



# CGS NEWS

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## Key Stage 3 Achievement Assembly



The Key Stage 3 Achievement Assembly was held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. It was an occasion to recognise the achievements and celebrate the successes of the current Year 11 students.

Along with the presentation of certificates, several students also received awards for academic excellence, examination achievement and sustained efforts. Our thanks are extended to our guest of honour, Mr Gary Milling, who treated students, parents/guardians and teaching staff to a very interesting, thought provoking and enjoyable address.



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## STEM Club 2022 / 2023



Our STEM club has been a hive of activity in recent weeks, with our junior school students embarking on some complex Lego Technic builds. Our first completed build was a huge success, with a team of Year 10 pupils producing a remote controlled rally car, which they have since road tested with an custom assault course in the Technology workshop. We look forward to see the remaining constructions take form in the weeks ahead.



## A celebration of the wonder of live music

On Thursday evening the Music Society hosted local silver band, Third Carrickfergus, in a concert which celebrated the return of live music making in the town.

It was great to see the hall filled with parents and friends enjoying the performances from the band. The concert also featured performances from the Concert Band and Flute Ensemble, Mens' Voices, Girls' Choir, Voces Aspirantes and the Senior Choir. The concert finale saw the brass players of the school join with Third Carrick for an exciting performance of Young Amadeus.



## Ulster Schools Swimming Gala

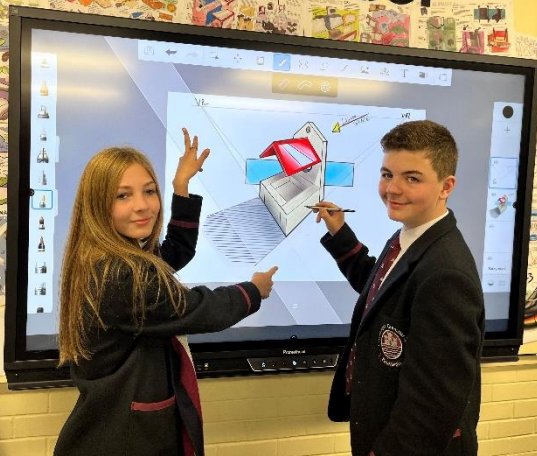
Congratulations to Lucy Maxwell & Poppy Manderson took part in the recent Ulster Schools Swimming Gala. Both girls set personal bests in all their events. Well done, girls!



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# TECHNOLOGY



## Exciting new addition to the Technology & Design department

CGS were bowled over recently at the generous gift of Stuart Montgomery, past pupil who, now working for Promethean to train teachers on how to use their cutting edge technology, kindly gifted his old school a new Promethean panel. Year 9 pupils, Kara Hamilton and Caidan Carlisle, were happy to demonstrate how the panel can help all pupils to get to grips with CAD software like Solidworks, that is used extensively and to great effect in the Technology Department. In 2022, 100% of pupils in the Technology Department passed their AS and A-Level exams at grades A\*-B, and with ongoing investment it is hoped that more pupils will be inspired to progress to careers in Technology and Engineering.



## European Day of Languages Follow up



As a follow-up to the European Day of Languages, some of our Year 14 pupils went to Greenisland Primary School for a French and Spanish Day. They gave pupils from P1 to P7 an introduction to French and played lots of Spanish based games with pupils from P1 to P5. What an enriching experience for our senior pupils Joshua Schmidt, Asha McClean, Jessica Rob, Katie Orr and Nicole Scott, Sophie Baird, Mikayla Chitty, Nathan Donaldson, Kathryn Graham, Lucy McClung, Katie McQuillan, Ryan Morrison, Anna Officer, Lewis Ruddock and Poppy Walker, who were all a credit to the school.

## FRANCOFEST 2022

### A FRENCH LANGUAGE EVENT - UNIQUE TO N. IRELAND

Are you in Year 10? Do you like to speak French? Do you like Drama? Are you good at Art and ICT? If, so we need YOU on the FrancoFest team! We are looking for 4 pupils to enter this fun competition based on a prepared role-play, as well as several other pupils to help out design and set up the stand.

*Speak to Mme Murray for more information.*



## Careers News

All of our Year 14 pupils attended a presentation recently by Liverpool John Moores. They were focussing on their 'Personal Statements' and managed to get a lot of useful tips.



## Work Placements

Great to see our Year 13 Health and Social Care students out on recent weekly placement in local Nursery and Primary Schools. This opportunity has given them valuable work experience and many new skills, necessary for working in the Early Years and Caring sectors.



## Language Challenge

Queen's University and NICILT created a summer challenge activity booklet for pupils in Years 8 & 9. The aim of which was to encourage KS3 pupils to practise their language skills and discover more about the culture and traditions associated with the language they are studying during their summer break.

Congratulations to Alesha Kelly for being awarded a Gold Certificate and to Emily McGookin and Lucy Reid for receiving a Silver Certificate in this Language Challenge! The girls had good fun discovering new words as well as cultural aspects while completing the tasks.



LANGUAGE SUMMER CHALLENGE



## Dates for your diary

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Instrumentalists 'bash'  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 8 visit to Queen's University.  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 14 Interview Skills Day  
**28<sup>th</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> November** (inclusive) – Half term holiday  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – All pupils return to school - **(Week 2 timetable)**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Staff Development Day.