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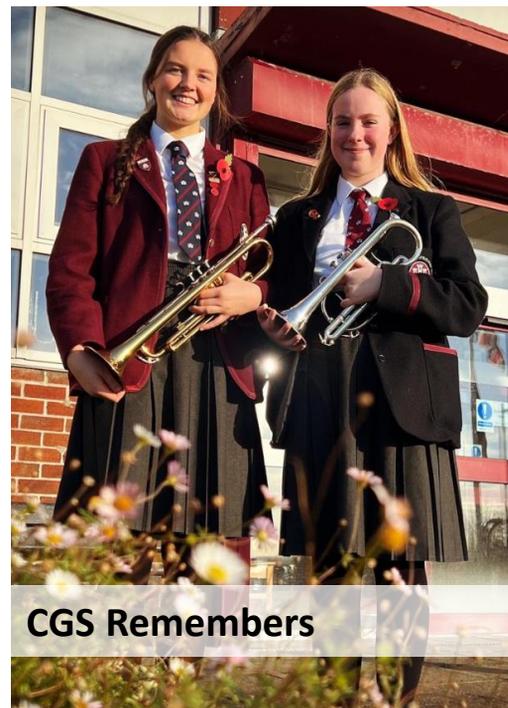
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CGS Remembers



CGS marked Armistice Day with our annual assemblies of remembrance. Thank you to Erin and Erika who performed The Last Post and to Head Girl, Abbie, and Deputy Head Boy, Owen, who read. Principal, Mr Maxwell, was then joined by Head Girl Abbie Sullivan and Head Boy William Somerville at the Cenotaph to lay a wreath on behalf of the Carrickfergus Grammar School community. [#wewillrememberthem](#)



NI Youth Assembly

Congratulations to Nadia Mackiewicz, Year 11 and Caleb Hazley, Year 12 both of whom applied and have been chosen to be part of a 90 member Youth Assembly for pupils from Years 9 to 12 from across Northern Ireland. Nadia and Caleb will be representing the young people of East Antrim at meetings to be held in Stormont, where they will have the opportunity to engage with MLAs and delve in to topics and issues they are most interested in, whether it's environmental concerns, educational reforms, or cultural initiatives, Nadia and Caleb will be at the forefront of these discussions. Beyond the regular meetings our representatives will be attending, there are numerous youth-focused projects, events, and consultation opportunities. The Northern Ireland Youth Assembly is about amplifying the youth voice and ensuring it's heard at every level. *We wish both Nadia and Caleb well as they embark on their year long term with the Northern Ireland Youth Assembly '24.*

Colour Run update

We are looking forward to the upcoming Colour Run on November 29th 2023.

Over 460 students from Year 8 to Year 14 are participating. The glasses and paint has arrived. *DJ and videographer have been booked and we cannot wait for a fun afternoon!*

CGS was delighted to welcome renowned educationalist Bradley Busch to spend a day with staff discussing effective learning and teaching strategies. Bradley is a chartered psychologist and author of the best-selling book *The Science of Learning*. *The event, organised by the Carrickfergus Grammar School Research Hub, was the latest in a series of CPD sessions led by world-class experts.*

Research work at CGS continues



CGS COLOUR RUN

NOVEMBER 29TH

£20

TSHIRT, GLASSES, PAINT INCLUDED

Health and Social Care Success



Well done to our fantastic Year 14 Health and Social Care students who were delivering health promotion campaigns as part of their coursework this week. Our students went above and beyond to plan fun, interactive activities on healthy eating and healthy teeth. Our Year 8 and 9 students thoroughly enjoyed learning about how to make smoothies, how to brush their teeth to their favourite song and guessing games they have worked so hard over the past few weeks to plan interactive and engaging sessions. *Congratulations!*

CGS Netball



We are really proud of our Year 9/10 team Netball team who travelled to Bloomfield on recently to play in the Junior league blitz day. The girls played some fantastic netball and came away winning 2 out of their 3 matches, defeating Ulidia (9.3) and Bloomfield (5.0). It was a tough game against Hunterhouse, but the girls fought hard throughout and didn't make it easy for this very strong side with the final score being 15:10 to HunterHouse. All of our girls played well and showed a lot of promise. Player of the blitz goes to Rose Derwin for her strong defensive and strategic play on and off the ball. *Well done to all.*

CGS Careers latest



Recently our Year 14 pupils had a guest speaker from CAFRE.

