



Dates for your Diary:

Year 11 Single Award and Double Award Science pupils will be sitting their mock exam next Friday 9th February.

Exam arrangements are as follows:

Registration	8.40 - 8.50am	Pupils are to leave their bags in registration class. Phones may be left with class teachers or in the school office - they must not be taken into the exam hall. *Pupils who do not get extra time must bring a revision booklet or reading book to hall - See below for further information.
Go to exam hall/room	8.50am	Single Award Pupils go to Assembly Hall .
		Double Award Pupils go to Boys' Gym .
In exam hall	9am	Pupils entitled to extra time begin their exam.
	9am - 9.15am	Pupils not entitled to extra time revise quietly. When papers are about to be distributed, pupils must leave all revision books (closed) under their desk, on the floor.
	9.15am	All remaining pupils begin their exam.
	10.15am	Exam finishes for ALL pupils
Break	10.15am to 10.30am	All pupils collect bags and go out to the playground for break. If wet break arrangements apply, pupils must go back to their exam hall and remain there until 10.30am.
Normal Timetable	10.30am	Pupils are to go straight to period 2 class at 10.30.

External exams information:

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Wednesday 7 February	Mrs Baker	3&4
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Key dates information:

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

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

8th February – Year 14 T&T/Geography Trip

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 10

The Year 10 parent/carer consultation afternoon will take place via School Cloud on Thursday 8th February. Consultations will run from 4pm-6pm in 5 minute slots. This will be an opportunity to speak to teachers of subjects you child is planning to study at Key Stage 4. A number of teachers will also be available to advise on new subjects available at Key Stage 4, and there will be an opportunity to book an appointment with Careers staff. There will be a limit of 10 appointments per pupil to allow as many people as possible to access the advice they need.

The booking system is now live from 12 noon today and will close at midnight on Wednesday 7th February. Please see the attached Parents' Guide for help with booking appointments.

<https://ballyclaresecondary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 10

The Year 10 Options sheet has been attached to these notes. This should be completed and returned to school on Monday 19th February (please note, pupils will receive a hard copy of this form on Monday 5th February 2024). When making bookings for the Year 10 Options consultation afternoon, please prioritise speaking to teachers of the subjects your child would like to study at KS4. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to make contact with school.

Year 10 and 12

Tuesday 6th February - Parents of Year 10 and 12 pupils please plan to attend the Antrim and Newtownabbey Careers Fair at Mossley Mill from 5-9pm. The council has provided a small shuttle bus from school to Mossley Mill, it will run at the following times.

Bus #	Depart Time	Pick up location	Return Time (leaving Mossley Mill)
Bus 5	1630	Ballyclare Secondary	1900
Bus 5	1815	Ballyclare Secondary	2100

Years 12 to 14

See attached the Year 12 to 14 Internal Exam timetables

Requesting re-marks and copies of November exam modules

Following the distribution of results from the November GCSE modules, pupils can now request re-marks and copies of their exam papers back. Forms can be collected from Miss Trimble and must be submitted no later than 29th February. The cost for a copy of the exam paper is £8.50 and for a re-mark is £18.45.

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. We have extended the deadline for completion until Friday 9th February 2024, if you have completed the survey please see below.....



<https://forms.office.com/e/EZbsDHEMR3>

60th Anniversary/Fundraiser Dinner

We are organising a belated 60th celebration/fundraiser dinner for the 1st 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

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

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 7th February 5pm-7pm

Parents and carers of young people with SEN

The Department of Education, in partnership with the Departments of Health, Communities, and the Economy, has launched a survey on **'Enhancing Transitions Services for School Leavers with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities'**. The survey is aimed at parents and Carers to hear from them.



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