



CGS NEWS

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Annual Prize Night 2023

Our annual Prize Night took place on Thursday 21st September 2023. Governors, staff, past and present pupils came together to acknowledge the meeting of potential and to pay tribute to the Class of 2023. The Principal, Mr Maxwell, spoke on the theme of Strength, and paid tribute to the pupils' outstanding A Level results, particularly when their education had been so disrupted due to COVID-19.

Our Guest Speaker, Mr Baker, Chief Executive of the Controlled School Support Council, spoke on the topic of Community and highlighted the strength of the school community at CGS. Special mention goes to the winner of the White Cup for Commitment, Ivan Onyshchenko, who joined CGS from the Ukraine in September 2022, and after just one year attained an 'A' grade in GCSE Maths as well as GCSE English, English Literature and Digital Technology modules. *CGS congratulates all Prize Winners, and wishes the Class of 2023 every success in the next chapter of their lives.*

#proud



Celebrating Key Stage 3 Success

This week we also celebrated the excellent work and effort of our Year 11 pupils in our annual Key Stage 3 certificate and prize distributions. We were delighted to be joined by Victoria Simms, a professor of developmental psychology at Ulster University, as our Guest of Honour. *Well done to all our prize winners.*



Year 8 Hockey news



Our new Year 8 pupils had their first hockey practice on the 2G pitch after school this week...and what a turn-out!

European Day of Languages 2023



To celebrate European Day of Languages, some of our Year 13 pupils visited local primary schools, Victoria PS, Model PS and Eden PS, to teach pupils in Primary 5 and 6.

Jasmine Haggan and Lili Adams taught items of school uniform in Spanish and Ruby Galvin and Sophie Hamilton taught animals in French. *Well done, girls!*

CGS RUGBY VS RBAI



A very spirited performance by our 1XV squad against a well drilled and dangerous RBAI side. Our boys have been working hard in training and it was refreshing to see the significant improvements on the pitch.

Defensive line speed, communication and resilience was much improved, and we remained competitive until the very end.

This game provided an excellent opportunity to build up match fitness with every member of the squad playing a valuable role on the day. This week we have a challenging game against Lurgan College @ home on Saturday 30th (KO scheduled for 10:30 but may be moved slightly forward).

Our thanks to Mervyn Middleby who has taken photos of the game and can be accessed through the following link

<https://flickr.com/photos/29740378@N04/sets/72177720311436554>



UK Wrestling Champion

He has only gone and done it again! Congratulations to our very own Mark Todd, Year 9, on winning Gold in the UK Wrestling Championships in England. *Well done, Mark!*



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STEM Club starts back

Our STEM club started up this week, with a new group of budding Year 8 students. We investigated the world of bionics, crafting some bionic arms. Well done to everyone involved.

#powerofSTEM

#preparetosucceed



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Take part in the national 2023 ICE CityZen Award
- a civil engineering digital team challenge
for students aged 16-18.

WIN prizes of up to £2,000*

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Grow your skills!

*Awarded weekly between entering teams and solving

The Cityzen competition will begin on Tuesday 3rd Oct at 3.30 in room 10. If you are a Maths, Physics, Technology or Geography student and interested in a career in engineering you may wish to take part!



Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th October @ 7pm

Study Skills – information evening for parents of pupils in Years 11-14



Music and Sport Awards

This week we also celebrated many of the students who dedicate their time and drive to be outstanding in the lifelong pursuits of Music and Sport. Here are those who have achieved Colours, Colours with Distinction or Honours for Music.

We were delighted that Mrs Diane Creighton came along to meet and encourage all the prize winners.

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