



## Queen's University Visit

In line with the school's focus on aspiration, yesterday our Year 8 pupils visited the Queen's University of Belfast to learn about the exiting degree and career opportunities available to them after their 7-year journey at CGS. They also got a tour of the campus and undertook activities in Psychology, Computer Science, Engineering and Geography. *Thank you, QUB!*



## Sporting success latest

This has been a very successful week for our senior Rugby and Hockey teams at CGS. A great performance from the 1st XV saw CGS win 14-5 against a strong Antrim GS side. After an early Antrim try, the resilience from the squad kicked in and after a period of pressure, two penalties from Ellis Branagh brought Carrickfergus GS ahead 6-5 going into the break. CGS continued applying pressure in the second half with great linespeed and forced mistakes Joshua Oluwatula eventually burst through for the decisive score. Another penalty from Branagh put two scores between the sides and despite some frantic defence, Carrickfergus closed the game out.



Congratulations also to the 1XI who defeated rivals Belfast High 1-0, with Olivia Woodside scoring the winning goal after a fantastic team effort. Coaches' players of the match: Ellie Browne and Sophie McCreery.

The 2XI also played very well. They were strong in defence under constant pressure. Coaches' player of the match Nina Smith, made some fantastic saves to keep the score at 0-0. *Well played girls!*



## Rugby Coaching success

Several of our Year 13 students completed the practical day of the Ulster level 2 coaching course today at Dungannon RFC. This week was the final module of the course and the boys had to plan and execute training drills. We are immensely proud of Harry Bell, Cameron Brown and Adam Magill as they represented the school brilliantly. Congratulations on being the youngest participants on the course and completing it with flying colours. *We look forward to seeing them form a crucial part of the junior coaching set up at Carrickfergus Grammar this season and beyond.*

#proud



## Mount Snowdon Challenge



On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Mrs Buchanan climbed Mount Snowdon in Wales, along with other ladies from her gym. They were fundraising for The Mae Murray Foundation; a charity that supports people of all ages and abilities to get active, have fun and make friends... especially those who are often excluded. Mrs Buchanan has raised a total of £700 from very kind donations from the school community. As a team they have raised over £16.3k with events over the past 8 months. *This is a massive contribution to this very worthwhile charity, so a big thank you to all involved.*

## Parents' Association

The Parents' Association are holding a Table Quiz on **Friday 13 October**. Parents, pupils and staff all invited. **Venue:** Dobbins Inn. **Time:** 8.00pm start **Price:** Suggested donation of £5 per person. Pay on the night and Raffle on the night. *All welcome!*

## Creative Writing Club

Our Creative Writing Club have been working on their entries for the Young Writer's poetry competition: **This is Me**. Using experiences from their own life, thoughts about their personalities, or even ideas about their likes and dislikes, pupils construct a poem in any form, using any techniques they wish. So far, we have had 25 entries to the competition and some fantastic poetic creations! New competitions are always sprouting up, so if poetry isn't for you, why not join to try writing some short stories? Creative Writing Club is on every week 1, Friday, in Room 38 with Miss Caldwell. *If you can't attend due to other lunch-time commitments, make sure you check in with Miss Caldwell for competition details and entry forms.*

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## Championship level for CGS Pupil

Over the last few weeks Ava Groves Year 10 has taken part in both the Tri Wizard and Irish Midlands championships. Ava has only been dancing over a year and is already at championship level. *Well done, Ava!*



## Science Club

Science Club continued it's busy start to the year, with this week the turn of Mrs Turner. Pupils had the opportunity to develop their engineering skills by building platforms, that were then tested to see which one could hold the most weight before collapsing. *Don't forget that Science Club is on after school on Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30pm, with a different Science activity every week.*



## Dates for your diary

Made for More Event with Years 11 and 12 – October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Year 8 Parental Consultations 2.50-5.30pm – October 27<sup>th</sup>