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Carrickfergus Grammar School is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Mark Roberts from January 2021.

Mark Roberts is one of the UK's leading experts in raising standards and outcomes for boys, and is co-author of the Amazon bestseller 'Boys Don't Try?', which explores strategies for attaining the highest educational outcomes for boys.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boys-Dont-Rethinking-Masculinity-Schools/dp/0815350252>

Mr Roberts has also recently had a book published on revision strategies for GCSE English Language, to much acclaim.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/cant-revise-English-Roberts-shows/dp/0008392803>

A regular columnist for the Times Educational Supplement and current Assistant Principal in a school in England, Mr Roberts' appointment to Carrickfergus Grammar School is a first for Northern Ireland. The school has become the first school in the country to appoint a Director of Research. Mr Roberts will work three days per week as a teacher of English, and in the remaining two days will undertake the role of Director of Research, working alongside staff to ensure that our students receive the highest quality education any school could offer, with a particular focus on raising educational outcomes for boys and helping to develop teaching and learning strategies which will give all our students the edge in later life. Speaking of the appointment, Mr Maxwell, Principal said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have Mark Roberts join Carrickfergus Grammar School. Mark is renowned in educational circles in the United Kingdom and around the world, and his appointment here reflects the ambition, drive and vision of Carrickfergus Grammar School in the next years to become a world-class centre of educational excellence, offering our students the best education possible linked to evidence-based research. In January 2020 Carrickfergus Grammar School became the first Grammar School in Northern Ireland to go into partnership with the UK's Teacher Development Trust, and Mark will work alongside Governors and staff to ensure that the standards and outcomes achieved by students at this school are amongst the best to be found anywhere. We are very excited at his appointment."



Parents and pupils are reminded that **FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER** is a School Development Day - pupils should **NOT** attend school that day.



Carrickfergus Grammar School has moved to an online payment system for school lunches. You will be able to order and pay for your child's school lunch a week in advance. This will consist of hot or cold 'grab and go' bags which students will bring to their designated room or outside area. The set standard price is £2.90. Your child will be able to supplement the 'grab and go' bag with salad, a biscuit or fruit at no extra charge when they collect their bag. The menu is available in Parentmail (Accounts) now and orders for next week must be placed by this Thursday, 17th September at the latest. Parents of children entitled to free school meals must also make menu choices through the system, without the need at the end for payment.



Well Done Lucy Hanna!

On 29th July 2020 Lucy (Year 10) donated 15 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust, who supply free real hair wigs to children and young people up to the age of 24 who have lost their hair going through cancer treatment and other conditions. Lucy also raised an amazing £1275 which she donated to Cancer Focus NI Family Support.



Google Classroom

Has your child signed up for ALL of their Google Classrooms? A Google Classroom has been set up for each academic subject – please check that your child has signed up for each subject ‘classroom’, using the codes provided at the beginning of term.

UCAS

Year 14 pupils have been emailed a spreadsheet detailing who their designated teacher is for Personal Statement checking and for reference writing. Check the lists carefully as you may have a different teacher for each.

You must EMAIL your personal statement to your designated teacher ASAP, but no later than Friday 25 September.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

<p>A HIGH TEMPERATURE</p> <p>This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).</p>	OR	<p>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</p> <p>This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).</p>	OR	<p>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</p> <p>This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.</p>
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IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

<p>YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL - Book a COVID-19 test - Household self-isolates - Inform school immediately about test result <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL - Inform school immediately about test result - Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA. <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.</p>	<p>SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL - The household member should book a COVID-19 test - Household self-isolates - Inform school immediately about test result <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.</p>	<p>SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL - Inform school immediately about test result <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>
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<p>CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL - Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend school as normal - If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities. 	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE</p> <p>WHAT TO DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL - Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.</p> </div> <p>Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk</p>
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