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### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
School Closed for Half Term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
Return to School

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**  
School will be closed for pupils on this day. Please see Mrs Shingleton's letter.  
1pm-3pm – Year 13 & 14 parent Consultations via SchoolCloud. Bookings will open on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10am** and close on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm.**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
Year 13 & 14 post mock results meetings with members of our senior leadership and year teachers.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**  
Onatti French Theatre Production for Years 9 & 10, GCSE French students Years 11 & 12

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**  
Double and Single Award Science (Chemistry) Year 11 & 12 Resits  
Year 8 Admissions online applications close at 4pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
Physics Year 12 Resits  
Assessment Point 2 Report Issued  
School Formal at Galgorm Manor - Years 12, 13 & 14

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
Year 12-14 Reports to parents

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
Year 11 Mocks

### **General Information:**

**Happy Half Term:** We wish all of our families a happy half term holiday. Please be aware that our school office will be closed over the half term holiday. If you need to make contact about anything urgent our school email address: [info@ballyclaresec.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ballyclaresec.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk) will be monitored.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023:** has been confirmed as an additional public holiday for the Coronation of His Majesty the King.

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

[FACEBOOK](#) [TWITTER](#) [INSTAGRAM](#)



**Free Breakfast:** The free breakfast will continue for all year groups, daily from 8am to 8.30am in the school canteen.

**Stakeholder (Parent) Consultation:** Please see *attached* a draft Anti-Bullying policy and SEN policy. We would welcome any thoughts in relation to the structure and detail of the proposed policies, please email

[info@ballyclaresec.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ballyclaresec.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk). This period of consultation will close on **Friday 20th February 2023**.

**Zero Tolerance:** As a school we continuously work to provide a safe, calm, orderly environment for pupils and staff. We encourage all of our parents and external visitors to adhere to an appointment system, should they need to speak or consult with a member of staff. There are benefits to this, in that it ensures a calm, orderly running of the school. We have sent out previous safeguarding messages about visitors reporting to our visitor's reception, please continue to do this. As a further safeguarding update, we want to advise all our parents and carers that swearing, threats or any act of violence will not be tolerated. Anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff will be asked to leave the premises.

**School Uniform:** A gentle reminder to parents that pupils are not permitted to come into school in their PE kit without supporting medical recommendations. Full school uniform should be worn at all times. Please see our [school website](#) for the policy. Coats and hoodies should not be worn as part of the school uniform but can be worn to and from school. Thank you for helping us to maintain high standards.

**Safer Internet:** On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, we took part in the Safer Internet campaign. Please find attached the EA TIKTOK guide for parents. Please also find attached a letter from the *Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland*. Our plan is to share details with our young people after the half-term break, in keeping with Safer Internet Day. If you wish for your young person to opt out of this survey, please inform their form teacher by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

**GCSE Science modules:** External GCSE modules are taking place the week we return after the half term break. Pupils should arrive to the correct location at 8:45am, with all the appropriate equipment.

Date	Time	Exam	Pupils	Location
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9:00-10:00am	Double Award Science Biology	Re-sitting Year 12 pupils	Room 214
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9:00-10:00am	Double Award Science Chemistry	All Year 11 Science pupils and some re-sitting Year 12 pupils	Assembly Hall
		Single Award Science Chemistry	All Year 11 Science pupils	Boy's Gym
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00-10:00am	Double Award Science Physics	Re-sitting Year 12 pupils	Boy's Gym
		Single Award Science Physics	Re-sitting Year 12 pupils	Boy' Gym

**Year 12 Double Award Science Practical Exam Part 2:** Biology will take place on the following dates:

Dr Flint's class - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Ms Boyd's and Mr McAllister's class - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The exam will take place during class time. It is essential that your child is present for this and also in the preceding week for preparation.

**Year 11 Assessment Schedule:** Please see attached, the Year 11 Assessment Schedule for 2022 – 2023. *Please see attached PDF.*

**Year 10 to 14 parents:** It's that time of year to be thinking about subject choices, options and careers. Please look out for information being released next week.

**Antrim Enterprise:** is launching a campaign this month called #LoveEnterprise. Part of this campaign includes an opportunity for anyone who is currently unemployed to speak to one of our business advisors in several local coffee shops throughout the Borough. We will cover the cost of their coffee or tea for the opportunity to help anyone looking to start a business. Jennifer McWilliams (our Business Advisor) will be stationed in Time Coffee House & Bistro on **Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> February from 9:30-11:30am**. Anyone currently unemployed for any reason and thinking about self-employment is invited to meet with one of our business advisors from Antrim Enterprise over a free cup of tea or coffee. We will be stationed in coffee shops across the borough and would love to hear from you. One of our business advisors will be stationed in Time Coffee house & Bistro on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February from 9:30-11:30am. If you have had thoughts about starting your own business, we want to speak with you to discuss how we can best help you along on the journey. **Background of Antrim Enterprise:** Antrim Enterprise is a non-profit enterprise centre located behind Gym Antrim off the Greystone Road. We are members of Social Enterprise Ni, Development Trust NI and Enterprise NI. We aim to be the destination of choice for enterprise development, enabling budding entrepreneurs to develop and grow a successful business, thereby achieving their entrepreneurial dreams.

