



# CGS NEWS

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## School Calendar Announcements

School is closed from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October (inclusive)**.

We will be returning to school after half term on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, on a **Week 1** timetable.**

## Return to school after half-term

Please remember that 'holiday work' has either already been allocated by teachers in lessons or will be posted on Google Classroom. Please check this early next week.

Registration will start again after the Halloween Break

Yrs 8-10 will remain in their class bubble room for Registration.

Yrs 11-14 will be in rooms in their year group zone. Please note the details below. Pupils in the extra classes 11T and 12T have been spoken to by their Head of Year and will know who they are.

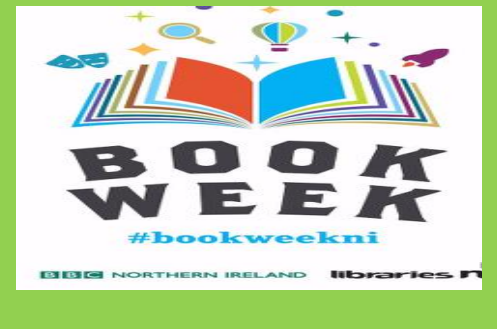
Year 11	ROOM
11P	9
11Q	25
11R	5
11S	6
11T	26
<b>Year 12</b>	
12P	4
12Q	3
12R	2
12S	LT
12T	GC

Year 13	
P	38
Q	13
R	40
S	1
<b>Year 14</b>	
P	45
Q	49
R	48
S	44



As this week is Northern Ireland Book Week we would like the pupils to join in the **NI Libraries 15 minutes a day reading challenge**.

Of course, once you pick up a good book, it is hard to put it down! So instead of 15 minutes, why not try 30 minutes, 45 minutes or even longer?!



### Parent Information

Any school canteen meals ordered for the week Mon 19 - Fri 23 October have now been refunded. Menus for the fortnight commencing Mon 2nd Nov will be available via ParentMail next week. Meals must be booked and paid for by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Pupils must bring their own face mask to school - if you do not bring a face mask you may purchase one at Reception for 50p



The November ABRSM exam sessions will be on Tuesday 10 November. If your child requires an accompanist could you please email Mrs Withers on [kwitthers773@c2kni.net](mailto:kwitthers773@c2kni.net). Original accompaniments will need to be provided. The venue is South Belfast Society of Friends. You should make your own arrangements to attend the exam.



It may have been a long 7 months since a choir was heard in Carrickfergus Grammar, but this week we made a tentative return with a **cheerful chorus of Year 8s** on Monday lunchtime and Wednesday afternoon. It was a tentative, but festive return for the Senior Choir with the **Year 14s** singing together once again and planning ahead for what may be possible towards the Christmas season.

Throughout the past week the **Music Society Leadership Team** have been introducing themselves on superb little films which are being posted on the Music Society Google Classroom (**u22jigp**). All students who are interested in any involvement with music activities in the future should join this.

Congratulations to two Year 11 girls (**Erin Brown**: Trumpet Grade 7 and **Holly McConnell**: Clarinet Grade 6) who have successfully passed their external music exams by filming their performances. Well done, girls on all the effort you have gone to and well done to the girls' tutors Mrs Bingham and Mrs Shannon.

All members of **Senior Choir** (including all those from Years 11 to 14, interested in joining when we are able to meet together), should now have joined the google classroom [gsyh5hc], where music has been uploaded with more plans to follow. All students from throughout the school with any interest in music beyond the classroom should have joined the main Music Society group [u22jigp].

As all of our Instrumental and Singing Tuition has been continuing on Zoom since September, this will be able to continue next week (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October). The timetable is posted on Google Classroom as usual and all students should zoom from home. Students should remember to be in a family space (not bedroom) for their lesson and they need to be appropriately dressed.



Congratulations to our Percussion Tutor, **Mr Cobain**, on the birth of little Alfie on Wednesday evening. We all wish Gordy, Jenny and little Alfie every blessing in these precious days together.

A reminder that information on the external examination series for 2021 for CCEA GCSEs and A Levels can be found here:  
<https://ccea.org.uk/news/2020/october/ccea-statement-following-education-ministers-announcement-202021-examinations>