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### Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

Flu vaccinations for Years 8-12.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

External GCSE module exams begin (see timetable below)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Deadline for voluntary school fund (please make a contribution)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

GCSE Food and Nutrition practical exams

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

Year 12 Interview Skills days

### General Information:

**Year 13 and 14** pupils are NOT to leave the school grounds at breaktime. If they have signed and returned the sixth form contract, they can leave via the front gates during their allotted lunchtime but not breaktime.

**School Toilets:** This week in assemblies, we have continued to encourage positive behaviour when it comes to the use of our school toilets. This is an on-going piece of educational work because we continue to experience vandalism and destruction. We are planning a number of further measures including pupil-led assemblies, liaison with our community *PSNI* officer RE: talks and a *Thinking Thursday* lesson next week, focused on very recent updates to the legal framework around criminal damage. We want to engage with our pupils in a positive way to encourage a mature, safe and sensible approach to the use of our facilities.

**Countdown to GCSE and A-Level Mock Exams:** 30 school days.

**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.

### European Week of Reduction 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022:

OS Horticulture want you to recycle by giving us your unwanted Christmas decorations and containers and we will repair and reuse them into crafts and planter containers. Containers made of plastic, wood, wicker, terracotta or glass are suitable.

### UCAS:

Year 14 students are completing their UCAS applications, and these should be ready to be sent in early December. Payment for these applications will be carried out through ParentPay. If your child has applied for ONE University course only, the fee is £22.50. If your child has applied for between TWO and FIVE University courses, the fee is £27. Please make payment through the app - the UCAS Co-Ordinator will receive confirmation of payment and can then send the forms to UCAS.

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

Date	Exam	Pupils involved	Location
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> November	Double Award Science: Chemistry unit 1	Re-sitting Year 12 Double Award Science pupils.	Gym
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Single Award Science: Chemistry unit 2	Re-sitting Year 12 Single Award Science pupils.	Gym
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Double Award Science: Physics unit 1	Re-sitting Year 12 Double Award Science pupils.	Gym
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Single Award Science: Physics unit 3	All Year 12 Single Award Science pupils.	Gym
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	English Language unit 1	Re-sitting 6 <sup>th</sup> form pupils.	Gym
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	English Language unit 4	All Year 12 pupils sitting GCSE English Language	Gym & Assembly Hall
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths units M1, M2, M3 and M4	Re-sitting Year 12 pupils	Gym
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Maths unit M6	Re-sitting 6 <sup>th</sup> form pupils.	Room 168

All pupils were given their exam timetables before half term. On the morning of the exams, pupils should get signed in with their class teacher and then head straight to the exam hall. It is the responsibility of the pupil to arrive on time and with all the correct equipment (black pens, pencil, ruler, calculator etc.).

**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

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

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

**Immediate Attention:** Some parents are continuing to use the back gate as a turning circle to leave their children off or are driving on to the school premises, turning in staff carparks and parking on the drive. This cannot happen for safety reasons and must stop now. Not only are these actions resulting in issues with the flow of traffic on the school premises but also on Avondale Drive. Pupils walking up the driveway rather than the path is extremely dangerous, please inform your child not to do this. Unfortunately, we also have an issue with parents driving on to the school premises via the Doagh Road and parking on the yellow lines. This must also stop for the safety of everyone. Many thanks in advance for your understanding and support with this matter.

### 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 can be recorded on the EA's system.

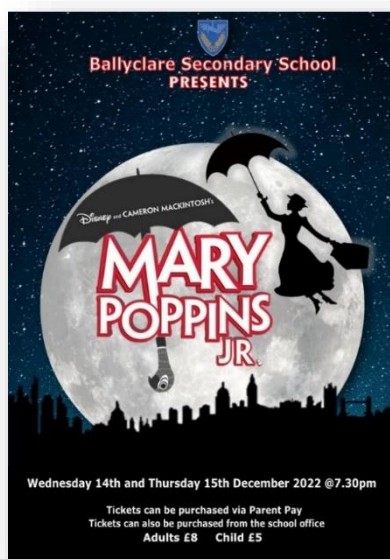
**Christmas Dinner:** Please see the attached menu, for details of our school Christmas dinner, that will be served on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a reduced menu to accommodate Christmas Dinner: Hot food counter will provide hot dog, pizza, pasta and two sauces. The panini and salad bar will remain open serving the same items.

## Canteen Menu:

<b>WEEK 4</b>				
Breaded Fish	BBQ Chicken & Noodles	Roast Beef or Chicken Dinner	Mince pie	Chicken Goujon
Steak Burger	Chicken Curry/Rice	Toasties	Chicken Curry/Rice	Hot Dog
Pizza Slice	Pizza Slice	Soda Bread Pizza	Pizza Slice	Pizza Slice
Chip	Finger Bread Pizza	Pizza Slice	Finger Bread Pizza	Chips
Curry Sauce	Coleslaw	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Curry Sauce
Gravy	Soup of the Day	Wheaten Bread	Day	Gravy
Beans	Bread Roll	Pasta & Sauces	Bread Roll	Beans
Pasta & Sauces	Pasta/noodle & Sauces	Salad Bar	Past & Sauces	Pasta & Sauces
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Bakery available daily

Tickets (to all, not just the cast) are on sale from Monday. Cast A Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Cast B Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Parents/carers should purchase tickets through Parent Pay and any pupils wishing to see their classmates should also purchase through their parent/carer Parent Pay. Physical tickets will be distributed once payments have been confirmed. Staff and members of the wider community with no Parent Pay links, can purchase tickets from the office priced at £8 adult and £5 child. Reminder, seating is not allocated and will operate on a first come, first served basis with doors opening at 7pm on both evenings.



### Thought for the week:

