

In Touch

Parent / Carer Update



Week Beginning:

Monday 24th June 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:

School closes at 11.45am on Friday 28th June for the summer break. Buses will be available.

Examinations Information

A Level (GCE) Results on Thursday 15th August from 9am.

GCSE Results on Thursday 22nd August. Year 12 from 9am and year 11 from 10am.

General Information

Breakfast Club

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

Music tuition - The final payments for this years music tuition are now due. Please ensure that it's paid before the end of the term. If you have any issues please email Mrs Stewart at cstewart825@c2ken.net

GCSE Music - Year 10 pupils taking GCSE Music – We were delighted with the response to the Music and Emotional Wellbeing Survey and pupils will complete this at the start of next week. Please ensure that pupils have been sent the survey link to their school email address. If the link as only been sent to your email address could you please forward this on so your child can access it in school. Many thanks, Mrs Stewart

Cinemagic

Cinemagic has launched its annual call for young film enthusiasts to take on the role of 'film consultants' this July, to participate in workshops and film screenings to help programme a series of films for the annual Cinemagic Festival that takes place in October 2024, supported by the Department for Communities through Northern Ireland Screen. The film consultants scheme runs in Belfast's Ulster Museum.

If you are a budding film critic who would enjoy the opportunity to spend time with Cinemagic Film Festival, then this is a fantastic summer scheme opportunity to meet likeminded young people who love watching and discussing films, deciding on some of the content for the largest film festival for young people in the UK and Ireland. The programme is open to all young people in Northern Ireland.

Cinemagic Young Consultants 2024

15-18 year olds: Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July—10.30am-3.00pm: Ulster Museum, Belfast

12-14 yr olds: Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July—10.30am-3.00pm: Ulster Museum, Belfast

TICKET BOOKING <https://tinyurl.com/mph7anjr>

Girls Football

Ballyclare Comrades Ladies FC would like to extend a warm invitation to any girls interested in trying or getting back involved with football. They are currently looking for new players, particularly in the 2008 & 2009 age brackets as these teams are under represented. The Comrades ladies FC have some fantastic talent from Ballyclare Secondary already and would love to welcome more. We are delighted to now offer training sessions in the heart of Ballyclare, at Dixon Park on Wednesday evenings. Please see attached poster.

SEND Transformation

With regard to the planned EA SEND Transformation, further update events are planned with any parents and carers interested in this work. These events will take place online with four options to choose from on the 25th and 27th June.

Parents and carers can book the date and time that suits them best by following this link: <https://ow.ly/WxXn50SIVH4>

Careers Portal

The Department for the Economy (DfE) is planning to develop a new online Careers Portal to provide citizens with a single digital starting point for Careers related information in Northern Ireland.

To make any new portal as impactful as possible, we are seeking input from potential users about what are the most important factors for us to consider as part of the development process. The purpose of the survey is to seek input from users and stakeholders on the key factors the team need to consider to ensure the new portal is as impactful as possible. Please note the survey closes on Friday 5th July 2024 and should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Survey Link - <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfe/careers-portal>

Careers

Barclay's Online Work Experience is now available for application.

Please ensure all year 14 students have used a personal email in their UCAS application.

Get Into Medicine Conference of the academic year on Sunday 23rd June from 9:30am - 3:30pm.

People 1st is hosting a Construction Pre-Apprentice Academy from the 27th to the 30th of August, designed to introduce young people to these trades and help them secure much sought after apprenticeship placements; with direct access to employers seeking employees.

Henderson Group have advertised a [logistics apprenticeship](#) closing date 11th August.

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.

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](#)

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