



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - SLB1 Vaccination- Year 11 (inc. Year 12)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - 6th Form Formal at Galgorm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Year 9 Parent Consultations, further information to follow soon

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

##### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

##### Assessment Schedule

Please see attached is an updated assessment schedule. Please note the changes from the original schedule that was put out at the start of the year.

##### 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.

##### 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.

##### Duke of Edinburgh

Training for all Bronze and Silver participants on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 3-4pm in the Lecture theatre

##### 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.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Subject:** Northern Regional College Open Days 2024

Please find below details of our up-and-coming events and other key College information.

### Open Days 2024

Open Days will be taking place during the week of 5 February 2024 (see dates and times below). This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about our courses, meet our experienced staff, hear from our current students and explore our industry-standard facilities. Staff are also on hand to provide advice and guidance on student finance, education support, careers and the online application process.

#### Dates/Times

Coleraine - Mon 5 February: 4pm to 8pm

Magherafelt - Tues 6 February: 4pm to 8pm

Ballymena (Farm Lodge and Trostan Avenue) - Wed 7 February: 4pm to 8pm

Newtownabbey - Wed 7 February: 4pm to 8pm

Ballymoney - Thurs 8 February: 4pm to 8pm

For further information please visit <https://www.nrc.ac.uk/your-application/open-day>.

### Higher Level Apprenticeship Event | 7 February 2024 | 5pm to 7pm | The Braid Ballymena Town Hall

Northern Regional College, supported by Mid and East Antrim Labour Market Partnership programme and Bring IT On, are hosting a Higher Level Apprenticeship Event on Wednesday 7 February 2024 from 5pm to 7pm at the Braid Town Hall in Ballymena. The aim of this event is to provide potential apprentices (Year 13/14 school leavers and Level 3 students) and those who are currently in employment, who may wish to upskill and gain a recognised qualification, with further information on what higher level apprenticeships are, benefits of studying a higher level apprenticeship and career opportunities as well as any existing vacancies available.

To find out more and register visit [TicketSource](#)

### Course Options/Applications

As an excellent alternative to university, we offer a number of Higher Education courses. These include: Foundation Degrees, Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLA) and Higher National Diplomas. These courses offer an excellent progression route to university and include some exemptions. Students can apply directly to the College for Higher Education courses without affecting their UCAS application (with the exception of the full-time Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies which is available to apply via UCAS).

Our post-16 options include GCSE and A-Level equivalent courses as well as Traineeships and Apprenticeships. Subject areas include: Engineering, Hair & Beauty, Hospitality, Tourism & Sport, Creative & Digital Media, Health and Social Care, Performing Arts and traditional trades such as Plumbing, Joinery and Motor Vehicle.

Applications for our Higher Education (HE) full-time and part-time courses starting in September 2024. Full-time Further Education (FE)/Work-based learning courses are due to open at the end of January. A digital copy of our course listings will be available to download from our website from this date.

Please note that the most up-to-date information can be found on our website [www.nrc.ac.uk](http://www.nrc.ac.uk).

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Quote of the Week:

