



Dates for your Diary:

External exams information:

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

Key dates information:

Monday 18th December 2023 – Satchel Parent training for parents of 8D and 8R from 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday 19th December 2023 – Special Christmas Assembly

Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Pupils finish at 11.45am for the Christmas break

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – School Open Afternoon (1pm-3pm)

Thursday 4th January 2024 – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 16th January 2024 - SLB1 Vaccination- Year 11 (inc. Year 12)

Friday 19th January 2024 - 6th Form Formal at Galgorm

Thursday 25th January 2024 – Year 9 Parent Consultations, further information to follow soon

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club finishes on Tuesday 19th December and will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2024.

London Theatre Trip Easter 2025

Just a reminder that the school is running an exciting packed trip to London's West End and Warner Brothers' studios Harry Potter experience in 2025. There are still a few places left. Permission slips available from Mrs Sialianskaia room 101. Deposits for the trip will be taken at the start of February 2024.

Ski Trip January 2025

We are delighted to announce that a ski trip for our current Year 8 & 9 pupils is being organised for January 2025, please see the attached letter for more details.

September's theatre trip- "Wicked"

We have had great interest in the trip to Dublin in September to see the West End hit "**Wicked**". Please can deposits be made before the end of January in order to secure the tickets.

Addressing Bullying type behaviour in Schools

Please see attached EA's Parent Guide.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Years 10-14

The annual Ballyclare Careers Fair has been adopted by the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and this year will be taking place on Tuesday 6 February 2024, 5-9pm in the Theatre at the Mill. Details will follow at the start of term 2, but in the meantime please save the date for this important and informative event.

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:

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.

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:

Christmas
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