



# CGS NEWS

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## January 2018 School Calendar Announcements

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 10 parent / teacher consultations from 1.20 to 3.25pm. School will close at 12.40pm for all pupils. Year 10 pupils should bring packed lunch.
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Open Night – School will close at 12.40pm for all pupils.

## February 2018 School Calendar Announcements

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Year 12 parent / teacher consultations from 1.20 to 3.25pm. School will close at 12.40pm for all pupils. Year 12 pupils should bring packed lunch.

Please note on the above dates –

- There will be NO lunch time canteen facilities
- Buses will remain at the usual times – any pupils who cannot make alternative travel arrangements, the Grainger Centre will remain open for study until 3.30pm

### ALTERNATIVE TIMETABLE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ABOVE DATES:-

(No registration time, pupils go direct to period 1 class)

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| Period 1 | 8.45 – 9.30   |
| Period 2 | 9.30 – 10.15  |
| Period 3 | 10.15 – 11.00 |
| BREAK    | 11.00 – 11.10 |
| Period 4 | 11.10 – 11.55 |
| Period 5 | 11.55 – 12.40 |

Pupils will need to have their books etc for ALL 5 periods

Carrickfergus Grammar School  
*'Prepare To Succeed'*



## OPEN EVENING

Carrickfergus Grammar school is a thriving school community with a warm, positive atmosphere which values the academic promise of each individual child who joins us.

The Open Evening this academic year is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 6.30pm - 9pm with the Principal's address at 8.30pm.

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## Resit Information

Any pupil in Year 12, 13 & 14 who wishes to resit an External Exam, forms will be available from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Forms must be returned with the correct fee to Mrs Kirk, at the school office, by the following dates

Year 13 & 14 - 26<sup>th</sup> January

Year 12 – 8<sup>th</sup> February

Congratulations to Matthew Black (Year 13) who has been selected to represent NI Rotary Club in Towards A Better Understanding project in Chicago in 2018!



### Read up! Read all about it!

Our Book Fair returns on **Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January!** All KS3 (Years 8-10) English classes will have the opportunity to visit the fair during class time. Everyone else is welcome to visit at lunchtime between 12:55-1:15 in the **STUDIO!** The Book Fair will last one week – the last day will be Wednesday 24th January.

Come along and buy some books to beat the January blues and get ready for Read On week!

### Technology and Design Club

Some fantastic skills on show as the Technology and Design Club completed Christmas Reindeers just in time before the Christmas break.



### Primary School Visits.

Mr Macdonald and Miss Patterson have been visiting the local primary schools this week giving the P6 & P7s information on our school.



Thanks to all the CGS pupils who accompanied the teachers on the visits

### CONGRATULATIONS



Richard Douglas, one of CGS music tutors, has been awarded the MBE in the military division of the 2018 New Years Honours List.

**ODYSSEY PARENTING YOUR TEEN PROGRAMME**

**I HATE THIS HOUSE!**  
You do my head in!  
Get out of my room!  
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. LEAVE ME ALONE!

**SOUND FAMILIAR?**

Helping you deal with the reality of living with teenagers

**CALL TO REGISTER: 0808 8010 722**

**BELFAST**  
Tues 23rd January - Tues 13th March  
Every Tuesday for 8 weeks  
6 pm - 8 pm

Parenting NI, Odyssey, Public Health Agency

**PARENTS WALKING ON EGGSHELLS**  
NON VIOLENT RESISTANCE PROGRAMME

CAMH to parent violence is an abuse of power through which the child or adolescent attempts to coerce, control or dominate others in the family.

Supporting parents & carers to achieve a calmer and violent free home

- Overcome sense of helplessness
- Develop a support network
- Stop destructive behaviours
- Improve family relationships

**BELFAST THURSDAYS**  
18th Jan - 8th Mar  
6 pm - 8 pm

\* All parents / carers will complete an initial telephone assessment to ensure the programme is suitable for their family circumstances.

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Parenting NI, HELPLINE 0808 8010 722



Former CGS pupil Ross Davidson requires assistance after meeting with a serious accident abroad. His family have set up a just giving page to help pay for Ross's medical bills and rehabilitation.

If you would like to donate please click on the link  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helprossdavidson>

### Rugby News

Schools' Cup Result Monday  
 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Carrickfergus GS 14

Strabane Academy 12



Schools' Cup Result Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 January

Carrickfergus GS 17

Regent House 40

The draw for the School's Trophy sees us pitted against Foyle College. This match will be played on or before Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January



# Sentinus

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics

*Year 13 – If you are interested in a career in IT or computing and you are currently studying ICT, Maths or Physics please check your school email from Mr Mckittrick on information regarding Sentinus.*

The Sentinus IT Bursary Placement Programme is an annual programme which provides students with a great opportunity to work alongside IT professionals in real IT work environments for 4 weeks over the Summer holiday period.

There are 20 placements available this Summer and students will have the opportunity to work on IT projects in their area of interest, not simply work shadowing.

The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.



## 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.

| Date                                 | Event                                | Year Group | Time         | Location              | Contact Teacher/ Further Information   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Work Experience                      | 13         |              | various               | Mr McKittrick  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February            | Belfast Bible College: Discovery Day | 13 & 14    | Starts 10.15 | Belfast Bible College | <a href="http://www.belfastbiblecollege.com/open-days">www.belfastbiblecollege.com/open-days</a> |