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**Dates for your Diary:**

**Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th April 2023**  
GCSE French speaking exams.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
School Closed to pupils due to strike action

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
6<sup>th</sup> Form BTEC exams

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**May Day Bank Holiday**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**  
Duke of Edinburgh – Silver training

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
House Talent Competition 'BSS Has Got Talent'

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**King's Coronation Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
Years 8-10 Summer Exams

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**School closed for pupils (Staff Development Day)**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**School closed for pupils (Staff Development Day)**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
Year 8 Health Appraisals

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**  
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessed Expedition

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessed Expedition

**General Information:**

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

**Letter from Acting Principal:** Please *find attached* a letter from Mrs Shingleton in regards to the day of strike action, taking place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

## EXAMINATIONS:

**Years 8-10 Summer Exams:** will be held between **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. Timetables will be given to pupils next week.

**GCSE French speaking exams:** **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** will take place in the library. Pupils have been given their time slots.

### Year 11 Exams:

Year 11 Exam	Date	Time
Agriculture unit 1	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	1:00-2:15pm
Agriculture unit 2	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	1:00-2:15pm
BTEC Sport onscreen exam	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-10:15am
Business Studies unit 1	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	1:00-2:30pm
Child Development unit 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00-10:15am
Digital Technology unit 1	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	1:00-2:00pm
English Language unit 1	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-10:45am
English Literature unit 1	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-10:45am
Further Maths unit 1	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9:00-11:00am
Geography unit 1	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1:00-2:30pm
History unit 1	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-10:45am
Leisure & Tourism unit 1	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	1:00-2:30pm
LLW unit 1	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	1:00-2:00pm
LLW unit 2	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	1:00-2:00pm
Maths M1/M2/M3/M4	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-11:00am
OCN Communication Level 1	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00-10:30am
RS Unit 3	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1:00-2:30pm
DAS Biology unit 1 (re-sit)	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-10:00am
DAS Chemistry unit 1 (re-sit)	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9:00-10:00am
DAS Physics Unit 1	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-10:00am
Technology unit 1	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00-10:30am

**BTEC exams for 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils:** begin on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Year 11 Digital Technology class:** On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023** there will be an additional class for all Year 11 and 12 Digital Technology pupils. During this session pupils will cover content of the Unit 1 specification in preparation for their module on 18<sup>th</sup> May. It is strongly advised that your young person attends. It will run from 3.20pm to 5.30pm, a snack will be provided from 3pm to 3.20pm for pupils before commencing work.

## FUTURE DATES:

**Dates for the next academic year:** Please *find attached* the finalised dates for the academic year 2023-2024.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION:

**Year 8 Health Appraisal forms:** Year 8 pupils have been given Health Appraisal Forms to take home. These need to be taken home, filled in, signed and returned by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. If your child does not have a form, please ask them to come and see the school nurse as soon as possible. The Health Appraisals will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

## CLUBS AND SPORT:

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

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

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

**Orchestra:** there is no orchestra until **Tuesday 2nd May** to allow for GCSE practical rehearsals (pupils involved need to check when they are needed).

**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.

**Robotics Challenge 2023:** The club continues in room 237 and is from 3pm until 4pm on a Tuesday.

**Science club:** will be on Wednesdays, every other week, until the end of term. 3pm – 4pm. Start date to be confirmed.

**Athletics Practice:** Tuesday after school 3-4pm. Year 8 pupils and anyone who finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in any event at Sports Day last year.

## OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

**Training Opportunity for parents on autism:** Anne Marie McCloskey is running a training course entitled, 'The Key Elements of Accepting Autism'. The course is for anyone who has an interest in getting independent, up to date training, in Autism. It is being run over a period of five weeks and details are outlined below:

Week 1 - What you need to know about Autism and its impact (**11th May** 6.30pm - 8.30pm)

Week 2 - The immediate impact of meltdown and what to do (**18th May** 6.30pm - 8.30pm)

Week 3 - The long-term impact of meltdowns/shutdowns (**25th May** 6.30pm - 8.30pm)

Week 4 - Sensory impact (**1st June** 6.30pm - 8.30pm)

Week 5 - The undervalued impact of communications and visuals (**8th June** 6.30pm - 8.30pm)

It is an in-person event and will be held each night at **The Elk Complex, Toomebridge**. Each session is £25 or £100 if you go to all five. Places are limited. To book a place, you can contact Anne Marie via email ([autismsolutionsni@outlook.com](mailto:autismsolutionsni@outlook.com)) or message through Facebook 'Autism Solutions NI'.

