

## CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



## The Class of 2025

We recently said goodbye to our amazing group of Year 14 students, the class of 2025! We wish you all every success in the coming weeks and months. #proud #classof2025



## Marathon Success

Congratulations to our outgoing Head Boy, Kristian McVeigh, on completing the recent Belfast Marathon. He achieved a fantastic time of just over four hours! Well done, Kristian!



## Hockey Season celebrated at CGS

Our Annual End of Season Hockey Dinner was a night full of joy, laughter, and well-deserved celebration as we came together to honour our incredible group of hockey players who've given their all this year — on and off the pitch. With over 150 people packed into the school assembly hall, the atmosphere was brilliant from start to finish. We look forward to see what you'll achieve next season! #HockeyFamily #EndOfSeasonCelebration #TeamSpirit #HockeyGirls #PartyOfTheYear #GlowStickGoals



## MINISTERIAL VISIT

The Minister of Education recently visited Carrickfergus Grammar to learn how the school has been leading the way in the development of a knowledge-rich curriculum over the past years, to see our Knowledge Organisers and to hear about how our approach is helping our pupils to secure great outcomes. He also heard from pupils about retrieval practice, self-quizzing and their ambitions for the future. CGS was delighted to have shared its journey with the Minister and the Department of Education.





# District Athletics Champions


Congratulations to the CGS medal winners on Thursday at the District Athletics Championships: Belle, Mark, Jack, Harley, Imogen, Aaron and the Senior Girls' Relay Team comprising of Olivia W., Olivia J., Beth and Scarlett. Special mention to District Champions Rose Derwin (Shot), Emily Hanley (High Jump) and Bethany Wenlock (Discus). It is great to see so many athletes out at Athletics training! Training is every Tuesday and Thursday and pupils can choose what event you want to practise. *Everyone is welcome!*




## Girls Cricket Win

Good luck to all our Key Stage 3 pupils , sitting their end of year exams next week. Keep up-to-date with all the timetable information here at:  
<https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/exam-timetables>

Well done to our U14s who played their first cricket game of the season and came away with a fantastic win against Parkhall College! We posted a strong total of 114/3, with an excellent team effort, both with the bat and in the field. Special mention to Rose Derwin, who was named Player of the Match for her outstanding all-round performance — taking 5 wickets and finishing 30 not out. A brilliant start to the season! *Reminder: Cricket practice continues Monday afternoon and Wednesday — great effort all round, let's keep it going!*

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*Prepare to Succeed*

**Exam Timetables**

Key Stage 3 Summer Exam  
Timetables 2025

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## CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



**REBEKAH GALWAY**  
CGS 2011-2018



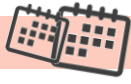
**WHERE IS SHE NOW?**  
Translation Project Manager at Oxford Conversis Ltd. (A translation agency)

**TIME AT CGS:**  
**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS**  
Spanish and French.  
**MEMORIES**  
Singing at multiple events with the choir and participating in the Spanish exchange.  
**CAREER PATHWAY:**  
**SIXTH FORM CHOICES**  
I studied Biology, French and Spanish for A Level.  
**HIGHER EDUCATION**  
I completed my MA Hons Languages - Interpreting/Translation (French/Spanish) at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh.  
**DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TRANSLATION PROJECT MANAGER**  
I manage multilingual projects on a range of projects all related to clinical trials and pharmaceutical materials. I work with freelance translators using a budget set by the client. I also assist in amending files, performing QAs and educating clients on how different languages work.  
**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**  
I have been able to work on projects dealing with real life conditions that are currently undergoing clinical trials for new drugs development.  
I have been able to work with people from all over the world.  
I was promoted from Junior PM to PM in the space of 6 months  
**WORDS OF WISDOM**  
Even if you don't get the grades you had hoped for, there's always a way to live out your dreams!  
**Think Translating could be for you? Find out more about it here:**  
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/translator>  
<https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applied-modern-languages-and-translating>



#proud

**Carrick Music Festival**  
Congratulations to Lilly Houston, Year 13, on her amazing performances recently at Carrickfergus Music Festival. Lilly was placed 1st place in "Song From A Musical Show/Light Opera/Film 16 years and over" also winning the Senior Vocal Championship of the McConnell Trophy & CMFA Bursary of £100. She also won the Dorothy McCullough trophy and Hawthorne bursary of £100 for the most outstanding performance of the 2025 festival performing "Still Hurting" from 'The Last Five Years' by Jason Robert Brown. *Well done, Lilly!*



**Dates for your diary**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025: Years 8-10 Summer Examinations  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Staff Development Day – no pupils in school  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025: Last day of term – pupils finish at 12 noon for the Summer holidays

**\*\*\*WE ARE HIRING\*\*\***  
Head of Religious Studies (Permanent Full-Time - 2 Teaching Allowances). Please visit the web link below.  
<https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/vacancies>