



Dates for your Diary 2023-2024:

Thursday 17th August 2023

GCE Results Day

Thursday 24th August 2023

GCSE Results Day

Wednesday 30th August 2023

Year 8 only (half day)

Thursday 31st August 2023

Years 8,13 and 14 (full day)

Friday 1st September 2023

Full return to school for all pupils

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Letter from Acting Principal: Please see *attached letter* from the Acting Principal.

GCSE and A-Level Results Days: Details on receiving A-Level and GCSE results are noted below.

Once results have been collected, it is important that all pupils report to the '**Destinations Table**' to inform the school of where they intend to progress to in September 2024. Any pupil who cannot be present to collect their results may nominate, in writing, someone to collect their results on the morning. This should be given to Miss Trimble in advance of the results day. The nominated person will be asked to show proof of identification upon collection of results.

Pupils wishing to return to 6th Form who cannot attend school on the morning, should access the 6th Form application on the school website and contact the school office after receiving their results. The office will arrange a call back from a senior member of staff who will assess if entry requirements have been met and to discuss post-16 option choices.

A-Level Results (17th August) AS and A2 examination results will be available to collect outside the school assembly hall on **Thursday 17th August at 9:00am**. 6th form pupils can also use the **unique pin code** they received earlier in the year to access CCEA results online **from 8:00am**.

GCSE Results (24th August) GCSE results will be available to collect for Year 12 pupils outside the school assembly hall on **Thursday 24th August from 9:00am**. Pupils are asked to enter the building through the pupil entrance.

Once the results have been collected, they should proceed to the assembly hall to receive advice from Heads of Department on accessing subjects at post-16. Advice will also be available from Careers staff and the Examinations Officer.

Pupils wishing to return to 6th Form should then proceed to Room 102 where staff members will be available to check application forms and offer advice on course combinations.

The GCSE results will be available to collect for the **Year 11** pupils outside the school assembly hall on **Thursday 24th August from 10:00am**

BFFS Future Event:

We know it may seem odd to be discussing Autumn when the weather is so glorious outside, but the BFFS wanted to update staff on an event that we are beginning to plan now, an Autumn Fair on **Saturday 21st October**. The event will be held in school, and we hope to have a series of stalls and activities for families, staff and the wider community. Stalls will pay a small fee to be operational. If you are interested in booking a stall table, please contact Miss Dunwoody on the details given.



EMA Update: After a long delay at the EMA Customer Service side, EMA application packs are now available from the office. Year 13 pupils already in receipt of EMA do not need to reapply. If you think you are eligible please collect a pack before the 30 June and apply over the summer, this will mean there are less likely to be delays in starting payments come September. Forms are not returned to the school but rather to the address given in the pack/application notes. Remember you do not need to be sure where you will study or even if you will continue in education at all. If you apply and move to a different learning centre it straightforward to make that change and will take significantly less time than if you wait to apply from scratch come September. If you decide not to continue in education then, as you will not be enrolled in a learning centre, you do not need to do anything. You can also obtain the application form from the NI Gov website. Link to the forms and application note are below. Please note this is not an online form, you will need to print it out and fill in the hard copy. <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/education-maintenance-allowance-application-forms-and-accompanying-notes>

School Uniform Sale: See below:



Author

Schooldays Glengormley

They start at waist size 24 up to waist size 38 and come in length 18" to 28".



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Karen Benton All sizes from 24" to 38" waist.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

Lidl Northern Ireland: has launched its 2023/24 'Sport for Good Programme' which works in partnership with the children's charity Youth Sport Trust. The aim of this programme is to promote positive mental health amongst secondary school pupils in Northern Ireland by bringing together Northern Irish Olympic and Paralympic heroes and sporting legends, to lead specially designed workshops that teach students how to use the power of sport to improve resilience and enjoyment of exercise, as well as increasing self-esteem and confidence to participate in future sport. Please see *letter attached*.

How to enter:

To be in with a chance of winning a place on this year's Sport for Good programme, parents and local Lidl Northern Ireland shoppers can nominate your secondary school to win a place on the Sport for Good programme, as well as **£1,000 worth of brand-new sports equipment** by visiting their local Lidl store and making a purchase to receive a qualifying Lidl receipt containing a 10-digit code. Receipt codes must be submitted online along with the secondary school nomination for a chance to win.

Entries can also be made via the dedicated Sport for Good online entry form at www.lidl-ni.co.uk/lidl-community-works

Summer Scheme: Please see the *attached letter and application form* for Strange Event Management's summer scheme.

ParentLine NI: As summer approaches, Parentline will continue to host their series of 'Let's Talk' groups throughout July and August. These groups have been very popular with parents and provide an online space for parents to meet and discuss shared parenting experiences, listen to stories of others, and support one another, parent to parent. Please see *attached flyer* with details and dates of the discussion groups taking place in July and August.

For the attention of Year 13 female pupils: The Smallpeice Trust is an educational charity encouraging young people to pursue careers in engineering, inspiring young minds to follow their passion for STEM subjects since 1966. We are currently recruiting 14 to 17-year-old students for the National Cyber Security Centre's (NCSC) CyberFirst summer course programme. Inspired and led by the NCSC, a part of GCHQ, CyberFirst is a programme of opportunities to help young people explore their passion for tech by introducing them to the fast-paced world of cyber security. Each course is designed to inspire and encourage students from all backgrounds to explore and consider careers in cyber security, offering young people with potential the support, skills, experience and exposure needed to be the future first line of defence in our CyberFirst world. There are currently a limited number of Year 13 girls places available on the CyberFirst Advanced Belfast course (7-11 August) which is a fully-funded, five-day residential course aimed at attracting a diverse range of students to build advanced skills in some key areas of cyber security. CyberFirst Advanced will hone the skills and behaviours students need to enter the cyber security or tech-based workplace for real. The course is designed to expand the knowledge of students already studying computer science or who have a passion and aptitude for all things tech. Gaining skills in key areas including digital forensics, encryption technologies, penetration testing and open-source intelligence techniques. These skills will help students and their friends and family stay safe online. *Attached is a PDF* promoting this course and further details and how to apply can be found at:

<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/course-page/8f88754e-e0d9-ed11-a7c7-0022481b53e3>

The Education Authority (EA): would like for parents and carers to take part in a Northern Ireland-wide survey which is designed to gauge the satisfaction and confidence levels of all those involved with SEND services in Northern Ireland before any changes are made by the SEND Transformation Programme. Please see the *attached letter* for details.

Child Protection Support Service: The June edition of the Family Support Hub Newsletter is now available to download <https://cypsp.hscni.net/download/391/family-support-hubs/40990/fsh-newsletter-jun2023.pdf>

(Please Note: Newsletter will download directly to your device. Look out for the pop-up box and click on open file when it appears). This edition includes some low or no cost ideas to keep the kids entertained over the summer holidays. You may also be aware that the CYPSP recently launched a fabulous new regional guide designed by parents of children with disabilities to help and support other parents. If you haven't seen it yet, please make sure to have a look. Further information and the link to the resource can be found in the Newsletter. It is also packed full of information for parents/carers, early years, children & young people with a disability, mental health and wellbeing advice, Helplines and much more.

Quote of the Week:

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Great Gatsby

HOUSE SYSTEM:



A wooden board titled "House Points" with four rows of names and their corresponding scores. The scores are displayed on a sliding scale.

House Name	Points
Collin	106
Lindsay	66
McConnell	71
Ollar	74



Senior Prefect Team:

We are pleased to announce that our Senior Prefect Team for 2023/24 will be:

Head Boy: Jonas Verner

Deputy Head Boy: Adam Dalzell

Head Girl: Hannah Caldwell

Deputy Head Girl: Sarah Campbell

Senior Prefects: Lauren Ferguson

Hannah Gillespie

Anna Laverty

Zara Mawhinney

Well done to all the candidates who came for interview today and we look forward to working with you in the Academic Year 2023/24

HEAD GIRL



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



HEAD BOY



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