This was a very informative presentation by Liz Simpson who emphasised the Higher Education courses on offer and discussed the range of job opportunities in the Northern Ireland Food Industry. *Thank you to Liz for a great insight.*

Junior School Christmas Exams 2023

With Key Stage 3 Christmas Assessments next week, keep up to date at <https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com/exam-timetables>

Christmas Assessments 2023 Year 8

Year 8	Year 21*
Session 1 (9.00 - 10.05)	French (30 mins)
Session 2 (10.05 - 11.10)	REVISION
Session 3 (11.25 - 12.30)	History (30 mins)
Session 4 (1.15 - 2.20)	REVISION
Session 5 (2.20 - 3.25)	Biology (30 mins)

#be prepared

Christmas Assessments 2023 Year 9

Year 9	Year 21*
Session 1 (9.00 - 10.05)	History (1 hour)
Session 2 (10.05 - 11.10)	REVISION
Session 3 (11.25 - 12.30)	Digital Technology (35 mins)
Session 4 (1.15 - 2.20)	HE (30 mins)
Session 5 (2.20 - 3.25)	Chemistry (50 mins)

Christmas Assessments 2023 Year 10

Year 10	Year 21*	Wed 23rd	Thurs 23rd	Fri 24th
Session 1 (9.00 - 10.05)	English (1 hour)	History (1 hour)	REVISION	Music (30 mins)
Session 2 (10.05 - 11.10)	REVISION	REVISION	Maths (1 hour)	REVISION
Session 3 (11.25 - 12.30)	Digital Technology (35 mins)	Biology (30 mins)	REVISION	Geography (35 mins)
Session 4 (1.15 - 2.20)	HE (30 mins)	REVISION	RS (45 mins)	REVISION
Session 5 (2.20 - 3.25)	Chemistry (50 mins)	French (50 mins)	Physics (45 mins)	Spanish (30 mins)

Please read instructions carefully:

- Registration will take place as normal from Tuesday 21st November - Friday 24th November
- You must arrive back to your exam class room throughout the day at 11.25 am and 1.10 pm SHARP
- Bring book and notes for each exam subject as you may be given time at the start of an exam slot to revise, depending on the length of your exam. Do not rely on this time for important revision, this will simply be for reading through revision notes again, so come to your exam prepared in advance!
- Diags should be left at the front or back of the classroom as instructed by your teacher.
- Smart watches should not be worn and mobile phones must be turned off.
- You will only be allowed a small pencil case on your desk.
- No food to be eaten in exam room. You may bring 1 bottle of water only.

Talking or cheating during exams will result in 0 marks



CGS Community News

The Carrickfergus Grammar School community extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of past pupil Mr David Hilditch who sadly passed away recently. We remember Mr Hilditch as a truly dedicated, committed and supportive public representative and are thankful for his considerable contributions to the school's development over many years.



Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 21st-Friday 24th November - Years 8-10 examinations
- 11th-15th December - Year 10 Careers Focus Week
- 11th December - Year 10 Careers Information Evening
- 14th December - Carol Service
- 15th December - Year 10 Careers Interviews

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SMART GREENHOUSE WORKSHOP - HOW ELECTRONICS CAN HELP STOP WORLD HUNGER



LEARN TO CODE!
CREATE YOUR OWN SMART GREENHOUSE!

Join us @Ulster University
For: Secondary School Students (age 11-14)
Date: 25th November 2023
Time: 10am to 1.30pm
Venue: Ulster University, Belfast Campus (Free Refreshments provided)
Registration: Free (scan QR code to register)



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