

CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 6th October 2017

ISSUE 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- YEAR 9 ACTION MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP – This is on Monday 9th October and will be focusing on bullying and promoting resilience.
- SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – For Year 8, 11 & 13 will take place on Tuesday 10th October.
- SU FAT SAT – This is the Scripture Union day trip which is heading to Portrush on Saturday 14th October. If your child is attending please look out for a reminder note. The bus will leave sharply at 9am and will return to school at 9pm.

ROADSAFE ROADSHOW

On Thursday 5th October Year 13 and 14 pupils attended the **Roadsafe Roadshow** held at Carrickfergus Grammar School and hosted by Pete Snodden from Cool FM. The show delivered a hard hitting message in relation to young drivers.

Mr Mulvenna commented after the event, *"The feedback from PSNI, Ambulance Service & Fire Service has been delightful."* He added, *"Young people, by their nature, generally have little sense of mortality and a happily blithe feeling of invincibility. Whilst this was a lovely way for us all to have been once upon a long time ago, this roadshow event will hopefully have prevented heartbreak coming to some, or even one, of our CGS families."*

Breakfast Club

Don't miss out on Breakfast as Breakfast Club runs every morning in Miss Elliot's room from 8.10 to 8.30am

Reminders

- Please bring school fund to reception
- No piercings are allowed in school
- Please bring your Data Collection Form to your Class Tutor asap.

Clubs & Activities

ICT Club – meets after school each Wednesday afternoon in Rm 11

Photography Club – meets after school each Wednesday at 3.30pm in Rm 25

Creative Writing Club – Friday lunchtime on a Week 1 meet in Rm 38

Chess Club – meets Tuesday & Thursday lunchtimes in Rm 19

Bridge Club – meets Tuesday lunchtime in Rm 49

Cookery Club – meets Tuesday 3.30 to 4.30pm in Room 46.

Scripture Union – meets Wednesday lunchtime in Rm 6

CGS
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Table Quiz
Friday 13th October at 7.30pm
Dobbin's Inn
£5 per person

European Day of Languages

The school celebrated European Day of Languages with a visit to local primary schools. Alex Williams and Robyn Clarke from Year 13 taught the topic of 'Food and Drink' in Spanish to Primary 5 and 6 pupils in Model, Victoria and Eden Primary Schools. Anna McAteer and Caitlin Steele taught the names in French of 'Classroom Objects'. The day was a great success for all pupils involved.



BIG BASH

Thank you to parents who supported the Bash. The pupils had a brilliant time! Highlights included an African dance and drumming workshop, high ropes and the talent show.

MATHS DEPARTMENT

- Maths Clinic will run each Monday after school for an hour in room 18 for all year 11 – 14 pupils who would like some extra support with their Maths. Pupils can come with problems to get explained or just sit and work through their Maths homework or past papers booklets and questions.
- Numeracy Support will run for an hour each Wednesday afternoon (starting 4th Oct) in the Grainger Centre for year 8 – 12 pupils who would like some extra support with their Maths. Pupils can come with problems to get explained or just to sit and work through their Maths homework or the support materials on Fronter.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- Anyone in years 8-12 who needs help with any aspect of English is welcome to come along to English Clinic after school on Tuesdays from 3.30 – 4.30pm in room 38 for support.
- BOOK DRIVE – If anyone has any books which you have read and no longer need which would be useful for our Year 8 to 10 class libraries, we would really appreciate it if you would send them into school. Any books suitable for ages 11 – 14 would be very much appreciated.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

There are lots of activities to get involved with in the Music Society and everyone is welcome. This is the schedule for a typical week:

Monday Lunchtime:	Senior Choir (Years 11 to 14)
Tuesday Breaktime:	Boys' Choir (all Year Groups)
Tuesday Lunchtime:	Traditional Music Club (all year groups and no experience necessary)
Tuesday After School (until 4.15pm):	Junior Girls' Choir (Years 8 to 11)
Wednesday After School (until 4.45pm):	Senior Choir (Years 11 to 14)
Thursday After School (until 4.30pm):	Concert Band (Anyone who plays a wind, brass or percussion instrument)
Thursday After School (until 4.30pm):	String Orchestra & Concert Band (All string instruments welcome)
Friday Lunchtime:	Senior Choir

Other groups meet now and again and if you are interested in starting a group, speak with Mr Craig or Mrs Withers. You do not have to receive instrumental tuition or be studying music at GCSE or A Level to be part of any of these groups. There is still a place available for private tuition on Violin, Harp, Brass and Singing.
(Piano, Clarinet and Flute is full up but we can create a waiting list if you are interested)



FRENCH TRIP to Paris 2018 – Parents please look out for letter with important details regarding payments.

Prize Distribution



Our Annual Prize Distribution was held on Thursday 28th September. Have a look at our website <http://www.carrickfergusgrammar.com> to read The Principal's speech.

Also click the link to see photos featured in the local press - <http://www.carrickfergustimes.co.uk/news/education/in-pictures-prize-distribution-at-carrickfergus-grammar-1-8183613>

Music & Sports Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to all who were rewarded for their effort and achievement at our recent Music and Sport Achievement Assembly.

Our guest speaker was Kevin Young from www.in-mynd.com who encouraged us in our success and gave some practically helpful advice on preparing for success.

Key Stage 3 Certificate Assembly

Congratulations to our current Year 11 pupils who received their Key Stage 3 Certificates. Many thanks to our chief guest and former pupil Deputy Mayor, Cllr Cheryl Johnston.



Peer Mentors

Completed their project on resilience in conjunction with the Arts Council



SPORT AT CGS – Recent Results

Rugby V Lurgan College

1st XV won 41-5

Tries from: David Doherty x 1; Jack Leathem x 1; Iain Dick x 1; Daniel Alderdice x 1; Jackson Smyth x 1; Daniel Curley x 2

Daniel Curley 3 conv

Medallion won 22-10

Tries from: James Weir x 1; Liam Kaprigiannis-Green x 2; Daniel Porter X11

James Millar 1 conv

U13 v Killicomaine JHS Won 34-17

Tries from: Oliver Patton x 3; Logan Peters x 1; Adam Hawthorne x 1; Callum Simms x 1

Hockey V Glenlola

2a's – won 4 nil

2b's – won 1 nil

U14a – lost 3-2

U14b – won 3 nil

U13a – won 3nil

U13b – lost 1 nil

Wednesday 4th October the 1st XI played Lagan College and drew 1-1

Thursday 5th October the senior teams hosted Kelso High School who are on hockey tour from Scotland. The 1st XI lost 6-4 and the 2a's won 1 nil

Saturday Sporting Fixtures

Rugby

U13s (away) and 1st XV (home) against Foyle College.

KO at 10:45am at school

Hockey

U13a, U14a, 2a, and 1st XI hockey squads will be travelling to Antrim to play Antrim Grammar in the first league match of the season.