



# CGS NEWS

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## Sailing Success for two brothers

**Congratulations to Rory and Calum Pollard who have become Mid & East Antrim Borough Council ambassadors and have both been awarded The Jonathan Rea Bursary.** They are now supported by Mid & East Antrim Borough Council financially in their 2022 sailing campaign. This award helps them with coaching, equipment and kit required to take part efficiently in the sport of competitive sailing. They have been awarded this bursary due to sailing for the Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland Youth Squad. Their separate applications are marked on performance, rankings and attendance, but most importantly, on how they represent their borough and what they can bring to it.

*Rory (pictured) and Calum are very thankful to Jonathan Rea and to Mid & East Antrim Borough Council for their support. They look forward to representing their club, school, borough, country and themselves.*



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## Creative Writing Club

Clubs & Societies

**Do you have a passion for creative writing that you want to take to the next level?** A great way to grow your writing skills is to join our creative writing club, where you can share your work with others who are invested in cultivating the same craft. Working with people who share similar interests to you is both fun and rewarding! Congratulations to seven of our members who were selected to be published in a 'Young Writers' poetry anthology titled 'Empowered': Gemma Moore, Ava Groves, Bethany Wenlock, Aimee Nesbitt, Niamh McKinney, Haley-Ocean Schmidt and Emily Duffy.

**Join us every Friday Week 1 in Room 39 @ 12:45-13:10pm.**



**Thank you from everyone in the Music Society to those who contributed to our fundraising efforts over Christmas for Mary's Meals.** From the Carol Service to a team of Belfast-Busking Carol Singers, we have managed to donate £657 to this worthwhile charity.

Read more at: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



## A gallant effort

**Unfortunately our 1XI lost 2-1 to Wallace in the quarter final of the shield.** The girls went above and beyond yet again and played out of their skins. We are so proud of how far they have come this season and how they have competed with the top schools.



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## Cross Country Success



**Congratulations to all those who competed in the recent District Cross Country Championships.** Special mention goes to Anamika Ullas-Nair, Matthew Cunning and Jay Longridge who all placed in the Top 20. Matthew & Jay have now qualified for the Ulster Cross Country Championships at Mallusk in February. Well done, everyone!

## Year 13 and Road Safety

Recently our Year 13 pupils enjoyed a presentation from New Driver NI. They delivered lots of insightful information about getting on to the roads safely, Insurance, Buying a car, Maintenance and Staying Safe.

Find out more at <https://www.newdriverni.com/>



## Maths Clinic Info

Year 8-11 Maths Clinic will run after school each Thursday in room 18 with Mrs Shannon and Mr Edgar. Year 12-14 Maths Clinic will run after school each Tuesday in room 19.

Come along with any classwork questions, topics you are struggling with, past paper questions you would like explained or just some additional support.



## Curriculum support at A2

**CGS welcomed past pupil Paula Hodge into the Year 14 Health & Social Care class this week.**

Paula is a Social Worker so was able to give our students an insight into her day to day work and talk about some great examples for our students to use in their upcoming coursework. Thank you, Paula.



## Year 10 Drama Workshops

On 18th January Year 10 pupils took part in some great drama workshops with Andrew McCracken from the Lyric Theatre. Pupils had a taster session of what is involved in Physical and vocal warm-ups, group activities – physical theatre; and Working with a Script Extract

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to find out about Drama and to learn from Andrew, who gave them a valuable insight to the world of Theatre.



## CGS receives a ministerial visit

Thank you to the Minister for Education, Michelle McIlveen, who visited Carrick Grammar last week and met with Principal James Maxwell, Chair of Governors Maurice Smith, staff, pupils and others. The Minister viewed the ongoing work at the sports pitches and discussed a number of issues affecting the school.

## Dates for your dairy

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 13/14 Parent consultations on SchoolCloud 4-6.30pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Finish for Half Term.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Return to school on a WEEK 2 TIMETABLE.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Year 11 examinations

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Year 12 Parent consultations on SchoolCloud 4-6.30pm

