



All pupils deserve a rewarding educational experience.

Dates for your Diary:

Week beginning 21st November 2022

Flu vaccinations for Years 8-12.

Thursday 30th November 2022

Deadline for voluntary school fund (please make a contribution)

Monday 21st November to Thursday 1st December 2022

External GCSE module exams begin (see timetable below)

Wednesday 30th November to Friday 2nd December 2022

GCSE Food and Nutrition practical exams

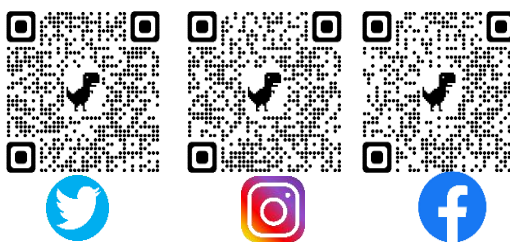
General Information:

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

Countdown to GCSE and A-Level Mock Exams: 35 school days.

Reminder to Year 8 parents/carers: Please use Parent Pay to book a place for your child at our History Department Norman Event.

Social Media links: Our official school social media pages can be found using the following links:



[FACEBOOK](#)

[TWITTER](#)

[INSTAGRAM](#)

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: A total of 46 boxes were collected this year in aid of Blythswood Care. The shoeboxes will be distributed to Bulgaria, Albania, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. Thanks to all our families who donated.

Think Pink Event: Once again this year students from Ballyclare Secondary School took part in its annual 'Think Pink' fundraiser to raise much needed funds for Cancer Focus NI. All week-long boys and girls dressed head to toe in pink during their PE lessons to show support for the cause and have a bit of fun along the way. This year the current total stands at £811.35 with some very notable individual fundraising efforts.

GCSE external module exams timetable: Please see below the timetable for the November series of GCSE exams:

Date	Exam	Pupils involved	Location
Monday 21 st November	Double Award Science: Biology unit 1	All Year 11 Double Award Science pupils. Re-sitting Year 12 Double Award Science pupils.	Gym
Tuesday 22 nd November	Double Award Science: Chemistry unit 1	Re-sitting Year 12 Double Award Science pupils.	Gym
Tuesday 22 nd November	Single Award Science: Chemistry unit 2	Re-sitting Year 12 Single Award Science pupils.	Gym
Wednesday 23 rd November	Double Award Science: Physics unit 1	Re-sitting Year 12 Double Award Science pupils.	Gym
Wednesday 23 rd November	Single Award Science: Physics unit 3	All Year 12 Single Award Science pupils.	Gym
Friday 25 th November	English Language unit 1	Re-sitting 6 th form pupils.	Gym
Monday 28 th November	English Language unit 4	All Year 12 pupils sitting GCSE English Language	Gym & Assembly Hall
Tuesday 29 th November	Maths units M1, M2, M3 and M4	Re-sitting Year 12 pupils	Gym
Thursday 1 st December	Maths unit M6	Re-sitting 6 th form pupils.	Gym

SU will meet on Wednesdays in Mrs Campbell's Geography room (215); 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 now finished until after Christmas.

Mary Poppins band rehearsal will take place every Friday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm.

Advertising Opportunity: We are currently designing the Programme for 'Mary Poppins' to distribute to the audiences over 2 nights, which will also be uploaded on social media and the school website. If you are an owner of a business and would like to feature in our programme, please get in touch. We are offering a half page advertisement for £50. All funds collected will go directly to the school production account for future investment.

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 9th, 16th and 23rd November.

University of Ulster at Coleraine: Please click on the following link for information about an insight evening for students wishing to study English, History or Interactive Media at university.

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/readyssetgo/insightevents/2022/English,-History-and-Interactive-Media-at-Coleraine-Campus>

The Queen's University of Belfast: The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Queen's is hosting an information event on Thursday 17th November for Year 10-14 students and their parents/guardians. (Please see attached information sheet).

Remembrance Sunday: Mrs Shingleton and Mr Thompson, accompanied by our Head Boy, Jack Metcalfe and our Head Girl, Jessica Price, will be representing our school at The Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Parade.



House Points:

- Lindsay 14
- Ollar 15
- McConnell 12
- Collin 20

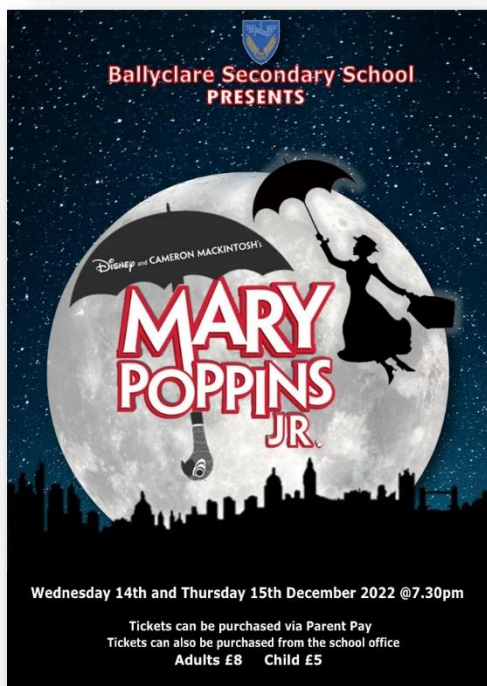
Free School Meals: We would encourage you to submit valid applications as soon as possible so that all eligible applicants for Free School Meals recorded on the EA's system.

Canteen Menu:

WEEK 3	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MONDAY				
Pizza Slice Breaded Fish Fingers Chicken Nuggets Chips Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Chicken Stir Fry Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Soup of the Day Bread Roll Pasta/ noodles & sauces Salad Bar	Roast Gammon or Chicken Dinner Toasties Soda Bread Pizza Pizza Slice Soup of the day Wheaten Bread Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Shephard`s Pie Chicken curry /rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Soup of the Day Bread Roll Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Sausages Chicken Goujon (S/F) Pizza Slice Chips Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar

Bakery available daily

Tickets available soon:



Thought for the week:

'Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think.'
Benjamin Disraeli