



# CGS NEWS

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## Leadership Project

Mrs Best and successful applicants of SistersIn: Chloe McIveen, Kylie Lyttle, Keeley Smylie, Julia Officer, Ellen Dunlop and Eva Herron. The girls can't wait to meet their fabulous mentors and get started on their leadership projects.

@SistersIn\_HQ is a leadership programme to enable, empower and develop female pupils in Education to become the leaders of tomorrow by building leadership capability and confidence. *Well done, girls!*



## Made for More visit

We welcomed Made for More to school on Thursday 19th to take sessions with Years 11 & 12. They spoke with Year 11 about making good choices in life, specifically around the issues of vaping and drug use. Year 12 had a session on managing exam stress, looking at ways to help them avoid becoming overwhelmed in the run up to exams. *Big thanks to the Made for More team who made the sessions interactive and fun.*



## Sport Captains

Congratulations to Mya Branagh and Ajay Dodds on their new roles for 2023/2024.

## Scripture Union Latest

It was great to have 42 CGS Scripture Union pupils up in Portrush for the day to spend time together, build friendships and learn more about God. We had pupils from almost every year group, who travelled up on the coach to St Mark's Presbyterian Church where we were based for the day, to learn from the Made for More team about God's love and protection. After lunch, kindly donated by Lynas Foods and cooked by Miss Lemon and Mrs McKeeman, we headed to the beach for a sandcastle competition and games. Well done to Alex Hogg for a great final session on prayer and to 42 pupils who did our school proud!



## UK Senior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 14 Mathematicians, pictured here with their certificates, after completing the Senior UK Maths Challenge. *Well done, everyone!*



Thanks too to all the staff who came along and supported us, we really appreciated it. *Looking forward to our SU Weekend next year and everyone is welcome to our weekly SU lunchtime sessions every Wednesday.*





## Geography Department Out and About

Year 13 AS Geography students from CGS and Carrickfergus Academy were in Crawfordsburn Country Park for fieldwork last Friday. They got to see river processes in action in the aftermath of Storm Babet. Key aspects can now be built into their theory studies in the months ahead.

## Hockey success continues...

Well done to the 3XI who have progressed through to the next round of the Gibson Cup after defeating Glenlola Collegiate on penalty run-ins!

It was an exciting end to end game which finished 1-1 after full time. *The game then went to run-ins. Laura Dunlop made some incredible saves and Anna Stewart sealed the victory in sudden death!*



## Drama Club latest

We are off to a brilliant start this year, with strong attendance each week after school in room 26.

Leaders Jason Gillespie, Ella McKinney, Rachel Elliott and Naomi Hazley are ensuring that the club is a lively, welcoming and expressive environment for all. *Recently pupils attended a workshop facilitated by Cheryl O'Dwyer from Bruiser Theatre Company, which was a great foundation in the Physical Theatre Style of the company.*



## Young Writers Competition

Congratulations to the members of 8Q who successfully had their poems chosen for publication in the Young Writers Competition – This is Me I Am.



Find out more at : <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/>.



## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Pupils return to school on a **WEEK 1 TIMETABLE**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service

## Netball News



It was great to see the girls competing on Friday at the Netball Intermediate Blitz day in Carrick LC.

The team is going from strength to strength with Erika and Rose playing a fantastic defensive game together and the team was linked from defensive into attack with the great efforts of Sophia and Caitlin. Great effort by all the girls. *Well done, onwards and upwards.*

