



# CGS NEWS

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Reminder

School will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



Daniel Sharpe (Year 14) has had a successful lockdown by embarking on a number of musical ventures. Daniel placed 1st in his age group and 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the Irish Brass Band Association Solo Competition. He went on to place 3rd out of 148 entries from across the UK in the Wantage Silver Band Youth Solo Contest. Daniel has been a member of the National Youth Band of Great Britain since 2019 and this year, after a virtual audition he was appointed Principle Tenor Horn of the band. Daniel also qualified for the prestigious Harry Mortimer Award and was awarded 4th place. Finally, Daniel completed an ATCL Diploma in Musical Performance too and is now awaiting his result. Congratulations, Daniel.

The school holidays for 2020/21 are now available on the school website:

<https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com>



## 21 years of service to the pupils and staff of Carrickfergus Grammar School.

Our best wishes for a long and very happy retirement go to Mrs Sandra McMaster, as we near her final day of work in the school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Sandra has been employed as a member of the school office staff and as our Pupil Welfare Officer since 1999. In that time, she has tended to literally hundreds of young people who have made their way to reception to "see Sandra" when feeling ill. Sandra's very special brand of care, unique good humour, huge kindness and unending generosity will be sorely missed by the entire CGS community.



Well done to Zak Fairless (Year 12) who has just completed his first Mourne Mountain Marathon. He had to gain special permission to enter a year early as he is not yet 16 years old. Zak entered the D class which he completed successfully and in first place. An amazing achievement.



Past pupil, Rebecca Irvine, was recognised for the exemplary work she carries out in her local community at the 2020 Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards Ceremony, held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. She was chosen as one of 20 exceptional young people from across Ireland who are working to make a positive impact on their local communities.

Rebecca, who has a passion for medicine and helping others, has volunteered with St John's Ambulance and at a local nursing home. In July 2019, Rebecca travelled with Habitat for Humanity to Buftea, Romania, for 10 days. Rebecca raised over £1,000 to contribute towards the project by organising a show jumping competition at her local horse-riding school. Rebecca's volunteering duties have also seen her travel to Ghana independently for two weeks, where she spent her mornings in Cape Coast Teaching Hospital in four different wards. Great work Rebecca!



## An Evening with Admissions [webinar]

Thursday 8 October | 7-8pm

Are you in the middle of your UCAS form?

Would you like inside knowledge on the application process?

Would you like to know some hints and tips on the ideal UCAS application?

Ulster University are offering you the opportunity to secure a unique one-to-one call with a member of the Admissions Team. These sessions will be bookable by you, or your family, to discuss your application to UU, associated entry requirements and your next steps to securing an offer.

Full details on securing your personal one-to-one session will be available at this webinar.

- Hear from our Head of Admissions.
- Get hints and tips to make your application stand out.
- Inside information on how to secure a university offer.
- Learn how to book your one-to-one session.

Students / Parents / Guardians / Teachers who would like to know more about securing an offer from UU for 2021 entry.

**Interested? Register.**

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/events/recruitment-webinars/an-evening-with-uu-admissions>

Numbers will be limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

Questions? Email: [c.meehan@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:c.meehan@ulster.ac.uk)