



All pupils deserve a rewarding educational experience.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 27th February and Tuesday 28th February

GCSE Drama practical examination

Monday 27th February 2023

Year 12-14 Reports to parents

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Duke of Edinburgh Training - Bronze

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Year 12 Double Award Science Practical Exam Part 2 (Biology) Dr Flint's class

Friday 3rd March 2023

Year 12 Double Award Science Practical Exam Part 2 (Biology) Ms Boyd's and Mr McAllister's classes

Monday 6th March – Friday 10th March 2023

Year 11 Attainment Point Assessment 3 and Mock Exams

Ballyclare Music Festival

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Duke of Edinburgh Training – Silver

Monday 13th March 2023

English Language CCEA Moderation

Wednesday 15th March

GCSE Drama practical moderation

General Information:

Year 12 Mock reports: will be issued on Monday 27th February on Parent App. If you are not able to access this, please contact the school.

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.

The 8th 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.

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.

Growing Up Online Survey: We have teamed up with The Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland and Stranmillis University College, to take part in a survey aimed at 8–18-year-olds about their experience online. The pupils have been encouraged to do this by their form teacher and the survey should be completed by **Tuesday 28th February 2023**.

The banner features a teal background with social media icons (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter) and the text '#GrowingUpOnlineNI'. The main title 'Growing Up Online' is in large yellow font, with 'Survey for Children and Young People in NI' below it. A photograph of diverse children looking at a smartphone is shown. A white speech bubble with the text 'Last chance!' is overlaid on the photo. At the bottom, there is a teal box with the text 'Get involved!' and 'Scan the QR code or visit the link to participate.' followed by the URL www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/growing-up-online-ni/ and a QR code.



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

Dr Flint's class - Thursday 2nd March

Ms Boyd's and Mr McAllister's class - Friday 3rd March

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

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

Year 12 Digital Technology class: on **Wednesday 1st March** the after school Digital Technology class will finish at 3.30pm for 1 week only, due to staff training.

House Points:

Lindsay 31

Ollar 33

McConnell 20

Collin 37

Tribute to our Governor Ballyclare Secondary School Board of Governors, school leadership, staff and pupils, extend their deepest sympathy to the McConnell family. Andrew was an esteemed governor and friend who was a diligent and faithful member of the Board, contributing enormously to the life of the school and work of the Board of Governors.



Cookery money: Parents- A gentle reminder to pay cookery money via parent pay so that groceries can be purchased to allow your child to cook.

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**

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.

ABRSM Exams: A reminder that all pupils who are entered for a Music exam should have their permission slips returned. Exams are on Wednesday 1st March and pupils are required to arrive 15/20 mins before their exam time. Good luck everyone.

Orchestra Ensemble Rehearsal: The final rehearsal for the small ensembles will take place on Tuesday this week. Full attendance needed to prepare for the music festival.

Ballyclare Festival: A Google Form has been sent via SIMS parent app for all pupils taking part in ensembles. A reminder that this was to be completed by 22nd February. If you have any issues, please contact Mrs Stewart.

Junior Choir: will be Monday and Tuesday at junior lunch this week in room 155.

Senior choir: will continue Wednesdays in room 102 from 3pm until 4pm.

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.

Canteen Menu:

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

Bakery available daily

Thought for the week:

"What we once enjoyed
and deeply loved
we can never lose,
for all that we love deeply
becomes part of us."
~Helen Keller

