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Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Duke of Edinburgh – Silver training
A2 Music practical

Friday 5th May 2023

House Talent Competition 'BSS Has Got Talent'

Monday 8th May 2023

King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May 2023

AS Music practical

Thursday 18th to Wednesday 24th May 2023

Years 8-10 Summer Exams

Friday 26th May 2023

School closed for pupils (Staff Development Day)

Monday 29th May 2023

School closed for pupils (Staff Development Day)

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June 2023

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

Thursday 8th and Monday 12th June 2023

Year 8 Health Appraisals

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st June 2023

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessed Expedition

Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th 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 the Acting Principal: Please see *attached* a letter from the Acting Principal in regards to contacting the school.

EXAMINATIONS:

Years 8-10 Summer Exams: will be held between **Thursday 18th and Wednesday 24th May 2023**. Timetables were given out to pupils this week. Please *see attached*.

Year 11 External Exams:

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

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 Appraisals: Year 8 pupils have been given Health Appraisal Forms which should have been returned by now. The Health Appraisals will be on **Thursday 8th and Monday 12th of June**.

CLUBS AND SPORT:

Year 8 Art Club: has now finished for the year.

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

Senior choir: has now finished for the year.

Orchestra: practice is on **Tuesday 2nd May**. Orchestra will continue to the end of term, and we encourage all pupils who have had lessons in school this year to attend. There will be parts available for all standards and we would love everyone to come and get involved.

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**.

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

SUBJECTS:

Music Tuition Fees: If your child takes lessons with a board tutor (Mrs McKay or Mr Doherty) your third and final payment is now in your basket in the Parent Pay App. Please ensure that all money for the years tuition is paid by **31st May**. If there are any issues, please contact the school office.

Digital Technology: The British Computer Society and NI Computing Education Committee has invited all pupils to complete the following Google Forms survey (this link has been e-mailed to all pupils). The aim of the survey is to find out what you think about computing education and careers, **whether or not you are studying for a computing / ICT qualification**. It should take about 15 minutes to complete. On the first page of the survey, you can access more detailed information.

<https://forms.gle/yiiuqwwC5cAhtACU6>

HOUSE SYSTEM:

'BSS Has Got Talent' House competition:

HOUSE POINTS:

 <p>BSS HAS GOT TALENT</p> <p>Have you got a talent and fancy taking part?</p> <p>Speak to your House Captain ASAP!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">M Miss Dunwoody - Room 212G Mrs Weir - Room 233D Miss Dunlop - Room 201L Miss Smyth - Room 304	<p>BSS HAS GOT TALENT AUDITIONS!</p> <p>Week Beginning 17th April</p> <p>Auditions will take place with your house captain teacher and pupil house captains. You must sign the sign up sheet and arrange with them when you will complete your audition.</p> <p>3 acts for each house will be chosen to perform on Friday 5th May.</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>YEAR 8 AND 9 AUDIENCE</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 house chant.</p> <p>We are looking for each house to create posters of support.</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 house buckets for anyone willing to contribute a donation for our chosen organisation of the day, the Air Ambulance.</p> 
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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) or message through Facebook 'Autism Solutions NI'.

Smile Club NI Summer Schemes: Sun is shining, keep on smiling! Get going with our outstanding Multi Activity Camps throughout Northern Ireland! Ballymena RFC, INST, Inchmarlo, Malone RFC, Bangor Grammar, Carrickfergus RFC, Lisburn RFC, Larne RFC, Coleraine RFC all available to book for Summer 2023 - 🏀 Range of sporting activities, 🏆 Mini Olympics, 🏈 Tag Rugby, ⚽ Soccer, 🍳 Cooking, 🎨 Face painting, 🎮 Nerf wars, 💃 Dance, 🎤 Singing, 🎭 Drama, 🤸 Gymnastics, 🎨 Arts & Crafts

SUMMER SCHEME DATES 2023 SO FAR CONFIRMED: City centre Summer Scheme – RBAI School (3rd July to 4th August - Excludes 12th week); South Belfast Summer Scheme – Inchmarlo Prep (3rd July to 11th August - Excludes 12th week); East Belfast Summer Scheme – Malone RFC (3rd July to 25th August - Excludes 12th week); Lisburn Summer Scheme – Lisburn RFC (17th July – 11th August); Ballymena Summer Scheme – Ballymena RFC (17th July to 11th August); Carrickfergus Summer Scheme – Carrickfergus RFC (17th July to 11th August); Larne Summer Scheme – Larne RFC (17th July to 11th August); Bangor Summer Scheme – Bangor Grammar School (24th July – 11th August); Coleraine Summer Scheme – Coleraine RFC (17th July – 11th August) - Prices from £28 per day or £119 per week

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* Breakfast Club

* EARLY / LATE DROP OFFS

(8.30 a.m. -5.00 p.m.)

* Boys and Girls AGES

4-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14

* ONLINE BOOKING - [CLICK HERE!](#)



Canteen Menu:

Morning Break	Notes: 1st break only
<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 <u>May Contain</u> 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.

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It is our
CHOICES
that show what we
truly are
far more than our
ABILITIES
Albus Dumbledore