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### Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 21st November to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**  
External GCSE module exams begin (see timetable below)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
Voluntary school fund contribution deadline

**Wednesday 30th 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

**Thursday 1st December 2022**  
Year 8 History Event (Normans in Ireland)

**Tuesday 20th December 2022**  
School finishes at 12pm for the Christmas holidays

### 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:** 25 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.

### 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.

**Music News:** If any pupils are interested in taking up snare drumming or bagpipes, please speak to Mrs Stewart. Also, there will be ABRSM exam rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday of this week.

**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 16

Ollar 19

McConnell 15

Collin 21

**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:

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

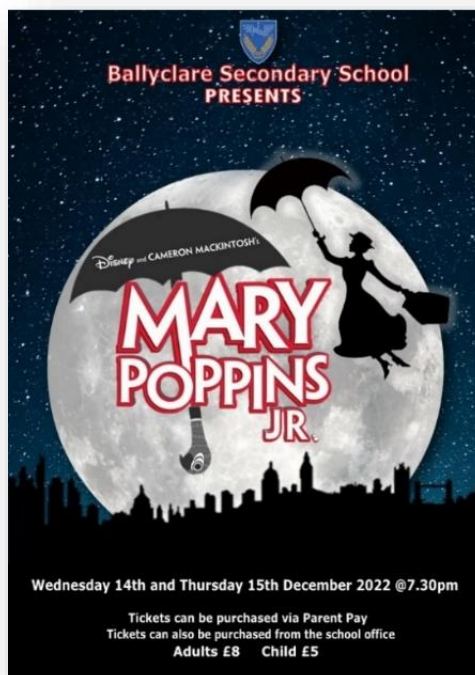
Bakery available daily

### School Production Tickets:

Tickets are now on general sale. 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:

