

# In Touch

Parent/Carer Update

*The community of Ballyclare Secondary School strive to provide an inclusive learning and teaching environment in which all can reach their full potential. We aim to do this by fostering the core values of respect, kindness, compassion and joy.*



Week Beginning:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Timetable: Week 2

## **Dates for your Diary:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023: Kit Car trip to Aintree

### **Advance notice:**

Year 11 Induction Evening for parents on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 6.30pm

Year 8 Information Evening for parents on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6:30pm.

Please save these dates

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Homework club is on every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Please note the canteen is only available to Years 10 to 14 at breaktime. Years 8 to 9 should bring a snack.

Breakfast club and Friday treat day details coming soon.

Mr Simpson our assigned careers' advisor from the Department of the Economy has now sent all year 12 pupils an Application for Guidance Questionnaire. The pupils received this via email. Starting next week and running throughout the year, all year 12 pupils will receive an interview with Mr Simpson. This is to provide guidance on the various pathways and career opportunities available following GCSE level. To facilitate this interview, it is important all pupils complete the questionnaire by 15<sup>th</sup> September, if not sooner. If you have any problems or queries, please contact Ms Russell.

Citi Pathways flyer for parents of pupils in Years 11 to 14, please see attached.

Please see attached the Give Blood flyer.

Lunchtime football starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Pupils must bring trainers and meet outside the 6<sup>th</sup> form centre.

A Counselling Charity service based on the Rashee Road Ballyclare, who take referrals for young people through our Community Counselling service. Therapists are fully qualified and specialised in their field. The link for parents to be able to make a referral for their child is <https://www.linkscounselling.com/get-counselling>

Department of Education launch of consultation - Statutory Guidance on the Reduction and Management of Restrictive Practices in Educational Settings in Northern Ireland, please see attached information.

## **Extra Curricular Information:**

**Boys sporting activities are starting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and girls sporting activities are starting from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

### **Rugby**

Year 8 – Tuesday - 3-4.15pm – Mr Latham/Mr Ferguson

Year 9 and 10 (Under 14) – Wednesday – 3-4.15pm – Mr Latham/Mr Ferguson

Year 11 and 12 (Medallion and Under 16) – Wednesday 3 – 4.15pm – Mr Cowden/Mr Ferguson

### **Football**

Year 8 Football – Monday – 3-4.15pm – Mr Latham/Mr Ferguson

Year 9 and 10 Football – Monday – 3-4.15pm – Mr Latham/Mr Ferguson

Year 11 and 12 Football – Tuesday – 3-4.15pm – Mr Cowden

### **Basketball**

Year 8 – Thursday 3-4.15pm – Mr Crothers

Year 9 and 10 – Tuesday 3-4.15pm – Mr Crothers

### **Hockey**

U15-U18 (Year 11 to 14) Hockey - Tuesday 3-4:10pm – Ms Oliver

U15-U18 (Year 11 to 14) Hockey Fitness - Wednesday 7:45am-8:30am – Ms Oliver

Year 8 and 9- Monday 3-4pm – Mrs Hall

Year 10 – Tuesday 3-4.10pm – Mrs Hall

### **Netball**

Year 8 and 9 Netball - Wednesday 3- 4pm – Miss Paisley

Year 10, 11 and 12 Netball - Monday 3 - 4.15pm – Miss Paisley

Quote of the week:

**The journey is valuable, but believing in your talents, your abilities, and your self-worth can empower you to walk down an even brighter path.**

Soledad O'Brien