

# CGS NEWS

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## CAFRE Visit for Year 14

Year 14 Nutrition and Food Science class attended an A-Level HACPP support workshop at Loughry Campus, CAFRE in Cookstown. The workshop allowed the pupils' a chance to develop their knowledge & understanding of how HACCP, a food safety management system, is applied in a practical situation during the production of meat, bakery and dairy products. *Overall the trip was a great experience that let the pupils put their learning into action!*

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# 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.

**Our Open Evening this year will be held on Thursday 16th January 2025. 6.30pm - 9.00pm**

Self-guided tours (school maps provided)  
**OR** book a pupil-led guided tour via the QR code

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

**CHOOSE RESPECT**

Recently, pupils discussed the theme for anti-bullying week this year 'Choose Respect'. They were encouraged to reflect on the language they use on social media and the impact that unpleasant comments or posts can have on others. *They were also reminded of the importance of speaking out if they are being treated badly by others or if they notice someone else being treated badly.*



**Maths at QUB**  
 Well done to our senior Mathematicians – Emily Winsby, Marc Campbell, Noah McCaffery and Max Matuszewski who took part in the Queens University Maths competition this week. We didn't make the top three unfortunately, but maybe next time!

## Year 12 Orienteering

Our Year 12 GCSE PE class attended the Palace Stables in Armagh for an intensive Orienteering course run by Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Council. The students completed two races, a star event and a cross country race. They also completed some exercises in map drawing, bearings and pacing. *Well done, everyone!*



## Night at the Lyric Theatre



**A fabulous adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic tale was relocated to Victorian Belfast.** Dan Gordon led a cast of very talented actors and musicians to retell this story of redemption and the true Christmas spirit of giving and sharing. After the show, Dan Gordon, who played the lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge, mingled with theatre goers and gave time to our pupils by posing for photographs. *It was a thoroughly enjoyable show and gave pupils a further insight into the text, which is studied by Year 9, and Theatre practice as studied in Year 9 and GCSE Drama.*

You are warmly invited to join with us at our  
**Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols**  
 led by the choirs, pupils and staff of  
**Carrickfergus Grammar School**  
 in St Nicholas' Parish Church

Thursday 12 December  
 at 7pm

Retiring Collection in aid of Parkinson's UK Northern Ireland  
 and refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall



## U13 XV RESULT

7-31

**CLOUGHAGH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
 HONOUR AND LOYALTY

**CARRICKFERGUS GS**  
 TOM FERRIS X 3  
 OLIVER TESTER X 2 & 3 CONV

## INspiring Entrepreneurs

Celebrating Female Entrepreneurial Leadership and Empowering the Next Generation

Date: Wednesday 4th December  
 Venue: The Great Hall, Belfast City Hall

## Sisters In Programme latest



**A great day spent in the beautiful City Hall this week, where we were inspired by amazing female business leaders @AliceThommo and Dr Pragya Sharma.** The girls had time to ponder their purpose and passion and were challenged to be ambitious in the pursuit of their dreams, one small step at a time. Great take-aways included overcoming failure and self-doubt and the importance of hard work! *Thanks to @SistersIN\_HQ and @DanskeBank\_UK for hosting us.*

**The Year 13 Health and Social Care class have been out on Placement in local primary schools this week.** They have been delivering a one-on-one or group activity with early years children as part of their Communication unit of coursework. *The girls have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the classroom and we wish to thank the schools and teachers for accommodating our pupils as they carried out observations and activities.*



**Local placements**

## Dates for your diary

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 10 Careers Focus week
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm - Carol Service, St Nicholas Church of Ireland, Carrick
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 10 Careers interviews (parents/guardians via SchoolCloud)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Alumni Association launch event
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Non-uniform day. School closes for Christmas holidays, midday.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Term 2 begins **(on a WEEK 2 timetable)**
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Years 12-14 'mock' examinations