## HOUSE SYSTEM:

### 'BSS Has Got Talent' House competition:

 <p><b>BSS HAS GOT TALENT</b></p> <p>Have you got a talent and fancy taking part?</p> <p><b>Speak to your House Captain ASAP!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>M</b> Miss Dunwoody - Room 212</li><li><b>C</b> Mrs Weir - Room 233</li><li><b>O</b> Miss Dunlop - Room 201</li><li><b>L</b> Miss Smyth - Room 304</li></ul>	<p><b>BSS HAS GOT TALENT AUDITIONS!</b></p> <p>Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p>Auditions will take place with <b>your house captain teacher and pupil house captains</b>. You must sign the <b>sign up sheet</b> and arrange with them when you will complete your audition.</p> <p><b>3 acts</b> for each house will be chosen to perform on <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>.</p> <p>If you are a chosen act, you must make your house captain aware of any special requirements and equipment that you may need for the day.</p> <p>Houses will be ranked 1-4 by our chosen judges, with an overall prize for the winner.</p> 	<p><b>YEAR 8 AND 9 AUDIENCE</b></p> <p>At Ballyclare Secondary School we believe that everyone has a talent. However, if you are not performing on the day you will still be a part of showcasing your talent as our audience and support your house acts.</p> <p>We are looking for each house to create a <b>house chant</b>.</p> <p>We are looking for each house to create <b>posters of support</b>.</p> <p>There will be house points awarded to the best chant and poster.</p> <p>Get to know your chosen act and show your support!</p> <p>On the day itself, there will also be <b>house buckets</b> for anyone willing to contribute a donation for our chosen organisation of the day, the Air Ambulance.</p> 
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### HOUSE POINTS:



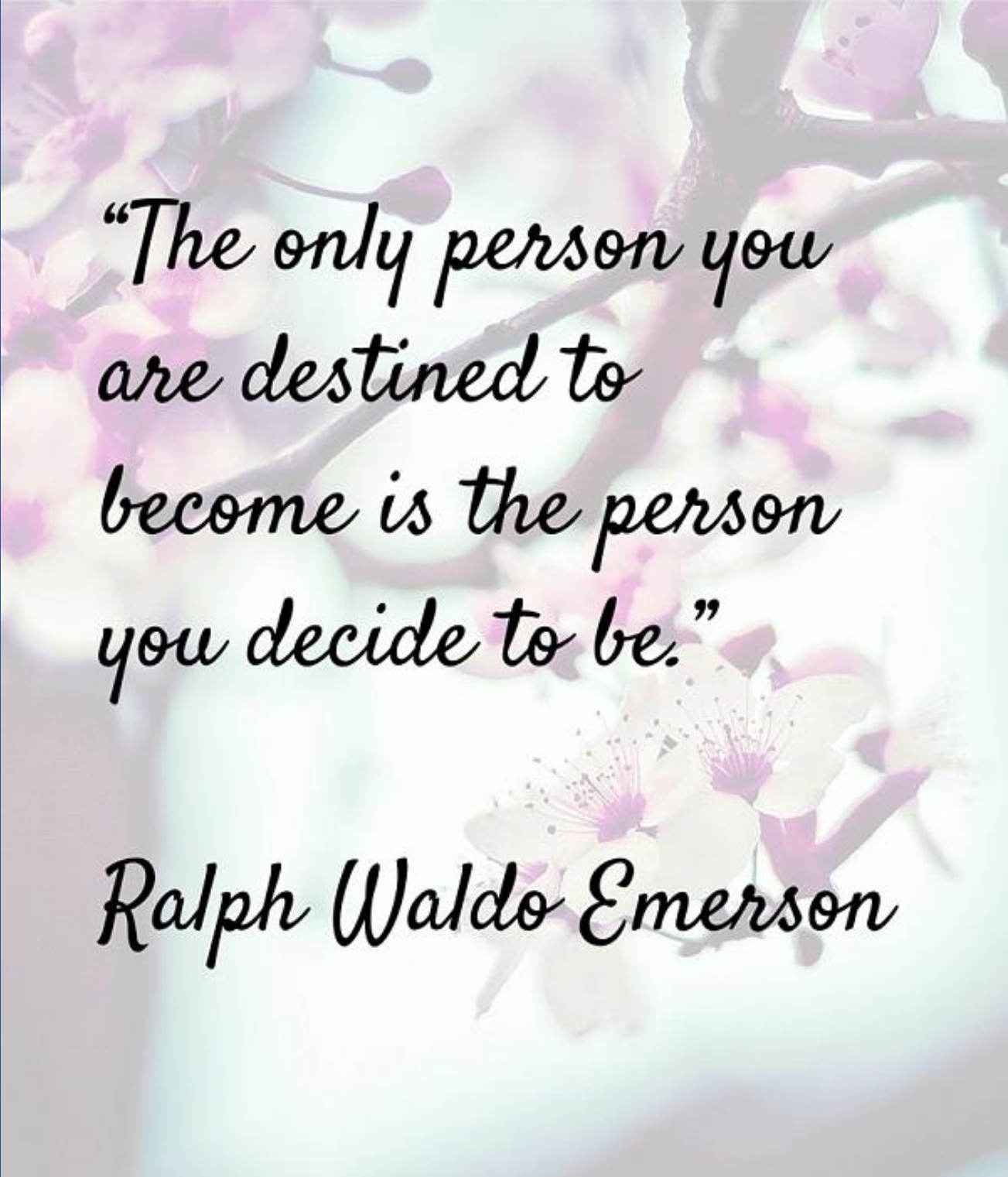
## Canteen Menu:

