



*All pupils deserve a rewarding educational experience.*

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

##### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

CCEA GCSE Art - deadline for all work to be handed in.  
House 'BSS Has Got Talent' auditions begin  
Vaccinations for Year 10s and some Year 11s, 12s

##### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

CCEA exam results – February series

##### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition

##### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

##### **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**

##### **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)

##### **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.

**Zero Tolerance:** As a school we continuously work to provide a safe, calm, orderly environment for pupils and staff. We encourage all 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.

## EXAMINATIONS:

**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 18th May. The classes will continue **Wednesdays at 3pm until 4pm** and run until their module on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. It would be highly beneficial for your child to attend these classes.

**Year 12 Double Award Science Practical exams:** Year 12 DAS students will complete their final practical exam on the following dates: Dr Flint's class: **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April P1&2** - Mr McAllister's and Ms Boyd's classes - **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April P1&2**

## OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

**"Code with Giants":** are offering **free programming workshops for 7 to 18 years olds**. The theme of the workshop will be **Cybersecurity**. Free registration is available on the Coding Giants website. Students can register individually or with their parents' help: <https://workshop.codinggiants.co.uk>. Classes are held online. The campaign will run from **25 March 2023**.

**Ballyclare Rugby Football Club:** have an 8 week program for girls aged 8-14, taking place from April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. See below for details:

**BALLYCLARE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB** **GIRLS**

# COME & GIVE IT A TRY

When 19th April 7pm  
Where The Cloughan Ballyclare Rugby Club  
Contact Scott Wilson  
07876373401

Your club is waiting to welcome you  
**#NOTHINGLIKEIT**

£10 Per Child for an 8 week Program For Ages 8 to 14

## CLUBS:

**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:** 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.

**Robotics Challenge 2023:** Pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 have registered interest for this challenge. The club continues **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** in room 237 and is from 3pm until 4pm.

## HOUSE SYSTEM:

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



**Have you got a talent and fancy taking part?**

**Speak to your House Captain ASAP!**

-  **Miss Dunwoody - Room 212**
-  **Mrs Weir - Room 233**
-  **Miss Dunlop - Room 201**
-  **Miss Smyth - Room 304**

## BSS HAS GOT TALENT AUDITIONS!

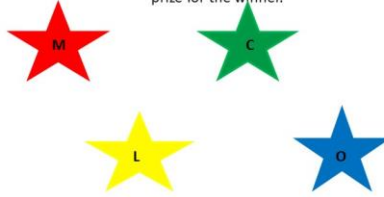
Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April

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.

**3 acts** for each house will be chosen to perform on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

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.

Houses will be ranked 1-4 by our chosen judges, with an overall prize for the winner.



## YEAR 8 AND 9 AUDIENCE

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.

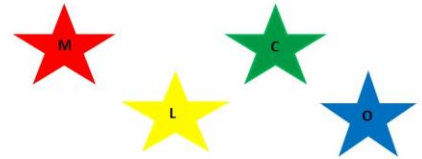
We are looking for each house to create a **house chant**.

We are looking for each house to create **posters of support**.


There will be house points awarded to the best chant and poster.

Get to know your chosen act and show your support!

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.



## HOUSE POINTS:



55



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## 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.

Thought for the week:



**By failing to prepare  
you are  
preparing to fail**

— Benjamin Franklin

EXAM STUDY  
EXPERT