



### Dates for your Diary:

#### **Important Notice:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, there will be no buses due to a Translink strike – School is open, please see the attached letter for arrangements.

#### **External exams information:**

#### **Upcoming Year 12 Double Award Science - GCSE Practical Examinations**

#### **GCSE Double Award Science - Biology Practical Exam**

Date	Teacher	Periods
Monday 5 February	Mr McAllister	1&2
Tuesday 6 February	Dr Flint	3&4
Wednesday 7 February	Mrs Baker	3&4
Thursday 8 February	Mr Hill	5&6

#### **Key dates information:**

1st February - Issue of exam results from the November modules (Maths, English and Science)

2nd February - Year 12 Formal, Galgorm

6th February - Careers Convention – please see the attached flyer

8th February - Yr10 Parent Consultations (4pm – 6pm)

9th February - Science Mock Exams for Year 11 Science Single Award and Science Double Award Pupils

21st February - DAS Biology (U1) - Yr12 Resit (9am – 10am)

22nd February - DAS Chemistry (U1) - Yr12 Resit and SAS Chemistry (U2) - Yr11 and Yr12 Resit (9am – 10am)

23rd February - DAS Physics U1 - Yr12 Resit and SAS Physics U3 - Yr12 Resit (9am – 10am)

26th February - All Day Year 12 GCSE Drama Performance Exam

#### **Year 12 Formal**

The Year 12 Formal takes place on Friday 2nd February at Galgorm Resort and Spa, from 6pm to 11pm.

A photographer will be present on the evening. Photographs are printed straight way, placed in a card strut mount and then in a protective cellophane sleeve; they are distributed immediately.

One print is £15

Two prints are £25

Three prints are £35

Special deal on the night is four prints for £40

Any additional prints are £10 each

Payment is made on the night and cash or card/contactless are accepted.

#### **Year 10 Options Interviews**

Year 10 pupils will participate in small group sessions with careers staff on Monday 29th to Wednesday 31st January. The aim of these interviews are to provide specific guidance and support as your child makes final decisions regarding KS4 options. Another important event in helping your child make wise options choices is the Year 10 Parent Consultation afternoon on Thursday 8th February. We would encourage you to prioritise speaking to the teachers of subjects your child is interested in studying in Year 11.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

### **Canteen Menu**

Please see attached.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is available every morning from 8am in our canteen.

### **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. Please see the attached flyer.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to those parents who completed the Being Well Doing Well survey.

### **Year 12 & 14**

Teachers are meeting with groups of pupils to discuss their most recent results in order to support and encourage them. Please see the attached letter for more details.

### **Training opportunities**

Please see the attached flyers to access free training for teenagers and parents in conjunction with the Public Health Agency and the Solihull Approach.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Fundraiser Dinner**

We are organising a belated 60<sup>th</sup> celebration/fundraiser dinner for the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 to be held in Dunadry Hotel, the cost of a ticket is £50 per head. Information has been released on social media. Please contact the school office to purchase tickets.

### **Careers information**

#### **NIE Apprenticeship**

NIE are recruiting for 22 Apprentices to start in September 2024 across 3 different disciplines

- Overhead Linespersons
- Plant Maintenance Electricians
- Metering Electricians

More information can be found on the NIE [website](#).

#### **NRC Open days**

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

#### **Belfast Met Open Day**

27<sup>th</sup> January 10am -1pm

Place must be booked on line using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/belfast-met-open-day-tickets->

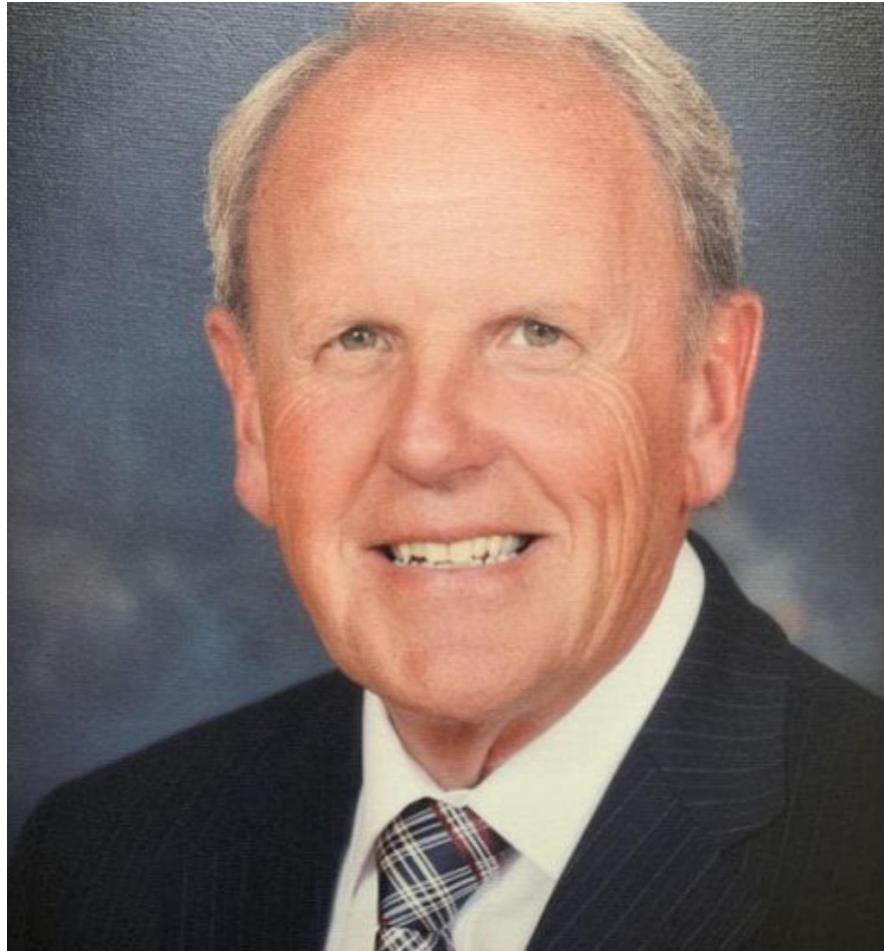
#### **BBC Apprenticeship**

BBC are offering a **Level 3 Broadcast And Media Systems Technical Operator** scheme – for those students who want to work at the front-end of technical operations in sound and/or vision in newsrooms, galleries, studios, post-production areas or out on location. For information on this scheme, please keep an eye on the main careers page which lists all our current opportunities - [BBC Apprenticeship schemes](#)

#### **NRC Higher Apprenticeship Event**

Ballymena 7<sup>th</sup> February 5pm-7pm

**Drama trip** – Wicked – first payment due on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, please see attached.



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