

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



CGS A-Level and GCSE success in 2025

Congratulations to all pupils at AS and A2 Level on their exam results which have led to yet another increase in its pass rates at A Level. Up over 2% from last year for the number of pupils attaining 3 or more A Level grades at A*-C. At GCSE level, Mr Maxwell said: "We always knew that our GCSE cohort was exceptionally strong academically. The very significant success of our pupils reflects their hard work, determination and willingness to succeed." *Read more at <https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com>*

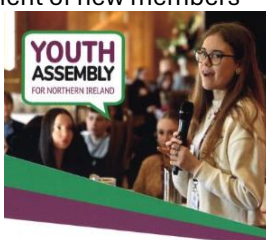


Youth Assembly News

Congratulations to Year 13 pupils, Nadia Mackiewicz and Caleb Hazley, who will soon finish their 2-year mandates in the Northern Ireland Youth Assembly.



Currently doing promotions for the recruitment of new members they shared their personal experiences of their time in the youth assembly, speaking about the skills they have gained through the volunteering and their personal experiences within their mandate, including Nadia being invited to Westminster for VE day to represent the NIYA. Both will hold their final plenary on November 1st, Nadia and Caleb through their dedication to the programme being invited back to become Legacy members.



Help Shape Your Future

Join the Northern Ireland Youth Assembly!

A great set of results for CGS Hockey recently against Hunter House College, Belfast. The 1st XI squad won 6-0: players' player & coaches' player was Olivia Woodside. Goal scorers were Mia (2), Scarlett (2), Olivia and Faith. The 2nd XI Squad also had a convincing victory winning 5-0: players' player and coaches' player was Kara Hamilton. Goal scorers were Kara (2), Roma, Charlotte and Emily. The U13s also won 5-0, player of the match was Sky Robinson and goal scorers were Alesha, Poppy (2), Raye and Niamh. *This was a super Saturday fixture for this squad, lots of potential and great attitude on show. Well done ladies* 🍀



Hockey season underway



CGS welcomes new Year 8 pupils

Pictured, the new Year 8 classes Castle, Fergus, Knockagh and Thornfield.



Clubs & Societies

The school has hosted its annual Extra-Curricular Fair for Year 8 pupils. With over 42 lunch-time and after-school activities and clubs to choose from, there was something for everyone. *We look forward to our new pupils contributing to and participating in the many opportunities on offer.*



Year 14 Enrichment

Enrichment has returned for Year 14. With Boost Your Brain, Horticulture and Workshop Skills just some of the courses available.

CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



ADAM WRIGHT
CGS 1994 - 2001

WHERE IS HE NOW?
Director of Engineering & Technical Services, Sensata Technologies

TIME AT CGS:
FAVOURITE SUBJECT
Technology & Design
MEMORIES

My standout memory is playing in the band

CAREER PATHWAY:

SIXTH FORM CHOICES
I studied A level Maths, Physics and Technology.

HIGHER EDUCATION
I attained a BEng in Engineering at University of Ulster. I have subsequently completed an MBA, PGCert in Business Analysis and am currently working towards an MSc in Psychology.

WHAT DOES BEING A DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING ENTAIL?
Global oversight, delivery and expertise for engineering analysis, simulation, materials science, testing, welding, electronics packaging, Integrated Circuits, calibration, plastics & electromagnetics.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Developing the highest speed tire pressure solution for vehicles in 2012. Launching the first Center of Excellence in Sensata in 2017. Becoming a Fellow of the Institute of Engineering & Technology in 2024.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Know thyself. There is always more to learn.

Think Engineering could be for you? Find out about all the different types of engineering here:
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/engineering-and-manufacturing>

Four wins out of four matches for our Junior Rugby Squads recently! Well done to all players who represented the School with no shortage of skill, determination and resilience. *Thank you to Antrim Grammar School for hosting and to Methodist College, Belfast, for the matches.*



U14 XV RESULTS

 12- 24 5 - 10 	 CARRICKFERGUS GS <small>MASON GOULD X2, JACK CALDWELL X1, OLIVER TESTER X1 & 1 CONV, JOSIAH CROMIE X1 CONV</small> CARRICKFERGUS GS <small>TCM FERRIS X1, MASON GOULD X1</small>
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Dates for your diary

- Thursday 25th September 2025:** Annual Prize Distribution Evening at 7.00pm in the Assembly Hall.
- Friday 26th September 2025:** School closed to pupils. Staff Training Day.
- Tuesday 30th September 2025:** Year 8 Information evening at 7.00pm.