



# Week Beginning:

Monday 11th March 2024

Timetable: Week 2

Parent/Carer Update

The community of Ballyclare Secondary School strive to provide an inclusive learning and teaching environment in which all can reach their full potential. We aim to do this by fostering the core values of respect, kindness, compassion and joy.

# **Dates for your Diary:**

#### **Key dates before Easter:**

11<sup>th</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 Assessments in Exam Hall

11th March - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Orienteering (Group 1)

11th March - English Literature Trip to the Seamus Heaney Centre

11th March – Year 12 English Moderation

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)

18<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day Holiday

19th-20th March - GCSE Art Exam

20th March - Spring Concert (5:30pm)

21st March - Year 10 PSNI Talks

22nd March - Year 8 ARC21 Recycling Talks

25th March - 5th April - Easter Holidays

## A 6<sup>th</sup> Form information evening for potential external applicants

We are holding a 6<sup>th</sup> Form information evening for potential external applicants on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 6:00 to 7:30pm. The evening will include a welcome from the Acting Principal, information on the 6<sup>th</sup> form curriculum offer, small group tours and an opportunity to meet key staff and current pupils. If you have a child in Year 12 who is currently attending another school, you and your child are warmly invited to attend this informative evening.

# **Examinations information**

Year 11 pupils who need a place to revise before or between exams, or whilst waiting for transport home should go to the **Sixth Form Centre** where a designated area will be available for them. If a pupil has no exams on a particular day, study should be completed at home.

#### **GCSE Business Studies Controlled Assessment information:**

Research Folder (Booklet A) to be completed for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and Controlled Assessment Booklet B Examination paper - Thursday 21 March 2024

# Year 12 Single Award Science GCSE Practical Examination Attendance is essential for this GCSE Examination

Date	Teacher	Periods
Friday 8 March (week 1)	Mr Beggs	1-3
Friday 8 March (week 1)	Mrs Parr	4-6
Monday 11 March (week 2)	Mrs Williams	1-3
Monday 11 March (week 2)	Ms Russell	1-3
Friday 15 March (week 2)	Mr Wray	1-3

# **Duke of Edinburgh**

Silver Duke of Edinburgh training on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm. (even though exam week is on, attendance is still required).

#### **Important Medical Information**

Please see attached very important information from EA & PHA regarding measles and MMR.

#### School Holidays 2024-2025

Please see attached.

## **Spring Concert**

Our annual Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday 20th March from 5.30 pm. Tickets are available on Parent Pay App at a cost of £5 per adult and £3 per child. We would be delighted if you could come and join us to celebrate our pupils achievements so far this year.

#### **Careers Information**

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Queen's A Level Politics and Philosophy conference

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Queen's University School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences open day.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Trinity College Dublin open day.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Queen's offer holder day (invitation only)

May 10th - Registration for experience Maths at Queen's University.

July 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Swansea University summer school, Medicine, Healthcare and Psychology.

TBC – Online conference on social work in Northern Ireland.

June – Deloitte careers shapers programme.

Additional information on higher apprenticeships.

# https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/higher-level-apprenticeship

Please note many events require registration. Additional Information and links are available on google classroom.

#### **General Information**

# Canteen Menu

Please see attached the canteen menu.

### **Breakfast Club**

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

## 60th 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.

