

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 18th September 2023

Timetable: Week 1

Dates for your Diary:

Important Year 11 Induction Evening for parents on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Using the following link, please complete the Google Form no later than Tuesday 19th September indicating attendance. <https://forms.gle/y8R1djT4Lez8ZoDc6>

22nd September Year 8 – Breckenhill Outdoor Activity Centre – **Classes 8W & 8R only**

Year 8 Induction Evening for parents on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 6:30pm.

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 will begin on Monday 25th September 2023, more details to follow.

Friday treat day will take place at break time on Friday 22nd September 2023 for Years 8 & 9 to purchase chocolate bars and other sweet treats.

Lunchtime football is on every Monday and Wednesday. Pupils must bring trainers and meet outside the 6th form centre.

Wk1: Autism Solutions NI training/workshop for parents, **course outline(Suitable for all settings)**

Wk2: Autism General Awareness and Understanding...Thurs.9th November.(1.30-3.30pm OR 6.30-8.30pm)

Wk3: Understanding Behaviour ...What's behind it within the Spectrum...Thurs.16th November. (1.30-3.30pm OR 6.30-8.30pm)

Wk 4: Sensory Processing within the Spectrum...Thurs.23rd November. (1.30-3.30pm OR 6.30-8.30pm)

The Importance of Communication and Visuals within the Spectrum...Thurs.30th November. (1.30-3.30pm OR 6.30-8.30pm)

Venue: The Elk complex, Toomebridge

Wk. 1-4 can be booked either 1.30-3.30 OR 6.30-8.30pm (Please indicate which session you wish to attend)

The 4-week course is altogether £150 per delegate. **If you wish to book the work system training this will cost an additional £50pp, so £200 in total** Places are limited.

To book a place, you can contact me via this email autismsolutionsni@outlook.com or message through Facebook Autism Solutions NI

Year 8 Photographs taken 30th August 2023

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 24th September 2023**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk
If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



Study Strategies to support your child

This opportunity may be of interest....teacher and best-selling author Kate Jones is offering a **free webinar on Thu, 21 Sep 2023 19:00 - 20:00**, designed for parents, focusing on effective study strategies to help their child. Tickets are available through Eventbrite by clicking the link above.

Extra Curricular Information, please see attached and below:

Boys sporting activities are starting from Monday 11th September 2023 and girls sporting activities are starting from Monday 18th 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

Please see attached this week's canteen menu

Music Tuition

All music lessons have now started, if your child has not been placed in lessons, please contact Mrs Stewart (cstewart825@c2ken.net). Payments for the board tutors (Mrs McKay and Mr Doherty) will now be in you Parent Pay basket. Any pupil who is hiring an instrument from school for the year will also find the one-off payment of £40 in their Parent Pay App. We would ask that these amounts be paid by the end of September.

The tutors are in on the following days:-

Monday: Mr Riordan (trumpet) and Mrs Greer (piano)

Tuesday: Miss Hanna (woodwind) and Mr McGahey (guitar)

Wednesday: Mrs Topley (singing)

Thursday: Miss Hanna (woodwind), Mrs McKay (strings) and Mr Doherty (brass)

Friday: Mrs Greer (piano), Mr Newell (Drum Kit), Mr Coyle (Bagpipes) and Mr Shaw (Snare Drumming)

Extra-Curricular

Our Extra-Curricular music programme is now back up and running. Please encourage your child to come and take part in the following activities: -

Orchestra – Every Tuesday from 3-4 pm in the music department

Senior Choir – Years 10-14 every Wednesday from 3-4 pm in 102 (Miss Beattie's Room)

Junior Choir – Years 8+9 on Tuesday's Week 1 and Thursday's Week 2 at lunch time in 155 (Miss Francis's room)

Theory Club – Every Friday from 3-4 pm in 155.

Please see attached a flyer for a FREE workshop Parentline is running together with Strive NI. This workshop is suitable for parents and carers of children in both Primary and Post-Primary school. The workshop will be delivered on two dates: Tuesday 26th September at 7pm and Thursday 28th September at 10am.

This workshop is always very popular and I would encourage parents to book a place as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

Places can be booked by calling us on 0808 8020 400.

Quote of the Week:

Imagine
With all
your mind.
Believe
With all
your heart.
Achieve
With all
your might.