



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:

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
22nd March – School finishes at **11.45am**
25th March – 5th April – Easter Holidays

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.

A 6th Form information evening for potential external applicants

We are holding a 6th Form information evening for potential external applicants on Monday 8th April from 6:00 to 7:30pm. The evening will include a welcome from the Acting Principal, information on the 6th 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

GCSE Business Studies Controlled Assessment information:

Controlled Assessment Booklet B Examination paper - Thursday 21 March 2024

General information

Adventure Camp

Share Discovery Village, based outside Lisnaskea in Co Fermanagh are hosting 2 International English language schools this summer, see the attached flyer for details.

Pupil Drop Off

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our pupils, we wish to reiterate the drop-off procedures at our school. We kindly request that parents refrain from driving through the back gate for pupil drop-off. This decision has been made with the utmost consideration for the health and safety of our pupils. In addition to this it causes congestion issues which poses safety risks to both pupils and drivers. By avoiding 2-way vehicular traffic in this area, we can create a safer environment for everyone. We encourage parents to explore alternative drop-off points, while this may require a slightly longer walk for your child, it significantly enhances safety. Special circumstances are accommodated on an individual basis in consultation with our pastoral staff.

General Information

Paper Cut Printing Credits

At the start of the academic year, each pupil received an allocation of printing credits. If your child has exhausted their allotted printing credits, additional credits can be purchased by visiting the school office. Upon payment via Parent Pay for additional credits, the office staff will update their Paper Cut account with the additional printing credits.

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.

Careers Information

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

March 23rd - Trinity College Dublin open day.

March 23rd – Queen's offer holder day (invitation only)

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.

