



# CGS NEWS

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## CGS into the next round of the Danske Bank School's Cup Big local derby win



On Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> our CGS 1<sup>st</sup> XV emerged victorious in a fantastic game vs local rivals, Larne Grammar School, in the first round of the Danske Bank Ulster School's Cup.

The game, which was played in very difficult conditions, saw the CGS team run out 20-14 winners.

The match was closely contested throughout, with our boys taking a 13-7 lead into the break, after a try from Levi Cave and points from the boot of Ethan Law.

Early in the second half we scored a try through the hard working Tom Kennedy, which was converted by Law, to extend the lead to 20-7. Despite another Larne try and a late onslaught from the hosts, the CGS boys defence held firm to win 20-14 and book their place in the next round to play Regent House on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Kick off at 10am and all support welcome.

Good luck boys!

Carrick coach Jordan McKinstry thought it was a keenly contested game between two closely-matched teams. “The wind dictated the play throughout but I felt we made use of our opportunities in the first-half,” he said. “In the second period we managed to look after the ball with our centres Harry Watson and Tom Kennedy excelling.”

## Born in Belfast, but Made in the Royal Navy

Former pupil Ellie Kirk is living her dream of a career in the Royal Navy. She completed her initial training at HMS Raleigh in April 2020 and following specialist courses as AWT (Above Water Tactical), she joined her first ship HMS Richmond in November 2020.

An exciting deployment began in May 2021 and Ellie has visited many countries throughout the world from Israel to Malta. 2022 has many other exciting challenges ahead and we wish her every success in 2022.

**60 SECOND UPDATE**

‘Home sweet home’ | Episode 113

Your 60 second update from across the Royal Navy.

HMS Richmond led the way protecting HMS Queen Elizabeth from a range of threats.

Read the latest news!



Watch Ellie take the lead role in Home Sweet Home, the 60-second update Episode 113.  
[www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/public-relations/60secondupdate](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/public-relations/60secondupdate)

## Christmas Jumper Appeal

**Make the World Better with a Sweater.**  
On the last day of term, we will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Please use our online payment system to donate £2 to Save the Children, who have been providing food, medicine and education to the most vulnerable children worldwide.

**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Make The World Better With A Sweater... [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

# CGS Pupil on the World Championship stage

By Callum MacDougall, Year 11



On Monday 22nd November I travelled to Gibraltar to take part in the JDC (Junior Darts Corporation) World Championships, after qualifying for the event by achieving the highest score in the first week of the virtual qualifiers.



As well as taking part in individual events such as the MVG Masters and the Junior International Open, I was also part of team Northern Ireland along with 3 other youth players from the Carrickfergus Junior Darts Academy. We were the first ever team to represent NI at the competition.

The event took place from Tuesday 23rd November until Friday 26th November. There were different competitions each day at the venue, the Europa Point Gibraltar. As the week progressed my confidence started to grow and I was delighted when I beat Conor Mitchel from Scotland, in the group stages of the World Championships on finals day. Unfortunately my nerves got the better of me and I wasn't able to throw those all-important doubles to win my other games against players from Gibraltar and Germany.

I really enjoyed meeting players from all over the world including Leighton Bennett from England, who told me that the nerves I was experiencing were only natural as this was my first ever tournament. I got to experience what it's like for professional darts players, getting my official photograph taken and wearing my specially designed shirt with the names of my 4 sponsors on the front. I even got to meet some of the players from FC Copenhagen who were in Gibraltar playing a Europa League clash.

I thoroughly enjoyed exploring Gibraltar especially meeting some of its most famous residents, the monkeys on the Rock. Even flying into Gibraltar was an amazing experience as the runway in the airport is considered to be one of the most challenging for pilots to land on. I hope to qualify again for next year's world championships and I also hope to attend some other tournaments in England over the coming year to get more experience. I love darts, it is my passion. My favourite player is Gary Anderson and maybe one day in years to come I'll be able to turn professional. I started to play darts with my Granda to help with my maths. I had no idea that I would stand in an arena in Gibraltar competing with the best junior darts players in the world. ■■■

## A Christmas Prayer

By S. Shannon



So it's here once again  
The season to be Merry,  
We'll all be rushing around  
Everyone in a hurry!  
Going from shop to shop  
Looking for presents to buy,  
Making sure we leave no one out  
While the real meaning of Christmas just passes us by.

Read more at <https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/post/a-prayer-for-christmas>

## Art & Craft Club for Years 8 & 9



The Art & craft club will take place on Tuesday in room 28 at 12.45pm. Join the fun...

## PE Kit in school



Please remember that if in PE kit during the day you should be wearing leggings or tracksuit bottoms until your Games/PE lesson.

If you do not have leggings or tracksuit bottoms you should come to school in your uniform and change at the time of your PE/Games period.

Skorts / Shorts should not be worn in class or at Break and Lunch.

Don't forget to check out [www.carrickfergusgrammar.com](http://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com) for all the Christmas and 2022 Holiday information.

## Chess Club

Chess Club continues to run on a Monday and Friday in room 19 at lunch times. It is held by Mr Marshall as well as Year 14 students. Anyone in Years 8 to 11 are welcome to bring their lunch along and play a game or two with friends.

### Clubs & Societies

## Have you tried the German Club yet?

Who? Year 8-10!  
Where? Tuesday lunchtime H.E. (Room 46) with Miss Calvert  
Bring your lunch with you. All welcome.



## The 7:30am Fitness Club



The 7.30am fitness club has been in full swing recently, preparing for their tough upcoming matches. All senior hockey players welcome each Monday and Thursday. Meeting in the gym at 7.30am. #preparation #dedication @UlsterHockey