

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



School's Cup victory for CGS



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Congratulations to our 1st XI rugby squad, who secured a victory over Strabane with a final score of 38-21, in the recent School's Cup encounter. Carrick's 38 points were amassed through five tries, five conversions, and one penalty. Alex McAllister was instrumental, contributing 25 points to the total. *Several players such as Max Matuszewski, Toby Keating and Joshua Oluwatula delivered exceptional performances for CGS and Cambridge House await in the next round.*



Photo credits to Front Row Union

Annual Prize Giving Evening 2025

Well done to all of our incredible students recognised at the Carrickfergus Grammar School Prize Night! 🏆 Your dedication to academic excellence shone brightly. From top grades to groundbreaking teamwork, we are so proud of your hard work and brilliant achievements this year. *The future is bright!* #CGSPrizeNight #AcademicExcellence #ProudSchool #CarrickfergusGrammar



#proud



Lego League STEM Club

Our Lego League STEM Club challenge this year is 'Unearthed'. We are on a quest for discovery, but instead of ancient artifacts, we're building incredible robots! #STEMClub #FIRSTLegoLeague #Unearthed #Robotics





RYA NI School's Cup success

Congratulations to the CGS Sailing Team of Lucy, Rory, Calum, Aoife and Grace which finished an impressive third in the RYA NI Schools' Cup. Calum took first place in the ILCA 4 Category, Rory took first place in the ILCA 7 Category, and Aoife was second girl in the Topper 4.2 section. Lucy was fifth girl overall in the Topper 5.3 fleet. *We are so proud of them all.*



A huge congratulations to the Year 12 pupils who - despite some of the most horrendous weather in the Mourne - successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition recently. We are very proud of your resilience and strength! *Many thanks also to leaders Mr Maxwell, Mr Daniels, Miss Mawhinney, Ms Chambers, Mrs Squires and Miss Lemon!*

Silver Duke of Ed latest



Running Club News

Well done to everyone who came to our first CGS Running Club session. We're excited to see so many enthusiastic runners. Don't forget, our sessions are Fridays (Week 1) immediately after school. *Everyone is welcome—whether you're a seasoned runner or a complete beginner!*

CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



JULIE STEELE

NEE BELL
CGS 1995 - 2002



WHERE IS SHE NOW?

Engagement and External Affairs Manager, Chartered Institute of Housing

TIME AT CGS:

FAVOURITE SUBJECT

I don't think I had one! My enjoyment was more to do with the people - teachers and classmates.

MEMORIES

Most of my lasting memories are around all the extras that come with school life - friendships made, ski trips, school shows, sports days.

CAREER PATHWAY:

SIXTH FORM CHOICES

I studied Business Studies, ICT and English for A level.

HIGHER EDUCATION

I attended Heriot Watt University but after completing the 1st year in management and marketing I joined my then part time employer in a full time capacity and did their management in training programme. Fast forward 20 years later, and I have a wealth of experience and have completed my level 7 leadership and management and am embarking on level 5 housing practice.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ENGAGEMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER

I work with young professionals in housing to promote housing as a career of choice, this is so wide ranging from roles that would suit students interested in finance and IT, construction and design, community and care and many more!

PROUDEST CAREER MOMENTS

That I don't stay "stuck". I'm not afraid of change, and still figuring out what it is I enjoy about work life! I am proud that I have challenged myself throughout my career to keep learning.

WORDS OF WISDOM

If it's not working, change it.

Think a career in the 3rd sector could be for you? Find out more about it here:

<https://www.skillsyouneed.com/ps/careers-third-sector.html>

Thank to you

@lotuswellbeingni for their kind sponsorship of the U13 rugby squad for the 2025-26 season. Captain Finn Bradshaw and the rest of the squad are delighted with the shirts!



Junior Rugby investment



Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th October 2025 – Year 14 History trip Dublin

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 – Year 11 Individual photographs

Friday 24th October 2025 – Last day of half term – pupils finish at 2:20pm

Friday 24th October 2025 – P7 SEAG Familiarisation Event, 3:30pm-5:00pm, for Primary 7 pupils and parents.