

# In Touch

Parent / Carer Update

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 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

### **Year 14 Information Evening**

An information evening for Year 14 students and their parents will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30 to 7.30pm. We appreciate your presence on this evening as we work together to support your children through their final year in school.

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September—European Day of Languages**

As part of these celebrations Crepes2Go will be in school selling crêpes for £4.00.

Year 8 and 9 pupils will be allowed out of class to purchase these and the remainder of pupils can purchase them at break and lunch time. Feel free to help them practise saying 'Je voudrais une crêpe s'il vous plaît' at home!

Pupils must pre-pay through ParentPay by Tues 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Year 11 Subject Choices**

The deadline for Year 11 pupils to make changes to subject choices is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that changes are dependent on availability of space in other classes.

## Examinations Information

### **GCSE/GCE remarks or photocopies of exam papers.**

The deadline to submit forms to request a remark or copy of an exam paper from Summer 2024 is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. This is to allow time for the payment to be processed on Parent Pay before the deadline from the exam boards of 26<sup>th</sup> September. Forms can be collected from the school office or directly from Miss Trimble; completed forms should be returned to Miss Trimble.

## General Information

### **Tempest School Photography**

The closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk). If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

### **Provision of Special Diets in schools**

Please see attached important information and application form for provision of special diets in school.

### **School Canteen**

Due to staff shortages, there will be no made to order salad bar for the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### **Autumn Fair**

BFFS are hosting our second Autumn Fair in school on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 10am-2pm. If you as a parent or your child wants to hold a table at this event, please email Miss Dunwoody ([ldunwoody109@c2kni.net](mailto:ldunwoody109@c2kni.net)) as soon as possible. Equally so, if you are aware of any local small businesses that would like the opportunity to hold a table at this event, please let me know. The table cost is £15 per table.

### **Year 11 Parents - Induction Morning Feedback**

This is the first year we have invited parents to attend the first day back at school as pupils begin their Key Stage 4 journey. We would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to complete the short questionnaire at the link below to let us know how the morning could be improved.

<https://forms.gle/udaw1jYToNg26hqB7>

## Year 14 Parents – Year 14 Information Evening (Thursday 19th September 6.30 – 7.30)

Year 14 parents are invited to attend an information evening to mark the beginning of your young person's final year at school. The main focus of the evening will be to reflect on the achievements of Year 13 and to look ahead to Year 14 and how we can help our students reach their potential. We very much hope to see as many parents as possible.



## Year 8 – Wee Critters Interactive Animal Education Event

WEE CRITTERS IS A MOBILE AND INTERACTIVE ANIMAL EDUCATION SERVICE WHICH OPERATES THROUGHOUT NORTHERN IRELAND. A WILD TIME AWAITS!

- 🐸 'Wee Critters Interactive Animal Education' is an opportunity for all Year 8 pupils to get up close to many amazing animals and learn about Classification as part of Year 8 Science.
- 🐸 The event will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- 🐸 To cover the cost of the visit a Payment of £3.00 via Parent Pay should be made on or before 4 October.



### Careers Information

Careers' Information for September can be found in the attached document. We would like to draw special attention to our new series of 'Where Next Wednesday' talks. These talks will usually take place on the third Wednesday of the month and will offer useful information on the post-16 pathways available. The talk will begin at 3.15pm.