



CGS NEWS

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Ski Trip 2024

A successful ski trip to Italy has come to an end with everyone back safely. Thanks to all the wonderful staff who gave up a week of their Easter break to accompany pupils on a trip they will undoubtedly remember for the rest of their lives - full of skiing, fun and friends. We had over 30 cm of snowfall which gave us some beautiful views of The Dolomites 🏔️ We were fortunate to take part in a fascinating snow walk, bumboarding, pizza night, hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows as well as plenty of skiing! *Our students were a credit to Carrickfergus Grammar School and should be very proud of a successful week.* Until next time, Madonna Di Campiglio 🙌



This week our 1XI Captain, Sophie, delivered a framed 1XI shirt to @eurospar_ni Victoria Road. This is a very small token of our appreciation of the support that Eurospar has given us. Their continued support and partnership has played a key role in the success and development of hockey at CGS. *We are extremely proud to display the Eurospar logo on our shirt and grateful to work with a company that has invested in local sport in the community.* #thankyou



Easter celebrations

On Friday 22nd March Scripture Union led our annual Easter assembly. We were delighted to have Rev. Jimmy Warburton, a past pupil of the school, share with us. *His message was both challenging and encouraging.*

First Aid Competition success

Congratulations to our very own Jacob Clarke in Year 9 who recently took part in the St John Ambulance District First-Aid competition at the University of Ulster in Coleraine. Jacob represented the St. John Ambulance Carrickfergus Cadet Unit and was placed third in the Junior Individual category. *Well done, Jacob, we are all really proud of you!*



Year 8 Rugby latest



Our Year 8 boys took part in a tournament at Larne GS recently and came away with their reputations enhanced! The boys qualified for the semi finals following wins over Larne GS and Cambridge House. They played a very strong Dalriada side in the semi finals and lost narrowly 4-0. The boys were a credit to the school and played some of their best rugby of the season to date. Well done to all involved and thanks to Mr Reaney and Mr Wright for their expertise on the day.

Get all 2024 Junior exam information at: <https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/exam-timetables>

Chess Success

Congratulations to our own Year 9 student Jake Gourley, who produced some great performances and picked up multiple awards at the recent Brendan Jamison Chess Tournaments. Jake's passion for chess started at home in 2020 and he has since developed his skills to challenge professional players at various pro simul events. Well done, Jake!



SUMMER SPORTS TIMETABLE



MONDAY

GIRLS' TENNIS - YEAR 8
HOCKEY - INVITAION ONLY
BOYS' RUGBY - YEAR 8

TUESDAY

ATHLETICS - ALL YEAR GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

BOYS' TENNIS - YEARS 8-10
BOYS' CRICKET - YEAR 9
GIRLS' CRICKET - ALL YEAR GROUPS

THURSDAY

DANCE - ALL YEAR GROUPS
GIRLS' TENNIS - YEAR 9 & 10
ATHLETICS - ALL YEAR GROUPS
BOYS CRICKET - YEAR 8
BOYS' CRICKET - YEAR 10 & 11

#getinvolved



Dates for your diary

- 19th April - Year 12 GCSE Language Orals begin (see individual pupil examination timetables)
- 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday. School closed.
- 10th May - Exceptional Closure – no pupils in school.
- 13th-17th May - Years 8-10 Summer examinations



WonderArts Visit

Speakers from 'WonderArts' have spoken to pupils recently about the impact that making poor choices can have on their future. Jonathan and Olivia highlighted the dangers that can arise from getting involved in risk-taking behaviour and the importance of seeking support when necessary. Thank you.

SEAG INFORMATION EVENT



SEAG

CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL

WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024
7PM - 8PM

INCLUDING A SESSION FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, MR MARK ROBERTS, ON HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S STUDY HABITS IN PREPARATION FOR SEAG

CGS is pleased to be holding a SEAG Information Event on Wednesday 1st May 2024 for P6 parents considering the school as a host assessment centre for their child. This event will also include a session by our Director of Research, Mr Mark Roberts, on how parents might best support their children in preparation for the SEAG Assessments.