



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 in Summer Term:

- 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - Pupils do not attend
- 7th May - Start of External Summer Exam Season
- 14th May – 17th May - DOE Bronze Expedition
- 16th May – Kit Car Heat in Moneymore
- 27th May— Staff Development Day—Pupils do not attend.
- 30th May – 4th June – Year 8 to Year 11 Internal Summer Assessments
- 1st June - 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Examinations Information

- 7th May - A2 Music Practical
- 16th May - A2 Performing Arts Exam

General Information

Years 12, 13 and 14 Study Leave Revision Timetable

During study leave there are scheduled revision classes for most subjects. These classes are not compulsory but are a time students can come to see their teachers with any difficulties they are having with their revision. If your child is attending a revision class they should be in school only for the duration of that lesson. Full school uniform must be worn to revision classes.

Year 8-11 Exam Timetables

Year8, 8, 10 & 11 Exam Timetables are now available.

Music Tuition Payments

The fees for string and brass tuition for term 3 are now in your Parent Pay Basket. Please try to have these paid by the end of May if possible. Any outstanding payments for term 2 now must be paid. If there are any issues please contact Mrs Stewart.

Many thanks,
Mrs Stewart.

Orchestra – Junior Orchestra will start on Tuesday 7th May. This is for all pupils in Year 8-11 who play an instrument. Please come along and have some fun!

Mrs Stewart

Junior choir will continue as normal on Tuesday week 1 and Thursday week 2 at lunchtime with Miss Francis.

Summer Term Choir - All pupils in Years 8-11 are invited to join a Summer Term Choir on Wednesdays after school with Miss Beattie and Miss Francis from 3-4pm in Room 102. You do not have to have been in any choir before and all will be most welcome!

Miss Francis/Miss Beattie

Public Examination Regulations

JCQ are the public regulatory authority for external examinations. Schools are required to share important information regarding rules and regulations for public examinations. Please find attached a copy of the presentation delivered to pupils in years 11 – 14.

Revision Class

Business Studies revision class for Year 11 students (and any Year 12 students who are repeating Unit 1) on Thursday 9th May from 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

Careers Information

- Success Tutoring Ni have now opened booking on the UCAT preparation course.
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers virtual classroom series are available for student from year 11- 13 to log on to.
 - Discover PwC: opportunities in business for school and college leavers - Thursday 9 May 4:30-5:30pm
 - Discover PwC: opportunities in accounting and technology - Tuesday 14 May 4:30-5:30pm
 - Preparing for the workplace: building your personal brand and employability skills - Tuesday 18 June 4:30-5:30pm
 - Looking ahead to your career options: Degree programmes - Wednesday 10 July 4:30-5:30pm
 - Looking ahead to your career options: Apprenticeships - Wednesday 17 July 4:30-5:30pm
- New BSc Sport and Fitness Degree in association with Rangers football club. Now open for applications.
- Clearing places are available at TEDI London on several engineering courses.
- RAF Online event Wednesday 8th May. Please see attached flyer for more information.
- May 5th Virtual work experience opportunity, Year 11-13, in allied health careers including;
 - Nursing
 - Midwifery
 - Paramedicine
 - Physiotherapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Dietetics
 - Radiography
 - Prosthetics and Orthotics
 - Speech and Language Therapy
 - Pharmacy
- Amazon Future Engineering Bursary – Open to year 14 female pupils hoping to study an engineering or computer course at University next year. Several criteria apply including being a recipient of free school meals.
- All Ireland Scholarship Scheme now open. Criteria apply including being in receipt of EMA.
- Bryson Training open days – various dates see attached flyer

Further Information for all of the above is available on google classroom

Lost Voices

Calling All Young People!

Join us this **Saturday! The 4th May 10am-6pm at our Heartspace in Antrim!**

A special one-day jam session for young people interested in creating resources for other young people who have been bereaved or experiencing emotional distress. Antrim School of Music will be collaborating with FME on this awesome opportunity! You do not need to have any experience, just a desire to try something new and get involved! Come along and join in. Scan the QR code on the flyer to sign up.

Dominos are kindly providing the lunch for this event.

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.

