

In Touch

Parent / Carer Update



Week Beginning:

Monday 27th May 2024

Timetable: Week 1

Menu: Week A

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)

17th June – White Ribbon Project 9:00-11:45am (Year 11 Boys) Lecture Theatre *New Date*

18th - 20th June – DOE Expedition

19th June - Year 8 Induction Day

Examinations Information

Year 8 to Year 10— Summer Exams—Thursday 30th May to Tuesday 4th June.

Year 11—Study Leave—Thursday 30th May to Tuesday 4th June.

General Information

Past Pupils

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

Cold Water Safety

As the summer begins, please see attached letter regarding the dangers in the local quarry and cold water safety in general.

Breakfast Club

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

Careers

Amazon and Gallup have collaborated to create a report on job prospects in different sectors. Follow the link below for an up to date public database that provides insight on the long-term potential of various career paths.

[Career Prospect Index](#).

Northern Ireland Civil Service are opening their recruitment shortly with some positions suitable for school leavers. Please see the attached flyer.

Brett Martin have some places remaining on their level 3 polymer apprenticeship scheme. More details of requirements are on Google Classroom.

McDonald's are recruiting locally please see the attached flyer.

Edge Hill University are holding an 'Education & Teaching Information session' in Belfast for students who are interested in gaining an Early Years, Primary or Secondary Education qualification at undergraduate or postgraduate level—1st June.

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 student 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.

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 12 and 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.

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