

In Touch

Parent / Carer Update



Week Beginning:

Monday 20th May 2024

Timetable: Week 2

Menu: Week B

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:

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

5th – 6th June - DOE Bronze Qualifying (Group 1)

10th June - Sports Day/Fun Day

12th – 13th June – Young Enterprise Blast Off Event for Year 9

13th – 14th June - DOE Bronze Qualifying (Group 2)

Examinations Information

Year 8 to Year 11— Summer Exams—Please see attached Exam Timetables. Year 11 pupils should check the date of each exam they will sit as some have been moved. Year 8 to 10 Revision Lists are attached.

General Information

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

As we approach the end of this academic year, please help us by answering the following questions relating to our vision, mission and values. Please click [Here](#).

Past Pupils

Please let us know what you achieved after leaving Ballyclare Secondary School by joining our Past Pupil Network. <https://forms.gle/2P1z2dAvRwc67zms8>

Ballyclare May Fair

Our school grounds can not be used to park your car to attend Ballyclare May Fair.

Past Pupil Performance

We welcomed Colin Graham to perform in Assembly for our pupils in Year 8 – 10 to showcase his talent as one of our past pupils. What an inspiration! Colin will also be performing at the BSS 60th Anniversary Dinner at Dunadry Hotel on Saturday 1st June, 2024.

Kit Car Success

The BSS Electric Kit Car team 'Forget Fossil' competed at the Mid-Ulster Heat on Thursday 16th May 2024. Following their hard work throughout the year and careful preparation of the car they were placed 1st in both races. Another fantastic achievement for our pupils in this Engineering Challenge.

Careers

- Queen's University Open Day Saturday 8^h June and Saturday 7^h September. Please register online.

- St Mary's Open Day 11th and 12th September. Please register online.

- Ulster University Open day Belfast Monday 9th September and Coleraine 20th September. This is a school organised visit and buses will be provided. There is a small contribution charge for bus hire of £3. Please pay via Parentpay to reserve a place. Places are limited on both days to 50 pupils.

- Success Tutoring Ni have now opened booking on the UCAT preparation course.

- PriceWaterhouseCoopers virtual classroom series are available for students from year 11- 13 to log on to. Preparing for the workplace: building your personal brand and employability skills - Tuesday 18 June 4:30-5:30pm - [sign up here](#).

- Looking ahead to your career options: Degree programmes - Wednesday 10 July 4:30-5:30pm - [sign up here](#).

- Looking ahead to your career options: Apprenticeships - Wednesday 17 July 4:30-5:30pm - [sign up here](#).

- New BSc Sport and Fitness Degree in association with Rangers football club. Now open for applications.

- All Ireland Scholarship Scheme now open. Criteria apply including being in receipt of EMA.

- Mid and East Antrim's Labour Market Partnership has announced over 50 apprenticeship opportunities with local employers, available now through the Apprenticeship E-Hub. These include all levels of apprenticeships. The Apprenticeship E-Hub simplifies the recruitment process for apprenticeships by connecting opportunities and applications in one online place. There are currently over 50 local apprenticeship opportunities, at various levels and across the sectors. All the opportunities can be viewed [on the Apprenticeship E-Hub website](#). Applications open on 13 May and close at 12pm on Friday 31 May 2024.

Online session to support parents and pupils with apprenticeship application process.

Wednesday 22nd May 4.30pm -5. 30pm

Please use the following link to register

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mid-east-antrim-apprenticeship-e-hub-apprenticeship-clinic-tickets-884815626357?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

PwC Insight Programme has reopened for applications for students in year 12 and 13. Link available in google classroom to apply. Applications close May 24th.

Liverpool John Moores University have a fully funded transition programme available for year 14 students who hope to study there in September 2024.

University league tables are available via the following link. [University League Tables](#)

Swansea University are holding an online Medicine, Health and Life Sciences event for year 12and 13 pupils and for any year 14 pupils who may be interested in a clearing place.

Virtual NHS Work Experience available on Paediatric Pathways. Sunday June 2nd. Registration available via google classroom.

SMUSA are holding female soccer scholarship assessment trails Monday May 27th at Rosario Football Club.

Breakfast Club

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

Revision Information

Revision information for years 8,9,10 & 11 is attached.

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.

