



Spring Concert News

CGS Music Society

Now over two years from our last live and in-person concert, we are delighted to announce the date for our Spring Festival of Music.

It will be held in the school's Assembly Hall on Wednesday 6th April at 7pm and all parents and friends are welcome, initially restricted to two tickets per pupil performing, to come along and support our young musicians as they take to the stage once again.

Keep watching for more details over the next couple of weeks across our social media platforms.



Carrickfergus Grammar School

Spring Festival of Music

Live and in person

Wednesday 6 April, 2022 at 7pm

School Assembly Hall - Everyone Welcome



Charity work latest

Alesha Kelly, 8S, is pictured with her list of items she and her family have donated as aid for people in Ukraine.

These items have already been collected from the school and are on their way to Ukraine. Carrickfergus Grammar is immensely proud of the response of our pupils and their families in donating clothing, food, medical and household supplies in support of Ukrainian citizens.

Find out more at:

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>



Hockey Tournament success

Well done to the Year 8 Hockey girls who had a successful first hockey tournament last week.

They had a very tough group and in their first game drew against a very strong Methody team. Next, they continued with their confidence and played some fantastic hockey against Sullivan. Again, not conceding any goal with the game finishing 0-0. This was another great result against another strong team.

They had a fantastic start first two matches against two of the biggest hockey schools in Northern Ireland! A special mention to Emily Steele who stepped into goal for the first time and kept two clean sheets! CGS played against eventual winners Strathearn next and only lost 1-0. It was their best game yet, with the girls defending fantastically and Ruby making some brilliant tackles in defence. It was Strathearn's lowest scoring game. The girls played a tough Regent team and yet again did not concede but managed to win lots of penalty corners and eventually drew the game 0-0. Finally, CGS played Lagan. They were nervous as the week before lost against them. They have improved so much that they drew 0-0!

We are so proud of how the girls played against some of the strongest teams in the country! We are also so proud of all three teams who have worked and trained so hard all season.



Belfast Music Festival

Congratulations to Holly McConnell who received a Highly Commended Award at Belfast Music Festival last week.

Holly performed Windy Weather by Lin Marsh with adjudicator, Dennis Totten, commenting on her excellent musical engagement with the audience.

Well done, Holly!



Internet Safety talks

A huge thank you goes out to our local community PSNI officer, who visited CGS recently to speak with pupils in Years 8-13 about inappropriate use of social media.

As well as highlighting the potential consequences he also gave some advice about how to protect privacy settings.

We hope everyone took something positive away from the topics discussed on the day.



Year 9 Auditions

Well done to Year 9 girls Niamh McKinney, Gemma Moore and Haley Schmidt who stepped up to record audition videos singing for Ireland's Junior Eurovision.

With over 4000 auditions across the country to compete with, we wish them all the best.

Year 12 Fundraising

Well done to 12Q for organising a hot chocolate and doughnut fundraiser in support of three great charities; Macmillan Cancer Care, Angel Wishes and Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.

Thank you to Lidl Ballyclare for generously providing all the doughnuts - Year 12 really enjoyed them and raised £250!



CGS Year 8 Rugby

Commiserations to our Year 8 rugby boys who took on Cambridge House in two very closely fought games last Friday.

Both teams made big come backs in the second half of their games, after starting slowly, with notable performances from Zac Joel, Scott Robinson and Matthew Cunning.



East Antrim Cup Win



Huge congratulations to the Year 8 boys football team who are through to the semi finals of the East Antrim cup after a very solid 2-0 victory against Abbey Community College. The boys put in a very accomplished, mature performance with Harry Todd scoring both goals and a man of the match performance from Matthew Cuning. We look forward to our semi final away to Boys Model on Friday 25th March.



Parent Reminder – Carrickfergus Grammar School has moved to an online payment system for school lunches. School meals can be ordered in advance via the ParentMail App. Please go to accounts and select 'choice of hot meal'. Parents of children entitled to free school meals must also order school meals on the app, without the need for payment.

Dates for your diary



17th March - St. Patrick's Day - School closed.

22nd March - Year 12 GCSE 'Free Choice' forms to be returned to class teachers.

24th March - Year 14 and all sports' teams/musical groups photographs.

8th April - Last day of term, School closes at 12 midday for pupils. 12.45-3.25pm Year 11 Parent/pupil/teacher consultations (online) with subject staff.

25th April - 12.45-3.25pm Year 9 Parent/pupil/teacher consultations (online) with subject staff.

26th April - First day of new term.