



# CGS NEWS

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## Carrickfergus Grammar School



### VIRTUAL Prepare to Succeed OPEN EVENING

Carrickfergus Grammar School is a thriving school community with a warm, positive atmosphere which values the academic promise of each individual child who joins us.

**Our Open Evening this year will be online and will be available on our school website on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.30pm.**

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### Grand Opera House visit

The National Theatre's touring production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night' gave our GCSE Drama students the opportunity to see one of the best modern plays in recent times.

Thrilling use of multi-media effects sets this show apart. Pupils commented on the standard of acting and the impressive effects. Year 12 pupils will be able to use this experience to help them prepare for their exam this summer, which asks them to write about staging and technical effects, as well as performance skills.

Thanks to all involved in making this visit possible in these difficult times for schools and the arts community.

### Local Football Success



Congratulations to Amy Reid in Year 8, who was awarded Player of the Match in her recent outing for Carrick Rangers Academy versus Larne.

Our own Year 8 girl's football training is each Tuesday from 3.30 – 4.30pm, meeting at the PE Cabin. Everyone is welcome!



### Bookbuzz Book Review Competition



Congratulations to ALL Year 8 pupils who handed in BookBuzz reviews, as they were all great.

A big well done to the winners. The 3rd place went to Anamika Ullas Nair from 8Q, who won a £10 Amazon gift voucher. Second place, and a £10 Amazon voucher, went to Emily Hussey from 8R. The top spot and 1st place, was Megan Brockerton from 8P who was awarded a £15 Amazon voucher.



Read more at: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/>

## STEM CLUB UPDATE

Clubs & Societies

Our Stem Club teams have made significant strides in the development of their 'In House' F1 in Schools cars, with the help of our Year 14 mentors.

They have developed their CAD (Computer Aided Design) skills in recent weeks using Solidworks software, and will now start sending their parts to be manufactured on a range of machines in the department, including 3D printers and the CNC router. We will keep you posted on their progress leading up to the final competition. We wish them all good luck.



## Year 12 GCSE

### Digital Technology



Two evening pupil catch up sessions are planned for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> February, running from 6:00 - 8:30pm in Room 11.

This is to compensate for class time missed due to mock examinations and should provide a good opportunity to complete the website solution and associated documentation. All pupils are advised to attend and attendance will be noted. The sessions will be supervised by Mr Morrow.

## Save Seven get their work underway

Our Year 13 Young Enterprise Company 'Save Seven' are delighted to have started their selling journey!

The sustainable tote bags were a hit at the Titanic Fayre Market just before Christmas, alongside the hand-crafted sea glass jewellery.

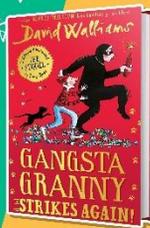
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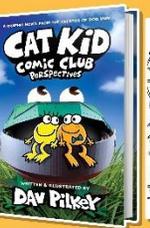


TRAVELLING BOOKS

# Come to the Book Fair

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL






## Scholastic Book Fair coming soon...

What will you be reading this year?

Our Scholastic Book Fair begins on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January** in the Hall. Buy books for your fortnightly reading lessons in English and invest in classic literature and new titles.

Years 8-10 - Your English teacher will take you to visit the fair.  
 Years 11-14 - Should speak to Mrs Taylor to arrange a visit.

## Junior Rugby

A super start to 2022 from our Junior Rugby teams. Great to see the large number of Year 8 boys representing CGS vs Belfast High School



last Friday and our Year 10 boys played a fantastic match vs Larne GS recently. Well done everyone & keep working hard!



**Parent Reminder – Carrickfergus Grammar School has moved to an online payment system for school lunches.** School meals can be ordered in advance via the ParentMail App. Please go to accounts and select 'choice of hot meal'. Parents of children entitled to free school meals must also order school meals on the app, without the need for payment.

## Please note our upcoming key dates on the calendar:

- Friday 21st January 2022:**  
Staff Training Day (no pupils in attendance)
- Wednesday 26th January 2022 4:00pm-6:30pm:**  
Year 10 Parent-Teacher Consultations
- Thursday 27th January 2022:**  
Virtual Open Evening at 7:30pm



Careers



## Sentinus Research Academy IT Placements 2022



**The Sentinus Research Academy offers students the opportunity to undertake a four week placement within an IT environment.**

- opportunity to work on IT projects with local company or university;
- supports development of programming skills & subject knowledge;
- significantly enhances UCAS application and personal statement;
- helps develop communication skills and increased confidence;
- high quality experience of IT within a professional environment.

**Applications are welcome from all students studying appropriate subjects at Years 12 & 14.**

**For further information or to register for a place on the Academy please visit:**  
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