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Dates for your Diary:

Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Years 8-10 Summer Exams continue
(Year 11 pupils only attend if they have an exam/assessment)

Wednesday 24th May 2023

Years 8 – 11 resume normal timetable

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 13th June 2023

Sports' Day

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:

Message from our Acting Principal: I wanted to let you know that the Interim Director of Education at the Education Authority (EA), Cynthia Currie, has written to the school, on behalf of EA, to express sincere condolences on the sudden and untimely passing of Kaylee – a treasured member of our school community.

The EA's thoughts and prayers are with everyone at Ballyclare Secondary School at this very sad time.
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Message from our Vice Principal: Thank you for your patience as we have sought to develop a broad curriculum offer for our 6th Form pupils joining in September 2023. *Please find attached* a letter to inform parents and pupils of the process for entry to 6th Form along with a copy of the application form to be submitted on GCSE results day. The 6th Form Prospectus for 2023 will be available on the school website from the start of the week beginning 22nd May, and can be found under the Admissions Tab by selecting '6th Form Admissions'. Mr Rea

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

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:

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

Orchestra: 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. Music Theory will continue a Friday after school, and they are looking for new members! If your child plays an instrument or is taking up GCSE next year, we encourage them to attend.

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.

Year 8 Netball: continues **Tuesdays**.

Basketball: Year 9 will not be on Tuesday and Year 8 will be on **Wednesday**. There will however be disruption in June due to Duke of Edinburgh.

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.

HOUSE SYSTEM:

HOUSE POINTS:



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 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'.

Parentline's Speech and Language Support Workshop: Please *see attached* flyer for the new date for Parentline's Speech and Language Support Workshop for parents and carers. This workshop will focus on: Stuttering and Cluttering, how to support a child who stammers, Glue Ear, listening and supporting language development. The workshop will take place on **Thursday 25th May 2023** from 11am to 12.30pm, via Zoom. Call 0808 8020 400 to book a place.

Give Blood: Please *see attached* leaflet with information about blood donation sessions.

'The 'Stay Safe... Stay Out' campaign: is an initiative run by the Mineral Products Association NI (MPANI). Please see the *attached letter* from the Association and HSENI that provided more detail on the very serious risks young people face by entering quarries along with further information and resources.

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

	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.

Quote of the Week:

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Do something that makes someone happy.
Create something that inspires someone.
Be someone's light when they are hopeless.

- Dave Grohl

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