

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Timetable: Week 2

## Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: classes 8M & 8A at Breckenhill

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: AS Geography Field Trip

## **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 is up and running again, every morning from 8am to 8.30am.

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

### CAFRE

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

### A Reminder of our 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

### Year 8 Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the recent Year 8 Parent Information Evening. If you were unable to attend, please find attached a copy of the presentation used on the evening.

### Shoe Box Appeal

As a school, we are supporting the Shoe Box Appeal this year again, if can please help us with support this charity. The deadline to donate a shoe box is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

### Important information for Year 12 – 14 pupils: Upcoming Dates

10th October – CAFRE Loughry Open Day

11th October – CAFRE Greenmount Open Day

11th October – PWC STEM Event - Girls in Science

12th October – Ulster University Subject Insight Evening Computing

12th October – Ulster University Subject Insight Evening Social Work

13th October – CAFRE Greenmount Open Day

14th October – Liverpool John Moores Open Day

17th October – Queen’s University Parents event

18th October Ulster University Subject Insight Evening Pharmacy

20th – 21st October – Cinematic Talent Lab

21st October Swansea University Open Day

25<sup>th</sup> October Stranmillis University College Open Day

### Payments for Music Tuition

If you child receives music tutor from Mrs McKay (violin) or Mr Doherty (Lower brass) please ensure that the first terms lessons have been paid for on the Parent Pay App. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

### Instrumental Hire

If you child hires an instrument through the school, a one-off payment of £40 should now be in you Parent Pay App. Please ensure that this is paid as soon as possible as these funds are used to replace and repair instruments throughout the year.

### Duke of Edinburgh

Applications are now open for the next 2 ½ weeks for this years Duke of Edinburgh award.

Information on the programme and the application forms can be found on the school website in the extra-curricular area ready for download or a paper copy of each is available from Mr Crothers.

Participation numbers are **TIGHT** so the Duke of Ed committee in school would recommend that pupils spend as much thought and time on the application form as possible. We will be letting successful applicants know after Halloween.

Closing date for applications: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

### Healthy Break

Please see the attached flyer.

Quote of the Week:

**It always seems  
*impossible* until it's *done*.**  
- Nelson Mandela

