



# CGS NEWS

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## Key Dates in January

4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school – Week 1 Timetable
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 Parental Interviews
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Evening – School closes at 12.40pm
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Publication of AQE results
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 12 Parental Interviews

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- School closes at 12pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. There will be NO canteen. No school buses will run on afternoon of Wed 20 Dec. Buses will run as normal that morning.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December are non-uniform days
- Only school scarves should be worn to and from school. School scarves are available to purchase at reception for £5

## MATHS DEPARTMENT – Year 12 GCSE

Reminder that pupils in Mr Warke , Miss Edge & Mr Irwin classes will be sitting half of their GCSE Maths on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. Please ensure that your child has completed the past paper booklets by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Papers and solutions are available at [www.ccea.org.uk](http://www.ccea.org.uk) <http://www.ccea.org.uk>.

If your son/daughter is also sitting the Foundation GCSE module (T5), on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**, the blue past paper booklet should be fully completed, marked and corrected by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Mr K Marshall

## Year 13 & 14 Mock Examinations Key Information

Exams start on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive)

Pupils only need attend school if examination scheduled

Normal classes restart on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Session 1 starts at 8.45am to 12pm  
Session 2 starts at 1.20pm to 3.30pm

**Plan for your child to be in school at least 15 mins before the start of any exam.**

**All written examinations take place in the studio.**

Click on [www.carrickfergusgrammar.com](http://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com) to view exam timetables



*Merry Christmas  
from all at  
Carrickfergus  
Grammar School*



**Year 8 Christmas Disco – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**7pm to 9pm**

**Wear your Christmas Dress to Impress!**

**£3 entry – proceeds to Habitat for Humanity**

**Tuck Shop / Photo Booth / Snapchat Filter**

# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm all pupils are invited to use the assembly hall as a social area while the instrumentalists of the school provide some Christmassy tunes. There will be Christmas buns and cakes!



Win a Christmas Hamper full of chocolate goodies and vouchers for Amazon, Topshop and Topman (worth over £50). Tickets will be sold around school and the draw will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at reception. Proceeds towards Hockey Tour.

*Christmas Sing-A-Long – Mr Currie's and Mr Irwin's annual festive sing-a-long of Christmas Songs is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at reception area during lunch time – All pupils welcome.*



## Non – Uniform Days

Fundraising for Save the Children and Parents' Association with non – uniform days on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Donation of £2 to be collected at registration on Tuesday which gets entry into Christmas raffle. Lots of great prizes to be won!



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Make the world better with a sweater!



Habitat for Humanity works beside families to build, renovate or repair homes in 70 countries around the world. During the summer of 2018, Erin MacQuarrie in Year 12, is travelling to Romania with Habitat NI's Youth Build. She is also experiencing 24 hours 'homeless' from 11am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 11am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at Caldwell's Spar in Islandmagee.

If you would like to support Erin please visit, <https://habitatniyouthbuild2018.everydayhero.com>



# CAREERS DEPARTMENT

## Careers Events:

Date	Event	Year Group	Time	Location	Contact Teacher/ Further Information
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.smuchb.ac.uk/admissions/application/default.asp">www.smuchb.ac.uk/admissions/application/default.asp</a> Application form: <a href="http://www.smuchb.ac.uk/admissions/apply/default.asp">www.smuchb.ac.uk/admissions/apply/default.asp</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> January	YE Event: Success Skills	11	4 sessions	tbc	Mrs Buchanan
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Work Experience	13		various	Mr McKittrick

## Careers Announcements:

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

Any year 13 pupil interested in studying at university in Holland after they leave school should check their school email account for more information about an upcoming information event.



## Smashed Project.

In December, The Smashed Project visited our Year 9 pupils. This project uses the power of stage and drama to create a thought provoking production focused on breaking the culture of underage drinking in Northern Ireland. Thank you to John Stewart, MLA and past pupil, for also attending this event.

### Reminders:

- There will be no Maths Clinic after school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Senior Choir – please meet at 8.30am at Saint Nicholas' Church on Monday morning.
- Year 12 Girls Netball team please check the noticeboard for team news for away match against Downshire next Tuesday.

