



## Ballyclare Secondary School

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Dear Ballyclare Secondary School Parents

The end of another year approaches, 2023 is just around the corner and all remains well here at Ballyclare Secondary School. I hope you too are well, and are enjoying any preparations for the holidays ahead! At the end of a busy, successful first term, I want to keep you up to date on recent events, and to confirm arrangements for the start of the New Year.

We have certainly had some fantastic enrichment activities over the first term to complement all the learning and teaching in classrooms. Full details of these are available on the school website and social media postings.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the amount of funds raised via the voluntary school fund payments. By the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 we had received £14,306.00. Your contribution is a tremendous gift to the school and its pupils. We will now begin to outline plans in term 2 for the investment of this money and keep you informed.

Clearly, maximising achievements in examinations is a top priority. Years 12-14 have a busy few weeks of mock exams ahead of them from 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The mock exams will help prepare them for 'the real thing'.

We re-open for pupils at 8.30am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January is our Open Day for P6 & P7 pupils and their parents from 2.00pm to 5.30pm.

And finally, thank you once again for your support and partnership this term. Attendance remains at a record high, the standard of uniform is very good, and the quality of learning and teaching is rising all the time. I am proud of everything staff and pupils have achieved this year, none of this could happen without your support as parents and carers. I look forward to sharing even more successes with you in the new year.

On behalf of the teachers, staff and governors at Ballyclare Secondary School, I wish you and your family a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Wendy Shingleton

Acting Principal

