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

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Year 11 Attainment Point Assessment 3 and Mock Exams  
Ballyclare Music Festival

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Duke of Edinburgh Training – Silver

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

GCSE Single Award Science Practical Exams

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

English Language CCEA Moderation

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Re-sit OCN Essential Skills in Communication (English class)

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

GCSE Drama practical moderation

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Half day;** School ends at 12:30; Year 9 Parent Interviews 13:00 – 15:00 Year 14 are to remain in school until 2pm  
HiP Psychology Exam Preparation workshops for Years 12, 13 and 14

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

School closed for pupils (Staff Development Day)

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Half day;** School ends at 12:30; Year 8 Parent Interviews 13:00 – 15:00

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Music Department Spring Showcase

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**May Day Bank Holiday**

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**May Day Bank Holiday**

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**King's Coronation Bank Holiday**

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**School closed for pupils (Staff Development Day)**

#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**School closed for pupils (Staff Development Day)**

**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 the new deadline of **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.



#GrowingUpOnlineNI

## Growing Up Online

Survey for Children and Young People in NI

**EXTENDED DEADLINE**  
Closing 06/03/23

**Get involved!**  
Scan the QR code or visit the link to participate.

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/growing-up-online-ni/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/growing-up-online-ni/)



**External exams:** The re-sit of the OCN Essential Skills in Communication (English class) will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** from 1:00-2:30pm in Room 211.

**GCSE Single Award Science Practical Exams:** will take place next week. The dates for each class are as follows:

Ms Loade - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, P1-4

Mrs Parr - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, P1-4

Ms Russell - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, P1-4

Mr Beggs - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, P1-4

Mr Hill - **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, P7-10

Mr Wray - **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, P7-10

**Art Examinations:** Year 12 CCEA GCSE exam is **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** and **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** both days start at 8.40am and end at 3pm and will be held in your Art Classroom. Those pupils entitled to extra time will attend Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 8.40am to 11.30am. Deadline for all work to be handed in is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Year 13 & 14 CCEA GCSE exam** is **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** and **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** all three days start at 8.40am and end at 3pm and will be held in your Art Classroom. Those pupils entitled to extra time will attend Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 8.40am to 12.40am. Deadline for all work to be handed in is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**Year 11 Digital Technology class:** As discussed on Year 11 Parents Afternoon, Miss Nevin will be running an after-school class for Year 11 Digital Technology pupils to support pupils in having the best chance of success in Module 1 on 18<sup>th</sup> May. The classes will commence on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** and run until their module on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. It would be highly beneficial for your child to attend these classes.

**CCEA Advanced Information:** On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, CCEA released Advance Information to help students with their preparation for the exams in May and June. They have produced a presentation and a digital poster to help explain what this information is. *Please find attached.*

**Year 8 Cookery Club:** Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm. Bring your own ingredients (weighed). **Group 1 –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.

**Ballyclare Festival:** It is wonderful to have so many pupils taking part in Ballyclare Music Festival this incoming week. If you are free to come and listen, you will be made very welcome. A list of the class times are below. Please remember that pupils involved in classes after school will need to be collected from Ballyclare Presbyterian Church Halls.

<b>Monday 6th March,</b>	11.20 - Traditional Class
<b>Tuesday 7th March,</b>	2.05 pm - Piano 11 Years and under 4.05 pm - Piano 15-16 Years 4.35 pm - Piano 17-18 Years
<b>Wednesday 8th March,</b>	11.00am - Brass 12-15 Years 11.40 am - Brass 16-18 Years 11.55 am - Brass Ensemble 2.05 pm - Vocal Classes 11 Years and under 2.30 pm - Vocal Classes 12- 14 Years 3.45 pm - Vocal Classes 15-16 Years 4.15 pm - Vocal Classes 17-18 Years
<b>Thursday 9th March,</b>	10.10 am - Woodwind Solo 11 Years and under 11.15 am - Woodwind Solo 12-14 Years 11.50 am - Woodwind Solo 15-16 Years 12.10 pm - Woodwind Solo 17-18 Years 1.55 pm - Woodwind Ensembles 2.15 pm - String Solos 12-14 Years 3.15pm - String Solos 15-16 Years 3.50 pm - Strings Ensembles 4.20 pm - Orchestra
<b>Friday 10th March,</b>	1.55 pm - Secondary Choirs

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

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

**Orchestra:** will continue **Tuesdays** in the Assembly Hall 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.

**Music Department Spring Showcase:** It has been a busy year so far in the Music Department, and we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our pupils' achievements in our Spring Showcase on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023** from 5.00-6.00 pm. This event will take place in our assembly hall and drinks and refreshments will be available before the start of the event. Tickets for this event will be £5 for adults and £3 for children/concessions and can be purchased on Parent Pay App from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Printed tickets will not be distributed for the event, but names will be ticked off at the door.

**Robotics Challenge 2023:** Pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 have registered interest for this challenge. The club begins on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** in room 237 and is from 3pm until 4pm.

## 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

## Thought for the week:

“A failure is not always a mistake.  
 It may simply be the best one can  
 do under the circumstances.  
 The real mistake is to stop trying.”

~ B.F. Skinner, American psychologist~

### House Points:

Lindsay 31  
 Ollar 33  
 McConnell 20  
 Collin 37

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

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

