

CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region

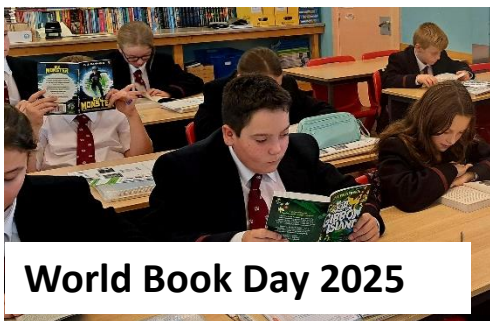


Congratulations to Sophie Wenlock who was one of 12 young women shortlisted to give a speech in Stormont's Senate Chamber, outlining her vision for the next 25 years. Sophie delivered an impassioned, articulate and moving speech on disability rights, without a single note! *We are incredibly proud of her.* @SistersIn_HQ
You can watch Sophie's speech here (34mins) <https://2048events.com/>



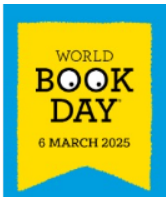
Duke of Ed Latest

Well done to Lucy, Max, Josh M., Lucas, Mica, Olivia, Grace M., Grace N., Emily, Ella-Rose, Matthew, Joshua, Amy, Chloe, Joshua O., Chloe, Toby and Corey who received their Silver Duke of Edinburgh certificates and badges for successful completion of the Award. The Silver Expedition is led in school by Mr Maxwell, who paid tribute in Assembly to the determination, good humour and resilience of the pupils on expedition - despite bad weather in the Mourne. *Mr Maxwell thanked Mr Paul Daniels, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Simms and Miss Lemon, in particular, as well as other school staff for their tremendous help and assistance.*



World Book Day 2025

World Book Day is on 6th March 2025! To help encourage our young people to enjoy reading for pleasure, pupils in Key Stage 3 will receive a **World Book Day Book Token!** Your World Book Day £1 book can be redeemed at local participating stores, including Carrickfergus' own The Secret Bookshelf – Ireland's best independent bookstore, 2024, tucked in The Courtyard. You can find additional participating retailers on the link: <https://worldbookday.com/books/participating-retailers>. For more information, please visit the World Book Day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>



Bridge Team news

Well-done to Grace Nelson, Josh Soeters, Mitchell Brown, Marc Campbell and Corey Millar who were again selected to represent their country in the inter provincial U20 Bridge competition. This past weekend they travelled to Wales, where Northern Ireland played against England, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the home nations competition held in Newport. The results didn't quite go their way this year, but they did pick a win against the home country Wales and gained valuable experience for future competition. *Congratulations to all involved.*



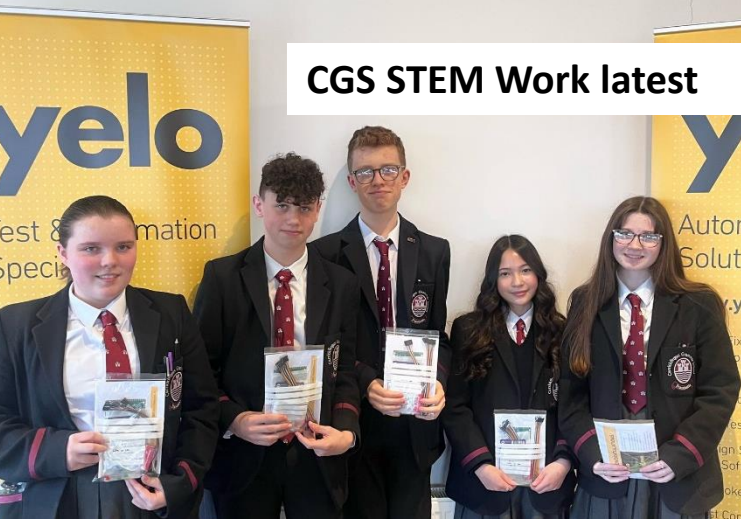
Maths Challenge



Congratulations to our Gold, Silver and Bronze year 12 pupils who competed in the nationwide UK Intermediate Maths competition. This year we had 50 pupils showcasing their problem-solving skills, logical thinking and mathematical ability in the hour long challenge. *Particular mention goes to Aidan Shields who managed to achieve a gold award and qualifies for the next round later this month.*



CGS STEM Work latest



We had a fantastic day recently, celebrating the world of Photonics at the wonderful home of Yelo. The students took on the 'CluePho' challenge. Our excellent team won the competition and were awarded some great electronics kits! Thank you to Yelo for hosting such a great event! #photonics #STEM

CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



LAURA KILLEEN (NEE LAMONT)



CGS 1996 - 2003

WHERE IS SHE NOW?

Senior Associate at Design ID, an Engineering company, based in Hillsborough, London and Dublin.

I am also currently the incoming Chair of the Institution of Structural Engineers NI Region.

TIME AT CGS:

FAVOURITE SUBJECT

Art, especially in sixth form. We had our own dedicated spaces to work and create, we listened to great music and it felt more like a university experience than a school one looking back on it now!

MEMORIES

Mainly the people I met there - friends for life! Although I'll never forget the day my dog followed me to school, not realising until I got there and had a Maths exam to sit!

CAREER PATHWAY:

SIXTH FORM CHOICES

I wasn't sure what career I wanted after my GCSEs so I picked my favourite subjects for A Level which were Art, Maths, and Biology.

HIGHER EDUCATION

During work experience I stumbled across Structural Engineering as a career. I went on to study for a Masters in Structural Engineering with Architecture at Queen's University, Belfast.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Every day at work is different, some days I'm on building sites which would involve me making checks throughout a build of a project, other days I am office based. When in the office it is a mix of design - mainly using 3D software, drawing - a mix of by hand, or 2D/3D software, or attending design team meetings online or in person. I love the mix, days can be unpredictable; especially when unforeseen issues develop on site. Every day involves varying degrees of problem solving!

PROUDEST CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

Attaining my Chartership with the Institution of Structural Engineers.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Do what you love and you'll love what you do!

Think Structural Engineering could be for you? Find out more about it here:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/structural-engineer>



Dates for your diary

Friday 28th February 2025 - Year 14 Parent-Pupil-Teacher Consultations, via video call 12:50pm to 3:20pm. All pupils finish at 12:20pm.

Monday 10th March 2025 - Year 13 Parent-Pupil-Teacher Consultations, via video call 12:50pm to 3:20pm. All pupils finish at 12:20pm.



Monday 17th March 2025 - Staff Development Day - no pupils in school.