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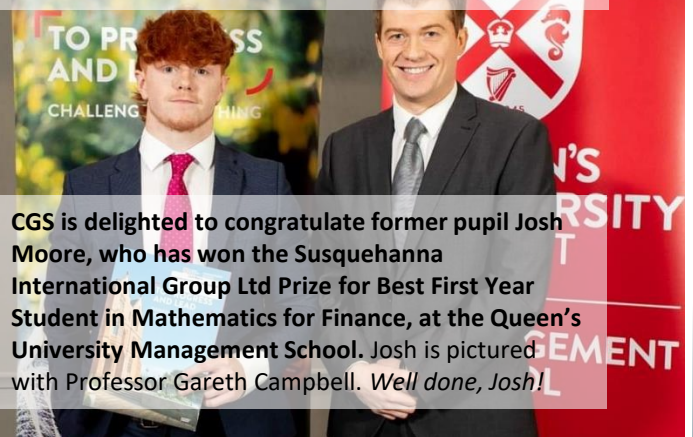
Junior Sports Person of the Year Award

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Calum Pollard who, after some fantastic recent sailing successes, has been shortlisted for the Junior Sports Person of the Year Award at the 2023 Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Sports Awards.

The ceremony will take place at the Galgorm Hotel on 16th March. Calum is excited to be invited and able to attend. *Well done and good luck, Calum!*



Top QUB Award for past pupil



CGS is delighted to congratulate former pupil Josh Moore, who has won the Susquehanna International Group Ltd Prize for Best First Year Student in Mathematics for Finance, at the Queen's University Management School. Josh is pictured with Professor Gareth Campbell. *Well done, Josh!*



New Driver NI

Thank you to New Driver NI, who visited our Year 13 pupils recently. They gave a great talk, full of lots of practical tips & information to help everyone stay safe on the roads.

Safer Internet Day

As part of Safer Internet Day, Wayne Denner spoke to pupils in Years 8-11 about Digital Life Skills & protecting online reputations. Our senior pupils learned about Digital Jobseeker & the employability opportunities available via the web. *A great session, with lots of practical advice & tips about positive use of technology.*



SU Weekend Castlewellaan 2023



CGS SU headed to Castlewellaan Castle in January 2023 for our annual weekend away. It was brilliant to have so many pupils taking an active part in all aspects of the organisation of the weekend. Pupils, under the guiding eye of Miss Mawhinney and Mr Hawthorne, had planned a packed programme of activities which everyone got involved in. The dry weather meant we all got to visit the maze, have our late night walk around the lake and enjoy fire pit worship and s'mores. We were delighted to have a past pupil, Josh Orr, lead us through the book of Second Timothy, where we looked at how we can apply lessons from his life to ours today. We are already looking forward to having Josh back in to take our weekly Wednesday SU soon. Josh's talks were challenging, interactive and really engaging. It was great to see our pupils stepping up and new friendships forming. *Staff and pupils will take away lots of great memories.*

A-Level Design Museum Trip



Our Technology & Design A-Level pupils enjoyed a fantastic recent trip to London, visiting the Design and Science Museums. Both museums provided exciting and highly informative exhibits & the students will now be able to take valuable information back and apply it to their respective A-level courses. In particular the fantastic workshops provided by the wonderful Design Museum tutors will feed directly into their coursework pages and examination theory in the coming weeks and months. It really was such a rewarding experience and the students conducted themselves superbly throughout. #designthinking #innovation #designerusermaker #STEM #inspired

Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

On Thursday 26th of January, 51 of our Year 11 History pupils, together with hundreds of pupils from schools across the United Kingdom got the opportunity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th by taking part in a live webcast with a holocaust survivor called Ruth Posner. Ruth provided a vivid, harrowing and moving account of her experience as a young Polish Jew during WWII. *It was an extremely valuable experience on many levels for our pupils, and one they will not forget.*



Dates for your diary



In response to the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey/Syria, please consider making a donation to Oxfam via our **JustGiving** page. Oxfam are on the ground now, helping to provide water, sanitation, shelter and food.

Find it here at :

www.justgiving.com/carrickfergusgrammarschool



Friday 10th February

Pupils finish at 3:25pm for the mid-term break.

School will be closed from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February inclusive.

Monday 20th February

All pupils return to school on a Week 2 timetable.

Wednesday 22nd February – Wednesday 1st March

Year 11 Mock exams. Year 11 pupils need only attend school when they have examinations. Once they come in to school, Year 11 pupils may not leave again until after their last examination of the day.

Year 11 pupils return to normal classes on Thursday 2nd March on a Week 1 timetable.

Thursday 23rd February

Early closure day (for all pupils apart from Year 11 pupils sitting examinations) to facilitate Year 12 Parental Consultations.

School will close at 12.40pm. Year 12 parental consultations via SchoolCloud, 1.15-3.25pm

Wednesday 1st March

Early closure day to facilitate Year 14 Parental Consultations.

School will close at 12.40 pm. Class times will be shortened, but all 5 periods will take place. There will be no canteen facilities available, but buses will remain at normal times. Study facilities will be available for pupils who need to remain in school until 3.25pm.

Year 14 parental consultations via SchoolCloud, 1.15-3.25pm.



Hockey success continues...

Congratulations to the 1st XI Hockey Team which has progressed to the Plate Semi-Final following a 4-1 victory against Dromore from run-ins. On the score card were Emma Simpson (Player of the Match), Ellie Brown, Sophie McCreery and Katie Baxter. Gear Rogan also made some brilliant saves. Huge congratulations to the 2XI team which recently battled through to defeat Glenlola Collegiate, Bangor, 1-0 in their Plate competition. *Well done, girls!*