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Congratulations to Year 13 CGS pupil William Somerville, who has enjoyed a fantastic year with the St John Ambulance in 2022.

William currently holds the titles of Northern Ireland Regional Cadet of the Year and the National Commanderies Cadet of the Year.

Both roles involve him representing young people from Guernsey, Jersey, the Ilse of Man and Northern Ireland.

NI Cadet of the Year Success



“ This year I have had some unforgettable experiences as a result of this award. I carried the St John Cadet Flag in London at the St John’s Day parade culminating with a service in St Paul’s Cathedral; met the Duke of Gloucester in Kensington Palace; accompanied Princess Anne at our centenary event celebrating 100 years of St John Ambulance Youth in Ballymena; and participated in the National Service of Remembrance in London. ”



Find out more about their work online at : <https://www.sja.org.uk/>



Carrickfergus Grammar School

OPEN EVENING

Carrickfergus Grammar school is a thriving school community with a warm, positive atmosphere which values the academic promise of each individual child who joins us.

Our Open Evening this year will be held on Thursday 19th January 2023. 7pm - 9pm.

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CAFRE visit to CGS

A big thank you to Liz Simpson from @DiscoverCAFRE, which boasts excellent facilities for students and has exceptional industrial links, for speaking to our Year 10 pupils about the range of exciting career opportunities in the Northern Ireland food and drinks industry.

#careers <https://www.cafre.ac.uk/>



Netball resumes in 2023

Please note that Netball will start back on Monday 16th January 2023. Year 9 & 10 each Monday after school, Year 11 on Tuesdays during Games and Year 8 will be after school on Tuesday.

Music Society in the community



Wonderful to see a group from our fantastic Music Society, led by some senior students, entertaining the senior citizens at a local church before the Christmas break. #carrickcommunity

Safer Internet Day

As part of the run-up to Safer Internet Day author and speaker Wayne Denner is visiting school on 25th January to speak to pupils about how to protect their online reputation and ensure that their use of social media is positive. Wayne inspires and motivates young people and adults to protect their well-being online, take control and maximise their individual talent in today's digital world. He works with a wide range of organisations including all five NI health trusts, media corporations and the NI Assembly. As well as the pupil sessions he will also be delivering a session for parents on 25th January at 7.00pm in school and we hope to see as many parents there as possible. *Details will be sent via ParentMail.*

What young people post online can influence the college, university or job they get into.

Struggling to keep up with your kid in a digital world?

You can help them stay ahead in today's world.

ONLINE REPUTATION MATTERS for Parents:
Protecting Your Child's Reputation.

Delivered by Wayne Denner, author of 'The Students Guide to an Epic Online Reputation...and parents too'.

Wayne supports parents in understanding the impact Online Reputation has on their child's education, relationships and employability.

Christmas Jumper day raises £1233.25!



A huge thank you to everyone who help make Christmas Jumper Day 2022 such a success. The money raised has been split between two charities each with a focus on children and young people: Angel Eyes NI is a local charity who campaign on behalf of blind and partially sighted children and young people. They provide grants for equipment to support children with visual impairment and aim to empower young people to reach their educational potential. The second charity supported by Christmas Jumper Day was Save the Children. This charity helps vulnerable children to access their basic rights to food, medicine and education. They respond to crises caused by war, natural disasters and climate related emergencies.



Dates for your diary



- Monday 9th – Thursday 19th January** / Years 12-14 Mock exams
- Thursday 19th** / School closes at 12.40 for Open Night preparation. Period times will be shortened to allow all 5 classes to take place. No canteen facilities will be available. Buses will run at the normal times and any pupil who can not leave at 12.40 may study in the Grainger Centre until 3.25.
- Friday 20th** / Staff training day – pupils should not attend school.
- Monday 23rd** / School closes at 12.40 to facilitate Year 10 Parental Consultations via SchoolCloud. Period times will be shortened to allow all 5 classes to take place. No canteen facilities will be available. Buses will run at the normal times and any pupil who can not leave at 12.40 may study in the Grainger Centre until 3.25.
- Wednesday 25th** / 'Safer Internet Day' event for all pupils during school day with a parental session to follow at 7pm
- Wednesday 1st Feb** / Year 10 Youth Fair (further details to follow)

Science Club

#getinvolved

Our Key Stage 3 students ignited their passion for STEM at the most recent edition of science club. In December, we had a festive focus in mind, "Can we redesign Santa's suit for the 21st century?"



This task really did engage our students in all aspects of the STEM curriculum, such as creativity, collaboration, research and peer review. They considered design criteria including Protecting Santa from knocks and bumps, keeping Santa warm in sub zero conditions, integrating new technologies, having a stylish design to keep Santa looking iconic, resisting soot stains as Santa climbs down chimneys and camouflage properties to help Santa hide from naughty children who sneak downstairs in the middle of the night. *We hope to see you at the next science club!*



Technology in action

Some of our talented Technology and Design Year 8 students proudly displaying the outcome of their 'SuperBowl' projects. They have explored a variety of manufacturing and assembly techniques, working with a wide range of resistant materials. *We are very proud of the results.* #Technology #STEM

Girls' Rugby

When?
Fridays after school

For whom?
All age groups from year 8-14

Sign up on the rugby notice board