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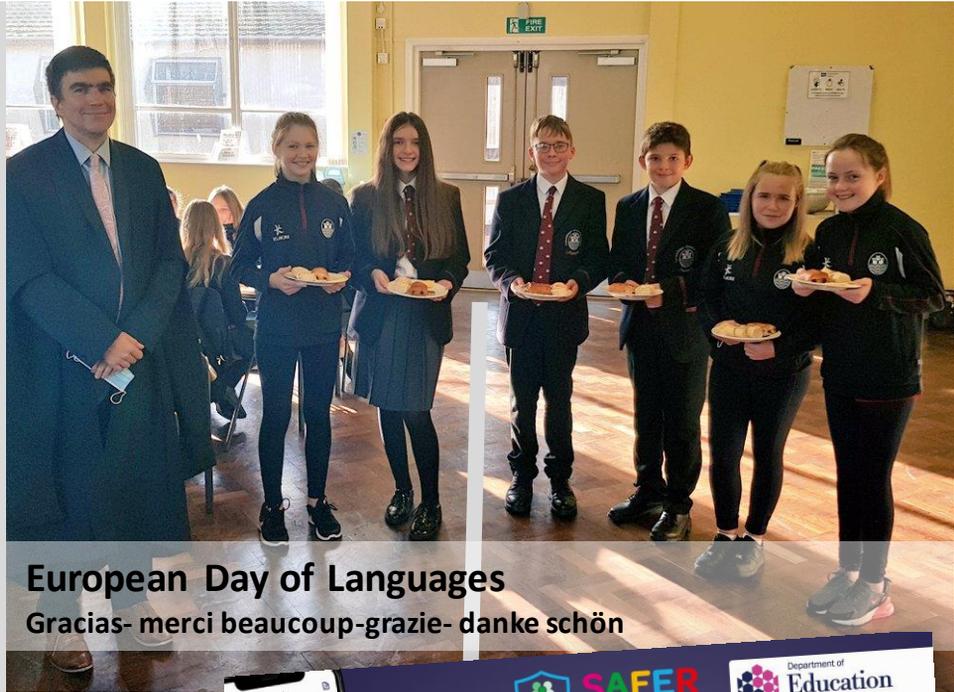
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On Monday 27th September, the pupils and staff at Carrickfergus Grammar School celebrated the European Day of Languages in a variety of ways.

In morning registration, Years 9-14 marked European Day of Languages by listening to their teacher greeting them, not in English, but in a different European Language.

Our new intake of Year 8s started the day with an Assembly conducted in German by our Principal. Mr Maxwell taught them a few tongue twisters in German and the Year 8s also learned some interesting facts about the education system in Germany. Then, they all made their way to the canteen where they were treated to a French breakfast which included croissants, hot chocolate, cheese, baguettes and juice. *Magnifique!*



European Day of Languages
Gracias- merci beaucoup-grazie- danke schön

Technology & Design STEM Club

Clubs & Societies



F1-In-Schools is an after school, in house version of the world wide competition. The club takes place after school on Mondays for pupils of Years 8 to 10 who are interested in Technology & Design. It allows students to develop their engineering and design skills and is great experience moving forward in school. The pupils will get the chance to design and create their own F1 car within teams. Overall the club offers a friendly and creative atmosphere where students can comfortably develop their skills.

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CGS Rugby

Good luck to Year 10 pupil Saul Logan, who is attending Ulster Rugby U16 RDS training this week.



Reminder – Carrickfergus Grammar School has moved to an online payment system for school lunches. You will be able to order and pay for your child's school lunch a week in advance. The menu is available in Parentmail.

Parents of children entitled to free school meals must also make menu choices through the system, without the need for payment.



Are you entitled?
Search online for "EANI free school meals"



Virtual work experience with local I.T Company Kainos.

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The programme is aimed at students aged 14-19 across the UK, they will gain a virtual insight into what it's like to work in the Tech Industry. Over the three days that students spend with Kainos, students will get to experience a taste of everything Kainos do, meet their people, and get hands-on experience of web development.

The programme is running from October to December 2021 and registration details are located:

<https://www.kainos.com/insights/events/virtual-work-experience>

Year 12 Careers Interviews will commence on Tuesday 12 October. If you haven't already done so, please complete the necessary online form. Guidance has been provided by each of the careers teachers. If you require further information, please contact Mrs Buchanan.

Curious about what Ulster University has to offer? From subject talks to campus tours, you can still watch back all of the Open Day footage.

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/schoolopenday>



Music Society

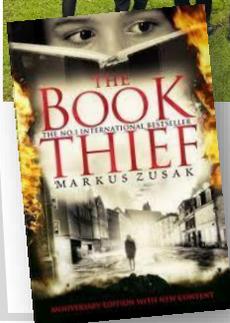
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Sprint to Success

A huge thank you to Dean Adams & www.speedsolutionsconsultancy.com who put classes 8S and 8Q through their paces recently in PE.

Dean is a former NI 100m champion and taught the students about correct sprinting mechanics and how to run faster!
#gettherefirst



Another study carried out at Sussex University, also 2017, indicated that teacher-led reading could improve pupils' reading comprehension age by an average of 8.5 months. With this in mind, we have introduced a new 'Tutor Reading Programme' with a difference – during form time Year 8 pupils will be read to aloud twice a week from a challenging text.

The Power of Storytelling

At Carrickfergus Grammar School we hope that from a young age our pupils have many opportunities to enjoy the immersive experience of storytelling.

Recent studies have proven that stories are powerful tools for learning. In 2017, the University of Texas completed a study outlining how reading aloud to children improved students' phonological awareness and language development.

All pupils will have a copy of the text and will follow along with the reading. Form Tutors and some of our A-level Literature students have eagerly taken up the challenge of reading to our Year 8 classes. We look forward to notable improvements in pupils' literacy as a result. This year, Year 8 will be reading 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak. A challenging yet heart-warming 'Young Adult' novel. The book was a New York Times bestseller and has been described as: "Thought-provoking, life-affirming, triumphant and tragic, this is a novel of breathtaking scope, masterfully told. It is an important piece of work, but also a wonderful page-turner."



Warhammer Club

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Warhammer is a miniature wargame and the Warhammer Alliance Schools program is designed to support young people improve their engineering, arts and maths skills.

The Warhammer club will take place Wednesdays after school from 3:30 to 4:30pm in Room 27. It is supervised by Mr Maxwell and is a highly creative outlet offered to young people of the school.

