



Message from our Acting Principal

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank you for all your continued support as we work together as a school community, raising standards and transforming young peoples' lives. I

hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back refreshed and ready to work hard, over the next half term.

Dates for your Diary:

External exams information:

February GCSE modules

Please note that the following students have GCSE modules as outlined in the table below.

| Date | Time | Exam | Pupils involved | Location |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 21 st February | 9:00am | Double Award Science: Biology | Year 12 re-sits | Boy's Gym |
| | | Single Award Science: Biology | | |
| 22 nd February | 9:00am | Double Award Science: Chemistry | Year 12 re-sits | Boy's Gym |
| | | Single Award Science: Chemistry | All Year 11 Single Science pupils | |
| 23 rd February | 9:00am | Double Award Science: Physics | All Year 11 Double Science pupils | Boy's Gym |
| | | Single Award Science: Physics | Year 12 re-sits | |

Key dates information:

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
4th March - 8th March - Ballyclare Music Festival
7th March - GCSE Agriculture Trip to Hillsborough
7th March - Drama Moderation
11th March - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Orienteering (Group 1)
11th March - English Literature Trip to the Seamus Heaney Centre
12th March - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Orienteering (Group 2)
12th March - OCN English Exam (9am)
12th March - Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldtrip (Group 1)
13th March - Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldtrip (Group 2)
14th March - Primary School Netball League in Assembly Hall (2pm-4pm)
15th March - CAFRE Trip (Year 11& 12 Horticulture Pupils)
18th-19th March - GCSE Art Exam
20th March - Spring Concert
21st March - Year 10 PSNI Talks
22nd March - Year 8 ARC21 Recycling Talks

GENERAL INFORMATION:**Year 10 Options**

We apologise that there was a typing error on the Year 10 Options Sheet that you received last week. The letter stated that if your child had been selected for the Strive pathway you would be contacted. This should have read as follows:

‘Places on the **Succeed** pathway (also known as the Applied Curriculum) are capped at 16. If your child has been identified as a potential candidate for this pathway, contact will have been made and you will have been invited to interview which will take place before the half-term break.’

A corrected version has been attached and apologies again for any inconvenience caused.

CAREERS INFORMATION:**Apprenticeship and Higher Apprenticeship Opportunities**

Spirit Aerosystems Apprenticeship - Apprenticeship Programme is open for applications and close at 12pm on 23 February 2023 (see attached information).

Translink apprenticeship information event Saturday 17th February – Please use the following link to register at Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com/e/translink-apprenticeship-event-tickets-818393225167?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

NI Water multi-level apprenticeships are now open closing date Monday 12th February.

Kainos Higher Apprenticeship application now open - https://careers.kainos.com/gb/en/job/JR_13807/Earn-As-You-Learn-Computing-Apprentice-Belfast-September-2024-Start

Danske Bank has reopened applications to its higher-level apprenticeship programme Danske Futures for 2024 and is looking for 12 new apprentices to join the bank. The link to apply is as below.

https://ejqi.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1001/job/15693/?utm_medium=jobshare

Further information about all opportunities is available on Google Classroom

GENERAL INFORMATION:

University Information

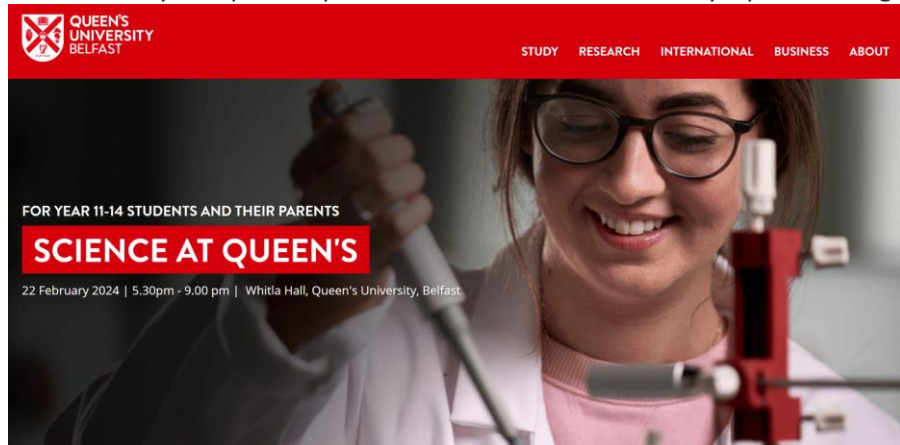
Liverpool John Moores Applicant day Saturday 2nd March (See attached flyer).

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates: Saturday 10th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 25th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm Students and parents can register for free at this link: Medical Registration Link:
<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZytt3MGPjvO>

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Years 11 -13

22nd February 5.30pm to 9pm Science at Queen's University Open evening for year 11 -13 students and parents.



Years 11 to 14

See attached the Years 11 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.

Medication

Please inform your child's form teacher or our school nurse, if there are any changes to medication. In particular, any child on ADHD medication, please let us know if medication has not been given before your child comes into school. This information is so important for teachers.

Canteen Menu

New canteen menu to be released very soon.

Breakfast Club

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

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.

Drama payments

Please attached for details.

**Enjoy
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term**