

# CGS NEWS

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2024 Families First School of the Year for the Northern Region



## SU Weekend 2025

Our annual SU weekend residential trip to Castlewellan Castle took place recently. We studied the book of Nehemiah and reflected on building our lives on God. Thank you to all those who attended, you made the weekend so incredible. *Thank you to all those who led from the front and behind the scenes, the weekend would not have been possible without your faithful, generous and dedicated service.*



## Young Musician Finalist

Congratulation to Jude, in Year 12, who was a finalist in this year's Northern Ireland Young Musician of the Year. We are all so very proud of all you turn your hand to, Jude, with humility and musicianship in equal measure. *Well done!*



## SistersIn News

Another inspirational outing as part of SistersIn. In the morning we heard students, recent graduates and professors of QUB sharing their personal journeys through education and leadership before engaging in interactive 'breakout sessions'. Our girls enjoyed learning how AI can help you succeed from Prof Phil Hanna, engaging in legal debates in the School of Law, practising lifesaving skills through simulation-based education at the medical school and hearing about sustainable infrastructure aligned to a net zero carbon future from Structural Engineer Prof Su Taylor. *We are very proud of all the girls representing CGS!*





## INTO Films CGS Visit

A team from INTO Films kindly came into school on Monday 31st March to help inspire and guide our Year 9 pupils with their creative writing. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the interactive experience and we look forward to learning of future successful writers.

## Duke of Edinburgh latest

Gold here we come! The sun shone on these three groups during their three days in the Antrim Hills, preparing for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition in June. Our students navigated the terrain beautifully, while enjoying the high points and digging deep when things felt tough. *Well done, everyone!*



## CGS ALUMNI ROLE MODELS



**NICK  
HAWTHORNE**  
CGS 1996 - 2003



### WHERE IS HE NOW?

Principal Engineer for Arup - a global collective of designers, engineers and technical experts

### TIME AT CGS:

#### FAVOURITE SUBJECT

Maths

#### MEMORIES

Making lifelong friends, playing rugby & all sports

### CAREER PATHWAY:

#### SIXTH FORM CHOICES

I did A levels in Maths, Physics and Business Studies.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

I achieved a 1st class Honours degree from UU in Building Services Engineering (which is now called Architectural Engineering) and a Masters in Renewable Energy and Energy Management.

### DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PRINCIPAL ENGINEER AT ARUP

As a Chartered Engineer, I am responsible for delivering building services designs across various sectors, including healthcare, commercial, education, government, and transport. I am part of a multidisciplinary design team that creates remarkable new buildings, such as the new Belfast Grand Central Station, 60-storey tower blocks in Europe, and new hospitals. Sustainability is central to our work, focusing on reducing energy consumption and achieving net-zero buildings.

### PROUDEST CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

Becoming a Chartered Engineer.

### WORDS OF WISDOM

Try not to stress out too much about your future, it will all fall into place if you work hard and put the effort in.

Work hard and be kind to everyone is what I like to live by.

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

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/courses/202526/architectural-engineering-36041>



## Dates for your diary

**Friday 11th April 2025:** Last day of term – pupils finish at 12 noon for the Easter holidays

**Monday 14th April -Friday 25th April 2025 (inclusive):** Easter holidays

**Monday 28th April 2025:** Pupils return to school on a Week 1 timetable

**Monday 5th May 2025:** Staff Development Day – no pupils in school

A huge congratulations to our U12 hockey team who won the Grosvenor tournament! They played some amazing hockey throughout the day. A special mention to our goalkeeper Imogen who made some incredible saves in the final 🙌🏆 A huge thank you to Grosvenor for hosting a fantastic day. *We are so proud of you, girls! Well done!*