

In Touch

Parent / Carer Update



Week Beginning:

Monday 3rd June 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:

3rd & 4th June – Year 8 to Year 11 Internal Summer Assessments continue

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

10th June - Sports Day/Fun Day

11th – 12th 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

20th June - Space to Learn Science Event for Year 8

20th - 21st June – KS3 CPR Training *New Date*

Examinations Information

3rd & 4th June – Year 8 to Year 11 Internal Summer Assessments continue

Year 11—Study Leave—Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th June.

PTM and PTE—Please note that year 8 pupils will be completing PTM and PTE testing in English and Maths classes between the 20th May and the 18th June.

CAT 4 -Pupils in year 9 and 10 will be sitting CAT 4 computer based testing during ICT classes in the month of 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>

Breakfast Club

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

London Theatre Trip 2025

Flights have now been booked! Reminder that 3rd payment is due 2nd June.

"Wicked" Theatre Trip September '24

A final reminder- Final payment is required by 2nd June.

Summer Scheme—Strange Events Management

Strange Events Management are pleased to offer children schemes during the spring, summer and autumn months of 2024.

Childrens Scheme Dates

Week 1 – (Summer) Wednesday 3rd July - Friday 5th July 2023 (**Ballyclare High School**)

Week 2 – August (TBC) (**Ballyclare High School**)

Week 3 – Halloween (**Ballyclare High School**)

Please see attachments for details.

Careers

Edge Hill University are running a Teacher Training event at Hilton Hotel, Lanyon Place on Saturday 1st June, for students interested in training to become a teacher.

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](#).

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

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 ParentsPAY 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.

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.

A Health and Social Care Interactive Workshop will take place at Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey on the 12th June 2024. This will event is in partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust that is sure to be beneficial to many students, especially those considering a career within the Health and Social Care sector.

For any student in year 13 who is interested in a career in this area this will be a great opportunity to find out more information. You do not need to be studying Health and Social care in school. You will be picked up and returned to school and must wear full school uniform. There is a quick turn around on this event and so you must email Ms Russell to register your interest if you would like to attend by Monday 3rd June. The event is number dependent and may not proceed so it is essential you register your interest.

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