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# Heaney HomePlace Visit

Our Year 13 English Literature pupils visited the Heaney HomePlace in Bellaghy to explore the biographical context of the Irish poet Seamus Heaney. Alongside a wonderful exhibition tour where students engaged with recordings of the poems they study (read by Heaney himself), they also had the opportunity to attend a lecture and seminar, giving them a taste into university study! AS English Literature pupils study a selection of Seamus Heaney poems alongside poems from Robert Frost.

## CGS at the National Concert Hall



Two senior music students recently had the opportunity of working with the renowned Chamber Choir Ireland. Holly McConnell (Year14) and Ryan Byers (Year13) both composed excellent choral pieces of music and were able to draw on the expert advice of composer Áine Mallon. They rehearsed with the choir, commenting on subtle nuance and interpretation before having their work recorded. They later returned to the National Concert Hall in Dublin with their families to hear their piece performed live.



Well done to Elliott McKeegan, Year 11, who qualified for the Ulster Championships after finishing 12th in the Districts this week, in a race which included Year 12 pupils from across the District. Our Junior Boys team of Aaron M., Alex K., Ryan M., Zack J., Callum T. and Calum P. finished third in the team event, and also qualify. In qualifying, the boys defeated teams from RBAI, Wallace High School and Belfast High School. Zack J. was the highest placed finisher in 14th place. *Well done to all our athletes who competed in very challenging underfoot conditions!* 





CGS congratulates the 2011 Carrick Rangers team which defeated Magherafelt Sky Blues in the SBYL Cup Final at the Blanchflower Stadium, after a nail-biting penalty shoot-out. The team consisted of no less than ten Grammar School pupils from Years 8 and 9! Well done to Seth, Xander, Elliott, Dylan, Dawson, Daniel, Brody, Ashton, Ben and Zade.

Mr Maxwell commented: "It was a privilege to get to watch the team lift the Cup and they played some great football. All the players are a credit to themselves and to their coaches, and we are very proud of our CGS pupils in the team." *Well done, boys!* 

## **Sisters Inspire at QUB**

Our pupils had a fantastic day at Queen's University, Belfast at the SistersInspire Leadership Event, expertly hosted by Professor Karen Morrison.

The girls got to enjoy lectures from leading experts from various faculties in the morning and branch out into more specialist areas in the afternoon. Keeley, Eva, Chloe and Kylie enjoyed some handson, practical experience in the InterSim medical facilities with Professor Gormley, while Ellen and Julia learned more about 'Uncovering Cancer's Secrets' with Professor Graham, including a tour of the research lab. The girls left the event thoroughly inspired by the experience.



# Dates for your diary **school**cloud

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 parental consultations (SchoolCloud) 12.15-3.25pm. School closes at 12.15 for all pupils. 5 shortened period day.
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - All pupils return to school on a WEEK 1 timetable
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Year 12 Parental consultations (SchoolCloud)
3.50-6.30pm

Wednesday 21st-28th February - Year 11 Mock exams

# Sport Success Latest

A fantastic set of Saturday morning sporting results for our hockey and rugby teams! Firstly...our first XI beat Antrim Grammar 3-1 in the Senior Plate. Well done to all the team, and to goal scorers Olivia Woodside (2 goals), Mia McCracken and to Player of the Match Olivia Jordan!

Our first XV beat Belfast High 12-10 in the Schools' Trophy. The boys now progress to the Quarter Finals and have been drawn against Foyle College. *Well done, everyone!* 

## Art Club continues to grow

Art club continues to run every Tuesday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 in Mr Hamilton's room. It is a club ran by Year 14 and Year 13 pupils who want to encourage the younger students of the school to enjoy and explore art in all different forms. So far, work has been completed using oil pastel, acrylic paint, clay and pencil when sketching. *#getinvolved* 



# NORTHERN IRELAND APPLICANT DAY

YEAR 14 / FE APPLICANTS

#### BELFAST SATURDAY, 2 MARCH 2024

MORNING EVENT 9:30am -12:30pm AFTE

AFTERNOON EVENT 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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