



# CGS NEWS

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## Key Dates in December

14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at 7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Christmas Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Break at 12pm

All medical / dental appointments should be made outside school hours. If it is necessary for your child to attend an appointment during the school day a note must be written and presented to their class tutor during registration in order to avoid disruption to lessons.

The school office should not be contacted about such appointments except in the case of an emergency.

### *Gentle Reminder*

If you haven't already done so, please remember to return your school fund envelope

**\*\*\* All Saturday Morning Sporting Fixtures have been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions \*\*\***

## DERRYTRASNA PASTORAL CARE AWARDS

These are awards for schools that have demonstrated exceptional effort in supporting the pastoral care of pupils and their families in the past 18 months.

**Schools cannot self-nominate but parents or others can!**

**Closing date: Friday 15 December 2017**

If you would like to nominate CGS please use the online form at [www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/derrytrasna-award-pastoral-care](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/derrytrasna-award-pastoral-care)



**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

**DETAILS OF A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE COMING NEXT WEEK**

**GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON !!!**

## **A-LEVEL ACCOUNTING AT CGS Successes past...successes present...successes yet to come!**

*The Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics are delighted with achievements by students who have progressed from Carrickfergus Grammar School. For the last three years, a student from the School has won the KPMG sponsored award for the top three students in year two of the BSc Hons Accounting (Pathways) programme. These are very prestigious programmes for the Department and the Ulster University Business School. Carrickfergus Grammar School has been a great advocate for the programmes and their students are highly capable and talented, as evidenced by these results.*

*Danielle McWall, Associate Head of Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, and Course Director of the BSc Hons Accounting (Pathways) programme.*

**As you can see, our Accounting department sparkles not only at Christmas but right through the year!**

Having achieved 100% A\*-C grades in this year's A-level results we are very proud that three former pupils have won the same glittering award in the Business School at Ulster University, and in consecutive years! What is more, CGS is the only school in Northern Ireland to have achieved this dazzling success.

**Lyndsey Reid, Thomas Livings and Natalie Hall** all studied A-level Accounting at CGS, with Lyndsey and Natalie achieving an A grade and Thomas being one of only 2% of Accounting candidates in the UK to achieve an A\* grade. All three chose to study Accounting at Ulster University.

Lyndsey was the first to win the KPMG sponsored award for coming top of her year in the BSc Hons Accounting (Pathways) programme. She had already made an excellent start to university life as her performance in first year not only earned her the EY Accounting award but also the Academic Excellence Award for the highest mark overall in the Ulster Business School along with the Henry Murray Cup for the top overall student in first year.

Thomas was next to win the KPMG sponsored award for his performances in second year, yet he had already followed in Lyndsey's footsteps by winning the EY Accounting award and the Henry Murray Cup for the top student overall in first year. Alongside these Thomas won the Alumni Fund Award for being the top performing first year undergraduate student. He has now progressed to the Masters in Advanced Accounting having secured a training contract with EY, and we fully expect that Thomas will continue to excel on this programme.

Natalie is the most recent winner of the KPMG sponsored award, having come top of her year in Year 2 of her degree course – the only way to improve on coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in her first year! This year Natalie also won the CIMA Achievement of Excellence award for coming top of the year in the Management Accounting module. This comes as no surprise following her appointment as a BDO Scholar; she was awarded a scholarship from the global professional services firm on completion of her A-levels, and they have already offered her a graduate job when she completes her degree. As part of her role she spoke at the CBI annual dinner in front of 600 business leaders about the importance of retaining local graduates and holding the talent in young people here in Northern Ireland.

**Congratulations to Lyndsey, Natalie and Thomas, and of course to their Accounting teachers, Mr Stephen Martin and Miss Sheryl Mawhinney.**



## JUNIOR BOOK CLUB

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Miss Stewart, Mrs Reid and Mrs J Taylor accompanied pupils who are part of Junior Book Club to Carrickfergus Omniplex to see the film production of "Wonder". Lauren McAllister and Anna Coulter (Year 14 pupils) who lead the Junior Book Club, along with Miss Stewart, were also in attendance. This was a great evening out and brilliant opportunity to see the film version of the book by R.J. Palacio which the Junior Book Club are currently reading.



## Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

On Wednesday, some of our Year 13 pupils, received a badge and certificate to mark the successful completion of their Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Awards. Throughout the past two years these pupils have been committed to a weekly volunteering project, a physical sporting activity and to the learning and development of a chosen skill. In addition the group have tested their resilience, endurance and teamwork skills on two self-sufficient expeditions in the Mourne Mountains.



Well done to all.

Euan Milburn , Jamie Wharry, Daniel Curley, Daniel Alderdice, Joshua Irvine, Jake Neilly, Ellese Bell, Rachel Herron, Clare McIntosh, Steven Ferris, Andrew Curry, Matthew Black, Scott Gray, Adam Gardner and Philip Stewart



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**  
Make the world better with a sweater!

Our next Fundraising event will be a  
Christmas Jumper Day on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**School Scarves for sale at  
the school office**

**£5**





# CAREERS DEPARTMENT

## Careers Announcements:

Careers Guidance Interviews (by appointment only) are every Thursday in Thornfield.  
Appointments can be made with Mrs Barry in the Grainger Centre.

## Careers Events:

Date	Event	Year Group	Time	Location	Contact Teacher/ Further Information
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Budgeting/ Personal Finance	14	Period 4		Mr Marshall/ Mr Warke
15 <sup>th</sup> December (deadline for application)	Sentinus IT programme: Two days are spent at university and the other two in industry.	13	Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Various locations.	Limited spaces. If interested, please see Mrs Buchanan asap.
10 <sup>th</sup> January (but recommended to apply before Christmas)	Deadline for applications to St.Mary's University College (BEd Hons Primary & Secondary/ BA Hons Liberal Arts degree)	14			See Mr Martin Application guidance: <a href="http://www.smucb.ac.uk/admissions/application/default.asp">www.smucb.ac.uk/admissions/application/default.asp</a> Application form: <a href="http://www.smucb.ac.uk/admissions/apply/default.asp">www.smucb.ac.uk/admissions/apply/default.asp</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> January (tbc)	YE Event: Success Skills	12	4 sessions	tbc	Mrs Buchanan
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Stranmillis Open Day	13	10am-1.30pm	Stranmillis	Please let Mrs Buchanan know if you will be attending.

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