

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Timetable: Week 1

## Dates for your Diary:

**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Years 11 to 14 are off timetable and only attend school when they have an examination.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Senior Choir will be performing at Parliament Buildings, Stormont @7:30pm. They have been invited by a local choir, 'The Clare Chorale' to join them for the evening in aid of the charity Aware. Admission to the event is strictly by ticket only which are priced at £12. Senior choir members should already have this as a purchase option in their Parent Pay. Anyone else in the school community will be most welcome to attend the concert. To purchase tickets please contact the school office or Miss Beattie to have the payment option added to your Parent Pay account. Tickets will be distributed by Miss Beattie to those concerned following receipt of payment. Many thanks for your support.

**27<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 8 to 10 assessments will be completed in class.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – PE Pink Week for Cancer Focus

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 11 Learn to Earn Event

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Pupils finish at 11.45am for the Christmas break

## External examinations in November

There are external GCSE modules taking place in school from 13-23 November. All pupils in Year 12, along with those pupils in Year 11 studying Double Award Science, will have at least one exam during this time. Pupils have all been issued with their examination timetable so please take time to discuss these exams with your son/daughter and make a note of the dates and times of exams. Attached is an Examinations Handbook with key information on some of the regulations for external exams. The dates of these exams can be found in the table below.

English Unit 4	20/11/23	9:00-10:45am	Year 12 English classes
Maths M2	21/11/23	9:00-10:45am	Year 12 re-sits
Maths M3	21/11/23	9:00-11:00am	Year 12 re-sits
Maths M4	21/11/23	9:00-11:00am	Year 12 re-sits
Maths M6	23/11/23	9:00-11:00am	Year 13 re-sits

## **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.

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

23rd November Union Theological College Open Event

24th November CAFRE Open Day Enniskillen Campus

School formal letter being given to all Year 12-14 pupils next week

### **Important information for Year 10**

Reminder: the closing date for the Year 10 Options Survey is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Important information for Parents of Pupils in 8D and 8R**

Reminder to complete the questionnaire re: the homework system by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **School Photograph**

***\*\*Special Christmas offer: £5.00 off a Print in a tube (available until the 1<sup>st</sup> December)\*\****

*This is a reminder that your whole school group photograph taken earlier in the year is still available to view and order via the Tempest Ordering website. A weblink is supplied below which will take you directly to your photograph and allow you to browse the products available and place an order should you wish.*

<https://htmp.st/600047-118WSG>

*If your order is intended as a Christmas gift, we recommend placing your order before 1<sup>st</sup> December to give the best chance of receiving your photograph/s back in time.*

### **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

Quote of the Week:



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YOUR PLAN