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Exam Success 2023



Carrickfergus Grammar School has congratulated its GCSE students on their exam results, which are some of the best ever recorded at the school.

An unprecedented 34 students achieved 9 or more A*/A grades, representing 29% of the year group. 100% of pupils attained 5 or more passes at A*-C including English and Maths, and 99% achieved 7 or more passes at A*-C including English and Maths. At AS and A2 Level on their exam results a record 29 pupils at the North Road school achieved straight A*/A grades in 3 or 4 of their A Level subjects. Those pupils included Adam Brown, Jay Cully, Holly Disley, Caoimhe Dorrian, Craig Dorrian, Abigail Dunlop, Zak Fairless, Kuba Glogowski, Jessica Hayes, Matthew Hazel, Sophie Jones, Ryan Kennedy, Asha McClean, Matt McComb, Paige Millar, Grace Moore, Kristen Moore, Sarah Moore, Rebecca McAtamney, Joshua Nelson, Lydia Nimick, Paige Pollock, Lee Robinson, Dylan Sproule, Nicola Smyth, Megan Spence, Amy Taylor, Rhianna Taylor and Sam Wharry. *Well done, everyone!*

#proud



CGS sailors represented Carrickfergus Grammar School recently at the Royal Yachting Association NI Youth Championships and NI Schools Cup hosted at Ballyholme, Bangor. The competition was a 2-day event across 7 different classes of boat where participants competed individually, and thereafter points were added towards the Sailing Club Trophy and the Schools Cup.

Youth Sailing Championships

All CGS sailors were part of the County Antrim Yacht Club team which finished in second place. Congratulations to Holly M, Calum P, Rory P, Lucy M. and Grace H. *School was delighted to cheer you on alongside parents!*



Extra curricular @ CGS

#getinvolved

Find out more at:
<https://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com>

CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL Extra-Curricular Activities 2023 / 2024				
Monday				
Start/End	Time	Activity	Year Groups	Location
✓	12:30 - 1:10	Chess Club	All Year Groups	Room 10
✓	12:40 - 1:10	Lunchtime Club	Year 8 & 9	Room 9
✓	12:45 - 1:30	Senior Choir	Year 11 - 14	Room 8

Congratulations to former pupil Jamie Wharry who has achieved a 2:1 in Computer Science including Professional Experience (BEng). He will be returning to Citi (where he completed his professional experience) as an ICG Technology Analyst. *Well done, Jamie!*



Past pupil success

Start Academy 2023

Mackenzie Hamilton and Haley Ocean Schmidt taking a bow after their showcase summer performance as part of the Start Academy, Bruiser Theatre Company at the Mac Theatre, Belfast.

The pupils were accepted into the Start Academy, aimed at giving pupils access to drama training. Their programme included performances of 'Revolting Kids' from Matilda, 'Mime Doesn't Pay', a Shakespeare mashup and 'Ten Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse'. *Well done to our pupils who gave excellent performances.*



Welcome Mr Fittis

CGS is delighted to welcome back former Deputy Head Boy, Mr Adam Fittis. Mr Fittis has been appointed as a permanent, full-time teacher of Mathematics at the school. We wish him every success in his new role at Carrickfergus Grammar School.



Year 8 Induction 2023

The new Year 8 pupils enjoyed a busy start to life in Carrickfergus Grammar School. The importance of Study skills building relationships, having respect for oneself and each other, while promoting the necessity of positive mental health was high on the agenda.

These induction activities are of vital importance in helping the Year 8 students settle into their new school. *Thank you to our 20 6th Year pupils who gave up their time to support the Year 8 students over the two days.*



Breakfast Club News

Breakfast club resumes again in 2023/2024 in Miss Elliott's room (46), from 8-8.30am. There will be a choice of toast, bagel, pancakes, tea, coffee, apple and orange juice. The breakfast will continue to be free thanks to Mrs Sproule, Mrs Shannon and the staff of Carrickfergus Grammar school.



Duke of ED Award Scheme

Many congratulations to the 33 Year 12 pupils who completed their 3-day Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition in the Mourne Mountains. They faced many challenges...long routes, atrocious weather on Saturday afternoon, cold nights in the tent, midgies and even a broken boot! But they faced it all with resilience, good spirits and resolve, and there were many happy (and tired) faces at the end. *Thanks to the awesome team of assessors Samantha, Liz and Joanna, and also super supervisors Paul and George, as well as staff from school who helped out.* #proud

BE BLOOD CANCER AWARE THIS SEPTEMBER

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

- Extreme Fatigue
- Night Sweats
- Bruising and Bleeding
- Joint Pain
- Recurring infections
- Lumps

Blood Cancer is the 5th most common cancer in Northern Ireland

LEUKAEMIA & LYMPHOMA NI

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 21st September, 7pm - Prize Distribution (Academic awards)
- Monday 25th September, 2pm - Achievement Assembly (Sports/Music/Extra Curricular awards)
- Tuesday 26th September, 2pm - Key Stage 3 Certificate Assembly (Academic and other prizes for pupils in the current Year 11)

#BCAMLLNI, #BCAM2023, #bloodcancerawarenessmonth and #beatingbloodcancerthroughresearch