



### Dates for your Diary:

#### External exams information:

Date	Time	Exam	Pupils involved	Location
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00-12:00pm	BTEC Tourism Unit 2 Part B	Year 14 BTEC Tourism class	Boy's Gym
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00-10:30pm	BTEC Sport Unit 1 re-sit	Year 14 re-sit pupils	Boy's Gym
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	1:00-2:30pm	BTEC Tourism Unit 1	Year 13 BTEC Tourism classes	Boy's Gym
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	1:00-2:30pm	OCN Essential Skills Level 1 Communication	Year 12 OCN English class	Boy's Gym
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	1:00-2:45pm	OCN Essential Skills Level 2 Communication	Year 12 OCN English class	Boy's Gym

#### Key dates information:

**Tuesday 12th December 2023** – Christmas Concert rehearsals

**Wednesday 13th December 2023** – Christmas Concert @ 5:30pm

**Wednesday 13th December & Thursday 14th December 2023** – Year 10 Young Enterprise Event

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 12 Food & Nutrition practicals

**Thursday 14th December 2023** – Flu Vaccinations ( Mop-Up Sessions)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – last year's GCSE and A level pupils can collect certificates from 9am to 12pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner is being served in the canteen for those wishing to purchase

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – PTA Christmas screening in the evening

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Translink bus strike, please see the Acting Principal's letter

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023** - Pupils finish at 11.45am for the Christmas break

## **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.

### **Year 10 and 12 Options Survey**

Final call for the completion of the Years 10 and 12 Options Survey. If you have not yet completed the relevant survey with your child, please do so at the link below. The results of this survey are used to determine which subjects we can offer at KS4 and KS5, therefore it is vital that all students complete their survey.

#### **Year 10**

<https://forms.gle/L4eKu1XNZ9LyoQ2d7>

#### **Year 12**

<https://forms.gle/Twceb35vMS7hSetw7>

### ***UCL Outreach Programme***

We have received the following information from University College London regarding their schools outreach programme. If your child would be interested in any of these sessions, they need to register at the following link: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/secondary/ucl-informed-futuresUCL>

When registering, pupils need to indicate their Year group – these registration form is based on the English system, so you will need to use the following:

Year 8 = Year 7

Year 9 = Year 8

Year 10 = Year 9

Year 11 = Year 10

Year 12 = Year 11

### ***Below is the information received from UCL.***

Informed Futures is a series of online events aimed at equipping secondary school students, and parents and carers, with the knowledge and confidence to succeed in their next steps in education. With sessions for pupils in Year 8 all the way up to Year 12, there is a wealth of advice and information available for attendees.

Applications for our next series of Informed Futures events are now open. Please see below the sessions we will be running this autumn:

**Get Ready for GCSEs (Y8-10) - 12 December 2023**

**Stepping Up Your Study Skills (Y10-12) - 21 December 2023**

All sessions run from 5-6pm

Sessions will be hosted online. Audience participation will be encouraged through interactive elements such as games and quizzes and participants will have the chance to ask questions by typing in the chat function.

### **Instrumental tuition/Instrumental Hire Payments:**

All payments for the hire of school instruments and board tuition should have been paid through the parent pay app. If you have an outstanding payment remaining please ensure this is paid before 15<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately lessons will be paused in January until payments have been made. If you have any issues please contact Mrs Stewart.

### **Christmas Concert:**

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The concert will be held in the school Assembly Hall at 5.30pm and is very much a family event. The cost of tickets are £4 for an adult ticket and £2 for a child ticket. These are now available to purchase on the Parent Pay App. We would love it if you could join us, support our pupils, and help us spread some Christmas cheer.

Consent forms for pupils participating in the concert need to be in for Monday 11th December at the latest, this has been sent out on Parent Sims App as a Google Form. On Wednesday evening all pupils need to return to school in full uniform for 5.00pm to be ready for a 5.30pm start.

BALLYCLARE SECONDARY SCHOOL

★ MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THEIR ★

# Christmas Concert

ON WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

AT 5:30PM

TICKETS PRICES

ADULT £4

CHILD £2

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY APP

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE



## 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:



Make it a December  
to Remember