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### Dates for your Diary:

#### Friday 28th October 2022

- Years 11-14 Tracking Reports issued

#### Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November 2022

- Half Term Holiday

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

- Deadline for Blythswood Shoebox donations

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

- GCSE English mock exam Year 12
  - Fire Safety talks for Year 12
- RUA Art Exhibition trip Years 13&14

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

- Year 12 Parents' Afternoon  
**Pupils finish at 12.50pm**
- Duke of Edinburgh evening – 6.30pm – Lecture Theatre
  - BFSS meeting – 6.30pm - Staffroom

Dear Ballyclare Secondary School Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that our Associate Principal, Mr Liam Perry, will be concluding his work within the school on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. On behalf of the school community, I thank Mr Perry for his outstanding contribution to the leadership of our school. I am pleased to inform you that as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, Mrs Wendy Shingleton will be our Acting Principal; I wish her well in this role.

The Board of Governors would also like to thank all of you for your continued support and to wish our families a happy half term break.

Kind Regards

Rev ET Kirkland

#### 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:** 41 Days.

**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:



**Progress Reports:** The Year 11-14 Progress Reports are now available on SIMS Parent App. If you cannot access Parent App please contact the school office on 0289332 2610 or email [info@ballyclaresec.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ballyclaresec.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk) so that we can organise a copy to be sent to you.

**Skeleton GCSE Timetable:** Please see attached a skeleton timetable for the November series of GCSE exams.

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

**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.

**Technology Club** is on a Wednesday afternoon from 3-3.45pm and is open to any pupils from Years 9 and 10. The club will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**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.

**Blythswood 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. (Blythswood). 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 7<sup>th</sup> November. Below is a link to Blythswood's website/video <https://blythswood.org/shooboxappeal/>

**BT Group Night:** Please see the attached poster for details of the Graduate and Apprenticeship schemes with BT on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Ulster Wildlife Youth Forum:** Please see attached poster for details of a residential at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November. Register by the 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**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.

**House Points:**

Lindsay 14

Ollar 15

McConnell 12

Collin 20

## Canteen Menu:

WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breaded Fish Chicken Nuggets Pizza Slice Chip Curry Sauce Gravy Beans  Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar Open	Lasagne Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Coleslaw Soup of the Day Bread Roll  Pasta/noodle & Sauces Salad Bar	Roast Beef or Chicken Dinner Toasties Soda Bread Pizza Pizza Slice  Soup of the Day Wheaten Bread  Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Chicken Bake Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Finger Bread Pizza  Soup of the Day Bread Roll  Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Hot Dog Chicken Goujon Pizza Slice  Chips Curry Sauce Gravy Beans  Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar

Bakery available daily

### Thought For The Week:

