

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 25th September 2023

Timetable: Week 2

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 28th September 2023 at 6.30pm: Year 8 Parents' Induction evening

Parents of year 8 pupils are invited to attend the Year 8 Information Evening. Essential information will be shared on what to expect in this transitional year. Parents planning to attend should complete the Google Form at the link below: <https://forms.gle/oPB6GGgquMVFY9HU6>

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. Friday treat day will take place at break time every Friday for Years 8 & 9 to purchase chocolate bars and other sweet treats.

Breakfast club will begin on Monday 25th September 2023 at 8am to 8.30am.

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

Year 11 & 13 Subject Choices

As of today (Friday 22nd September 2023), there will be no more subject changes to pupil timetables due to course content demands.

Summer 2023 Post Results Services

The deadline to submit a request for a remark or a returned exam script for any external examination modules completed in Summer 2023 is 28th September. This means that all request forms must be given to Miss Trimble by Wednesday 27th September to allow time to make the request to the examination boards. Payment via ParentPay must be made before requests can be submitted.

Year 12 Interview Skills

All year 12 pupils will have received an application form for the upcoming interviews skills day. To participate in the event pupils must complete this application. The application can be handwritten or word processed and returned to Mr Adams before Friday 29th September. If any additional guidance is required please speak to your young person's registration teacher who will arrange additional help with the careers department.

Extra curricular information – please see attached.

Parentline

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 0808 8020 400.

Odyssey Parenting Your Teen

Please find attached poster detailing a free evidence based programme entitled **Odyssey Parenting Your Teen**, which may be of interest to parents of young people attending your school. The programme aims to improve the relationship between parent and teenager, whilst supporting parents to navigate their way through raising an adolescent. The programme consists of 8 modules covering themes such as teen development, parenting styles, problem solving, self esteem, rules and boundaries, risk taking behaviour, etc.

We have a few spaces available on a programme which will be commencing next **Thursday 26th September from 7-9pm in Ballyclare**. I would be grateful if you could promote on your parent apps, social media platforms, to raise awareness and reach parents who may benefit from the programme.

CAFRE

In advance of CAFRE's upcoming Autumn Open Week, please see the attached Open Day e-flyer.

Exciting fundraising opportunity

An application to Tesco Stronger Starts (the blue tokens) has been successful and voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024 for Ballyclare Secondary School Healthy Breakfast Club. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. If you shop in Tesco in the following locations, **please** ask at the till for the **blue tokens** and pop them into the display for Ballyclare Secondary School.

Tesco stores:

2023 Antrim Road Large Unit BT15 3BG
2715 Newtownabbey Large Unit BT36 7GU
5409 Mayfield Exp Small unit BT36 7WU
5522 Ballygomartin 1 Large Unit BT13 3LD
5585 Monkstown Newton Exp Small unit BT37 0HS
6506 Northcott Extra Large Unit BT36 5HH
6552 Doagh Rd Exp Small unit BT37 9QS

Canteen menu

Please see attached.

Quote of the Week:

