



## Barcelona Tour 2024

The 2024 Senior Rugby and Hockey Tour to Barcelona was filled with fun, laughter and spending lots of time with our friends. We laughed a lot and cried a lot (for the early alarms). We ate a lot of beige food and a lot of Taco Bell. We did a lot of sightseeing and exploring of a beautiful city. We learnt a lot of history and some Spanish words. We learnt about the Spanish and the Catalan culture. We played hockey and rugby against very strong opposition and made lots of progression. We learnt to be resilient, to overcome adversity, the importance of team work and to never give up. We did team building sand games and jumped into the sea. We did a lot of exploring and shopping. We tried many new things and put ourselves out of our comfort zone. We encouraged, helped and supported each other. We learnt to take on challenges head on and learn about ourselves as individuals. We learnt how to deal with pressure and not to be overwhelmed. *But the most important of all, we made the best memories. #VamosConTodo*



## 'Dazzle Me' project winners

In our English department, Year 8 each created their own project based on their selected BookBuzz novel recently. There was an amazing array of creative and innovative ideas. Each class winner was given their choice of two novels and the runner up was awarded one novel. The overall joint Year 8 winners were Elyse McClean 8R who made a fantastic swan scene model based on her chosen read, "The School for Good and Evil", while Caris McKeown 8P made a brilliant teapot based on her novel. Both winners were given a £10 Amazon gift voucher. *Well done to everyone who took part!*





# SU Weekend 2024

Last weekend 59 pupils headed to Castlewellan Castle for the annual Scripture Union weekend. It was brilliant to have so many pupils taking an active part in all aspects of the organisation of the weekend. From leading worship to organising activities, our pupils demonstrated fantastic leadership qualities. The dry weather meant a visit to the maze, a late night walk around the lake and fire pit worship. Colin Hylands, CEF's Youth Team Lead, led our pupils through the book of Hebrews.

SU runs each Wednesday lunchtime in Room 9.



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Congratulations to the CGS pupils who took part in the Swim Ulster Schools' Senior Cup and Championships 2024. Adam and Megan from Year 8, Lucy from Year 9, Sarah and Tara from Year 10 raced against over 535 swimmers, representing over 140 schools across Ulster. It was their first time competing in the competition and they produced some fabulous personal best swim times. Well done, everyone!



## Swimming Success



## Fodens Music masterclass

Fantastic to see Erika Glover (Year 10) and Peter McAuley (Year 9) performing with the Fodens, the world Number 1 brass band, at a solo masterclass getting tips from the best role models. Erika, who performed our school 'Last Post' in November, also had the opportunity to play along with Fodens sitting among the front row. What a great experience for them both and we look forward to hearing many more performances from these two young musicians!



## Dates for your diary

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** Year 11 examinations continue.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2.50-5.30pm** Year 14 Parental consultations (via SchoolCloud)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 12.50-3.25** School closes at 12.15 for pupils to facilitate the Year 13 Parental consultations (via SchoolCloud)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** Year 14, Sport and Music photographs



## Charity Work Latest

Recently our Female Sports Captain Mya Brannagh handed over a cheque for £1000 to the NI Air ambulance. The money was raised at our recent Colour Run. Grace a representative from the NI Air ambulance spoke to our senior pupils in assembly about the invaluable work of the Air Ambulance and how grateful they were to receive our donation. Thank you again to everyone involved.



What a fantastic result for our Year 9/10 netball team defeating Enniskillen Royal Grammar 13:9 in the Junior B league quarter final. All the girls played well but player of match goes to our Goal attack Bethany Wenlock for her outstanding performance in the attacking third. Well done to all the girls and good luck the semi final against Methody.



## CGS Netball Win