

In Touch

Parent / Carer Update

Monday 4th November 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

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 Half Term holiday
4th November 1st day back from Half Term break
4th – 15th November - Key stage 4 and 5 Assessment Point 1
6th – 7th November - Year 12 Interview Skills
7th November - Year 10 Options Information Evening @ 6.30pm.
9th November - Inter Schools Show Jumping League
11th November - DAS: Year 12 Biology Resit (9-10am)
12th November - DAS: Year 11 and Year 12 Resit Chemistry Unit 1 (9-10am)
13th November - DAS: Year 12 Physics Resit (9-10am) & SAS: Year 12 Physics (9-10am)
14th November - NEBSSA Cross Country Event
14th November - Year 12 Options Information Evening @ 6.30pm.
15th November – Year 12 English Unit 1 Resit (9-10:45am)
16th November 2024 - School Show Saturday Rehearsal @ 10am

General Information

Health & Social Care

Year 12 students who are interested in finding out about GCE Health and Social Care Single or Double Award should come to a meeting at breaktime on Tuesday 5th November at breaktime in Room 126 Home Economics.

Autism NI

Autism NI are holding a series of Parent Support courses over a variety of topics. These are held either via Zoom or in Person. Click [here](#) for more information on how to sign up.



Year 10 and 12 Options Evenings

We invite the parents of Year 10 and 12 pupils to attend our options evenings on the following dates:

Year 10: Thursday 7th November 2024 at 6.30pm

Year 12: Thursday 14th November 2024 at 6.30pm

On these evenings the Options process will be explained and we request that **all pupils** have a parent/carers in attendance.

Year 10 and 12 Parents/Carers

Your child has received an invitation to an Options Google Classroom, please ensure they have accepted this invitation. We have had some technical issues with parent invitations to the Google Classroom; you will receive these in due course but in the meantime you can access the Google Classroom with your child's account. The Year 10 and Year 12 Options Booklets will be added to the Google Classroom and will be available on the school website over the half term break.

Year 11 and 12 Assessment

Please see attached documents highlighting assessments for years 11-14.

Uniform

We are currently reviewing our uniform policy and part of this process includes a consultation on our school skirt. Please click the following link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1T09LJSwkqWywgxOjKw-RB8fwTCkq9Hg3Fzu1Zx25Sfo/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=671165e3 to select your preference of skirt, on/before Friday 1st November by 3pm. Please note this process requires consultation with all stakeholders.

Careers Information

Careers' Information for October can be found in the attached document.

Year 8 Pantomime trip

Year 8 Pantomime payment is now accessible on the Parent Pay app. Payment due by 4th November.

Flu Vaccination Schedule

Please note changes to Flu Vaccination Schedule. Years 8 & 9—6th November; Year 10—4th November ; Years 11 & 12—20th November

Wishing all Ballyclare Secondary School families a pleasant and safe Half Term Holiday. School recommences for pupils on Monday 4th November.