<b>Morning Break</b>	<b>Notes: 1<sup>st</sup> break only</b>
<u>Toast Available Daily</u> Monday = Pizza Tuesday = Croissant Wednesday = Jambon Thursday = Sausage Rolls Friday = Croissant	2 Service Points Daily Subject to Staffing

Item	Allergy
Pizza	Wheat & Milk
Croissant	
Jambon	Wheat, Egg & Milk
Sausage Rolls	Wheat May Contain Milk, Egg, Mustard & Fish
Toast	Wheat & Soya

Week 1	Vegetarian	Pasta Bar	Main Course	Snack Items	Vegetables	Desserts
Monday	Salad Bar available For Wraps Baguettes	Pasta Bolognese Sauce Italiano Sauce	Sausages	Jambons Pizza slice Peperoni Pizza	Chips Gravy Beans Curry Sauce Grated Cheese	Popcorn Cookie Cup Cake 15'S Digestive Biscuit
Tuesday	Salad Bar available For Wraps Baguettes	Pasta Bolognese Sauce Italiano Sauce	Chicken Curry & Rice	Sausages Rolls Pizza Slice Finger Bread pizza	Veg Soup Wheaten Bread	Shortbread Yoghurt Bread Krispie slice Digestive
Wednesday	Salad Bar available For Wraps Baguettes	Pasta Bolognese Sauce Italiano Sauce	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Chicken Burger Pepperoni or Plain Pizza Slice	Herb diced potato Baked Potato Beans Coleslaw	Choc Chip Cookie Date Krispie Flake meal Biscuit Digestive
Thursday	Salad Bar available For Wraps Baguettes	Pasta Bolognese Sauce Italiano Sauce	Chicken pie	Beef Burger & Bap Pizza Slice Soda Bread Pizza	Mashed Potato Peas Gravy	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Cookie Creamed Fairy Cake Digestive
Friday	Salad Bar available For Wraps Baguettes	Pasta Bolognese Sauce Italiano Sauce	Southern Fried Goujon	Hot Dogs Pizza Slice	Chips Gravy Beans Curry Sauce Grated Cheese	Rice Krispie Bun Pineapple Delight Meringue Finger Digestive

Items available Daily, Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps all made to order & Panini. Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, bread, milk & water available.



*“The only person you  
are destined to  
become is the person  
you decide to be.”*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*