always, the pizza stole the show. Many thanks to the brilliant 6th formers who organised the event and made the evening such a success!



A FUN NIGHT OUT FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Support Our School



QUIZ NIGHT

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER



LOCATION
Carrickfergus Cricket Club



EVENT SPONSOR
Carrickfergus Cricket Club



HOSTED BY
Bill 'The Thrill' of DeJaVu Promotions



TEAMS OF
6



£5 PER PERSON



DOORS
7.30PM



QUIZ STARTS
8.00PM



PRIZES FOR WINNERS



RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT

Everyone Welcome!



Title retained for CGS pupil

Congratulations again to Layla Groves, a dancer for the Royal Tara Dance Academy, who has become Glens of Antrim champion in her age category, for the second consecutive year! Well done, Layla!

CGS ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Date: Monday 19th October
Time: 8.00 - 9.00 am





CGS Rugby Gallery

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**CGS Hockey
Gallery**



A-Level History Trip

A brilliant day in Dublin with our Year 14 History students!

On a beautifully sunny day yesterday our Year 14s travelled by train to Dublin, where they enjoyed an insightful guided tour of Kilmainham Gaol, exploring its political history from the Easter Rising and beyond. After some lunch we visited a key site of the Easter Rising — the GPO Museum — where we were treated to another exceptional tour. The day provided plenty of colour and context to our A2 Partition of Ireland module, bringing the history we study in the classroom to life. 🇮🇪 A huge well done to our Year 14s, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school throughout the day!



Football latest news

A big well done to the Year 10 boys' football team which progressed through Round 1 of the East Antrim Cup today with a 7-0 win over Abbey Community College. It was a fantastic team performance and the goal scorers were:

Max C. x1 Seth G. x1
Jack B. x4 Riley C. x1

Next up for the boys is a first round NI cup game versus Laurelhill Community College. 🏆



⚽ **Following in the footsteps of our Year 10s!** Huge congratulations to the Year 9 football team who secured a brilliant 6-3 win today against Abbey Community College to progress through to the quarter-finals of the East Antrim Cup! ⚽🏆
Next up: A quarter-final against Parkhall.

⚽ **Goalscorers;**

L Steele x1

M Currie x1

J Ratcliffe x1

J Beattie x 3

🏆 **Players of match;**

T Gowdy and J Beattie



Ulster Rugby progress

Medallion Captain Tom F. attended the first of his Ulster U17 sessions recently. Tom successfully made it through the U16 programme, and his inclusion in the U17 panel is a reward for his hard work on and off the pitch. *Well done, Tom!*



National Youth Orchestra latest

A huge congratulations to Jude K. on his fantastic recent success and appointment as Co-Principal of the Violin 2 section of the National Youth Orchestra of 2027! Jude's technical ability, musical passion, commitment and collaborative spirit have truly shone through, and we're delighted to see his hard work recognised with this exciting leadership opportunity. *From everyone at Carrickfergus Grammar, well done, Jude - we're incredibly proud of you and look forward to following your continued success throughout the year!* 🍌🍌

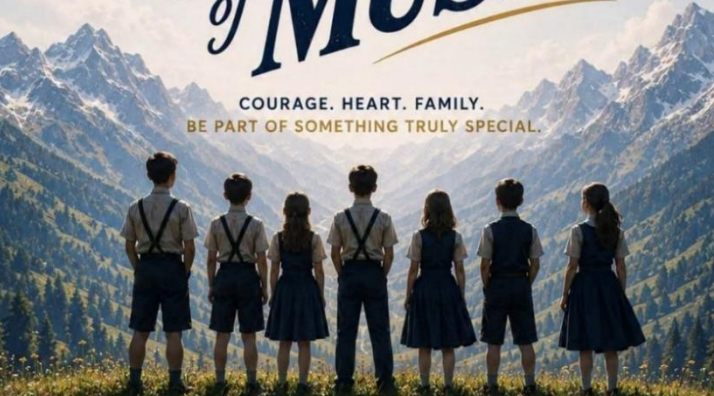


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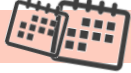


UNITE

WHEN THE WORLD DIVIDES,
WORDS CONNECT

**POETRY COMPETITION
FOR 11-18 YEAR-OLDS**

If you are interested in finding out more, please join the Creative Writing Google Classroom: [gs27fvh](#)
Entries due to Mrs Wills by **Wednesday 21st October**.



Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd October - SEAG Familiarisation 4-5.15pm
Friday 23rd October - School finishes for Mid-Term 2.20pm
Monday 2nd November – All pupils return to school.