



Dates for your Diary:

Key dates before Easter:

4th March - 8th March - Ballyclare Music Festival
7th March - GCSE Agriculture Trip to Hillsborough
7th March - Drama Moderation
11th March – 15th 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
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 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

Examinations information

Misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in assessments

JCQ, the regulators of external examinations, have recently provided schools with updated information on how students can avoid the misuse of AI in controlled assessments and also what the penalties are for pupils who submit work that is not their own. Over the next few weeks, all pupils in Years 11-14 will receive an assembly about the misuse of AI in assessments. A quick guide for students was attached last week for your information.

Study facilities for during the Year 12 to 14 exam period: The Lecture Theatre continues to be available for Year 12, 13 & 14 pupils who need a place to revise before or between exams, or whilst waiting for transport home. This will be a supervised study area. 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 15th 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

Ballyclare Music Festival

As some of you are already aware, Ballyclare Music Festival is taking place this week in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church. We are delighted that over 40 pupils will be taking part in solo classes over the week as well as 6 small ensemble, Orchestra and both Junior and Senior Choir.

A Google Form should now have been completed for all pupils who are taking part in this event. If this is not the case please email Mrs Stewart at cstewart825@c2ken.net. Below are a list of the times for each class and it would be wonderful to see you there if you are able to attend. Many thanks Mrs Stewart

Ballyclare Music Festival Class Times

Tuesday 5th March, 9.30 am String Solo Year 8

10.00 am String Solo Year 9 +10

10.25 am String Solo Year 11+12

10.45 am String Solo Year 13+14

11.15 am Strings Ensemble

11.45 am Orchestra

3.15 pm Piano Solo Year 9+10

4.00 pm - Piano Solo Year 11+12

4.30 pm - Piano Solo Year 13+14

Wednesday 6th March, 10.50 am - Brass Solo Year 9-10

11.10 am - Brass Solo Year 11+12

11.30 am - Brass Ensemble

1.15 pm - Vocal Solo Year 8

2.00 pm - Vocal Solo Years 9+10

2.45 pm - Vocal Solo Years 11+12

3.35 pm - Vocal Solo Years 13+14

4.00 pm - Vocal Duet

Thursday 7th March, 11.50 am - Woodwind Solo Years 9+10

12.20 am - Woodwind Solo Years 11+12

2.30 pm - Woodwind Ensembles

3.00 pm - Traditional Solo

3.40 pm - Traditional Group

Friday 8th March, 1.55 pm - Secondary Choirs

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 2nd – Liverpool John Moores Northern Ireland applicant day.

March – Deloitte Bright Starts higher apprenticeship scheme.

March 3rd – Online UCAT conference.

March 3rd – Online Work experience on Recovery and Rehabilitation: Strokes & Opioid Dependence.

March 3rd - NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience online session.

March 5th – Business and Economics careers at Amazon webinar.

March 6th – Music careers webinar.

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

May 10th – Registration for experience maths at Queen's University.

July 14th – 17th – 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 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.



**Today is your
opportunity to
build the tomorrow
you want.**

—KEN POIROT

