

## Curriculum Structure

Area of learning	Contributory Elements	Periods
Language and Literacy	English including Media Education	4
Mathematics and Numeracy	Mathematics including Financial Capability	4
The Arts	Art and Design	1.5
	Drama	1
	Music	1.5
Environment and Society	Geography	3
	History	3
Modern Languages	French	4
	German or Spanish	4
Science and Technology	Science	3
	Technology and Design	2
I.C.T.	Digital Technology	2
Learning for Life	Home Economics and Learning for Life and Work	2
Physical Education	Physical Education and Games	3
Religious Education	Religious Education	2



### Pastoral Team

#### Head of Year

Mr A. Moore

#### Pastoral Adviser

Miss A. Simpson

#### Tutors

Mrs J. Fielding / Mrs R. Matchett

Mr B. Thompson

Mrs R. Hamill / Mrs N. Chalkley

Mr P. Scullion

Mrs N. Taggart

Mr W. Kerr

#### Teacher in Charge of Pastoral Care and Child Protection

Mr R. Ross

#### Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Dr C. Donnelly

#### Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Mrs C. McNeilly

## Parents' Information

Year 9  
2017 - 2018

Ballymena Academy



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## Term Dates

### School Commences

01.09.17

### Half Term Holiday

30.10.17 - 3.11.17

### Christmas Holiday

21.12.17 - 02.01.18

### Half Term Holiday

15.02.18 - 19.02.18

### Easter Holiday

26.03.18 - 06.04.18

### May Day Holiday

07.05.18

### Last Day of Summer Term

29.06.18

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## Exceptional Closure days

03.10.17

27.11.17

11.01.18

12.01.18

28.05.18

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## Morning Assembly

### Main Assembly

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

### Year Assembly

Tuesday

### Tutor Group Meeting

Thursday

### Games

Monday Periods 8 and 9

## Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 27.10.17

OPA Christmas Fair 09.12.17

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 13.12.17

Annual School Concert 11.04.18 - 13.04.18

### Year 9 September - December

Meeting of Junior School Council

European Day of Languages

Anti-Bullying Week

Junior CU Weekend

Junior School Exams 28.11.17 - 30.11.17

Christmas Party

Junior Carol Service

### Year 9 January - February

Meeting of Junior School Council

### Year 9 March - June

Parents' Consultation Afternoon 14.03.18

Meeting of Junior School Council

Sports Day

Summer Examinations 29.05.18 - 31.05.18

Fun Day

Presentation of Awards

## Timetabled Games Activities

### Boys

#### Winter - Spring

Rugby / Conditioning / Gymnastics / Basketball

#### Spring - Summer

Athletics / Tennis / Cricket / Football / Softball

### Girls

#### Winter - Spring

Mixed Sports / Hockey / Orienteering / Fitness

#### Spring - Summer

Athletics / Tennis / Rounders / Football /  
Softball / Tag Rugby

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## Co-Curricular Activities

### Girls

Hockey / Netball / Badminton / Rugby

### Boys

Rugby / Gymnastics / Basketball

Summer Football

### Girls and Boys

Percussion / Strings / Orchestra

Choir / Wind Band / Cricket / Tennis

Public Speaking / Swimming / Table-tennis

Circuits / Cross-country / Football

Drama / Athletics / Chess

Young Environmentalists Society

Christian Union / Showjumping / Debating

Walking / Science Computers / Languages

Creativity Club / Maths Club