**SU** will continue to 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.

**Year 8 Art Club:** will continue after school in mobile 4 on **Tuesdays** 3-3.30.

**Year 8 Cookery Club:** Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm. Bring your own ingredients (weighed). **Group 1 – Tuesday 28 February & Tuesday 7 March; Group 2 – Tuesday 14 March & Tuesday 21 March.**

**ABRSM Exams:** All pupils have now received a letter with their exam date and time. Please have these returned to the music department after half term.

**Ballyclare Festival:** All solo entries have now closed. Please ensure that a copy of the music has been passed on to a member of the music department. A Google Form has been sent via SIMS parent app for all pupils taking part in ensembles. Could this please be completed and returned before 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Orchestra rehearsal:** will not be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> but will move to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and full attendance is required as we prepare for Ballyclare Festival.

**String and Brass tuition:** If your child takes string or brass lessons with a board tutor (Mrs McKay or Mr Doherty), the first terms lessons should now have been paid. If you have not yet paid, could you please check your Parent Pay basket and if you have any issues please contact Mrs Stewart. The second payment for term 2 will now be appear in your Parent Pay basket and we would appreciate if this could be paid before the half term break in February.

**Junior Choir:** will continue on Tuesday during junior lunch in room 155.

**Senior choir:** will be on **Thursday** this week due to the school closing at 12.30pm on the Wednesday between 3pm and 4pm in Room 102 with Miss Beattie. All in Years 10 to 14 are welcome. We will be working towards Ballyclare Festival and a concert.

**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.

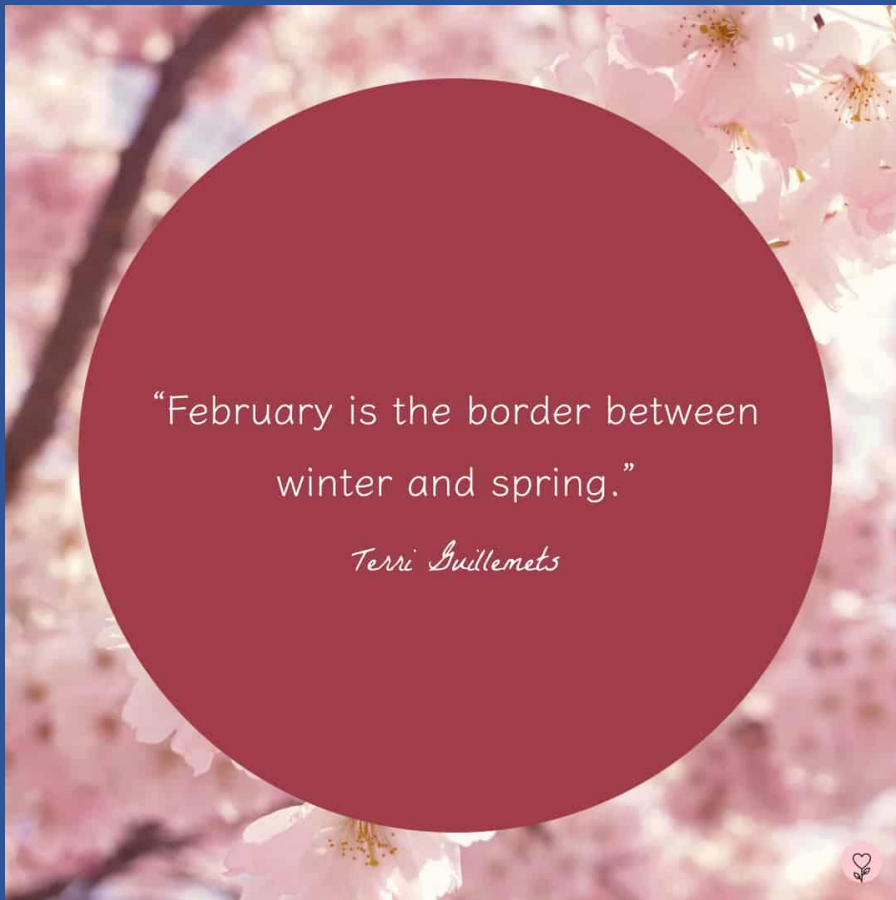
**Onatti French Theatre Production:** In school on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** all pupils in years 9 and 10, as well as GCSE French students in years 11 and 12, will attend a theatre production in French. This will provide a fun opportunity to practise language skills.

## Canteen Menu:

WEEK 3 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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

## Thought for the week:



## House Points:

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Lindsay 31  
 Ollar 33  
 McConnell 20  
 Collin 37