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Dates for your Diary:

Monday 24th October 2022

Year 11 Study Skills event

Tuesday 25th October from 9:00-10:30am.

Year 12 OCN Level 1 Application of Number external exams

Wednesday 26th October 2022

Presentation Afternoon starting at 1pm

Early finish for all pupils at 11.45am

Friday 28th October 2022

Years 11-14 Tracking Reports issued

Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November 2022

Half Term Holiday

Thursday 10th November 2022

Year 12 Parents' Afternoon

General Information:

Energy drinks: these are not to be brought/consumed in school. If they are, they will be confiscated.

Senior school ties: are now available to purchase via ParentPay and for collection from the school office.

Vaccination forms: Parents of pupils in Years 8 to 12 – all Flu vaccination Forms must be signed and returned ASAP, regardless of whether your child is having vaccination or not.

Bangers: these are not to be brought into school, following guidance from the PSNI.

Countdown to GCSE and A-Level Mock Exams: 46 Days.

Goodbye: On Friday 28th October 2022 we are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Grace Stevenson, English & Media teacher after 11 years' service as she takes on a Head of Department role in Wellington College. We wish Miss Stevenson well in her new job. We will let you know as soon as a new teacher is appointed.

Facebook link: Our official school Facebook page can be found using the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083516072741>

Or scan the QR code below:



Design a pumpkin!
House Competition open to all year groups!

Whether you would like to on your own or with some friends in your allocated house, we are running a **house competition** for the most creatively designed pumpkin carving.

You must purchase your pumpkin yourself and complete the carving at home, perhaps under careful supervision!

Are you ...
A mysterious McConnell?
A lurking Lindsay?
A chilling Collin?
An ominous Ollar?

Carved pumpkins should be brought into school on **Thursday 27th October** to be displayed on a house table. Both teacher and pupil house captains will decide on house point allocation for the winning house!

Any Questions? Please speak to Miss Dunwoody

An illustration of several pumpkins in various colors (orange, green, yellow) and sizes, arranged in a cluster at the bottom of the poster.

SU: will meet on Wednesday in Mrs Campbell's Geography room period 6 for Year 8 and 9 and period 7 for Year 10 and 11. All pupils are welcome.

Science Club: Due to presentation afternoon, there will be **NO Science Club** on Wednesday 26th October 2022.

The National Cyber Security Centre have opened registration for the CyberFirst Girls' Competition for 2023. They are looking for Year 9 pupils who identify as female. <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-ncsc/what-we-do> (2m 9s)

OCN Level 1 Application of Number external exam: Pupils in the Year 12 Maths classes of 12Y/Ma3 and 12Y/Ma4 are completing their Essential Skills Level 1 external paper on **Tuesday 25th October** from **9:00-10:30am**. Pupils should get signed in with their class teacher and then make their way to the Gym for the exam. It is the responsibility of the pupils to ensure they arrive at the exam with all the correct equipment.

Music Theory Club: is on every Friday, room 155. This is for any musicians in years 8-14, GCSE or A level students who need to improve their music theory knowledge or complete their theory grades.

Junior Choir: is on Tuesday junior lunch, room 155, please come along for some fun and singing! Thanks Miss Francis

Orchestra Practice: is on in the Assembly Hall, every Tuesday, from 3pm – 4pm.

The PTA: The PTA, known as BFFS (Ballyclare Friends and Family Society), are planning on putting together two hampers to ballot for each night of the school production. If you have any items that you could donate to this, can you please get your child to bring them to Miss Dunwoody. Any parent wishing to join the BFFS, please leave your name with the school office.

Blythwood Shoe box appeal: It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty. By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas. Shoeboxes will be delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia. (Blythwood). All our pupils have been invited to take part in this worthwhile appeal. In class assembly time, class teachers will discuss and help collate items for the boxes. As a school, over 80 boxes were donated as Christmas presents in 2021. The deadline for donating items to the appeal is Monday 7th November. Below is a link to Blythwood's website/video <https://blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Free School Meals: We would encourage you to submit valid applications as soon as possible so that all eligible applicants for Free School Meals recorded on the EA's system.

PWC NI Twilight event for years 13 & 14: Please see the attached flyer for the event to be held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 7pm, please register by Friday 28th October 2022.

Year 12 Digital Technology After School class: Wednesday 26th October is **cancelled:** all other Wednesday after school classes are continuing as normal from 3pm to 4pm?

House Points:

- Lindsay 7
- Ollar 7
- McConnell 6
- Collin 10

Canteen Menu:

WEEK 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Slice Breaded Fish Fingers Beef Burger Chips Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Chicken Pie Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Soup of the Day Bread Roll Pasta/ noodles & sauces Salad Bar	Roast Pork or Chicken Dinner Toasties Soda Bread Pizza Pizza Slice Soup of the day Wheaten Bread Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Stew Chicken curry /rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Soup of the Day Bread Roll Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Sausages Chicken Goujon Pizza Slice Chips Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar

Thought For The Week:

