

## Curriculum Structure

Area of learning	Contributory Elements
Language and Literacy	English including Media Education
Mathematics and Numeracy	Mathematics including Financial Capability
The Arts	Art and Design Drama Music
Environment and Society	Geography History
Modern Languages	French
Science and Technology	Science Digital Technology Technology and Design
Learning for Life	'Roots & Wings' Skills Development, Personal Development, and Cultural Studies / Mandarin Taster  Home Economics
Physical Education	Physical Education and Games
Religious Education	Religious Education



### Pastoral Team

#### Head of Year

Miss E. Forsythe

#### Pastoral Adviser

Mrs C. Oakes

#### Tutors

Mrs L. Creith / Mrs C. McCullough  
Mrs L. Doherty / Mrs L. Creith  
Mrs A. Hannawin / Mrs E. Borthwick  
Mrs K. McCann / Mr N. Patterson  
Miss R. Hamilton / Mr J. Andrews  
Miss G. Allen / Mr D. Ross

#### 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 8  
2019 - 2020

Ballymena Academy



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## Term Dates

### School Commences

29.08.19

### Half Term Holiday

28.10.19 - 1.11.19

### Christmas Holiday

23.12.19 - 03.01.20

### Half Term Holiday

14.02.20 - 19.02.20

### Easter Holiday

06.04.20 - 17.04.20

### May Day Holiday

08.05.20

### Last Day of Summer Term

30.06.20

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## Exceptional Closure days

01.10.19

09.01.20

10.01.20

17.03.20 (Provisional)

25.05.20

## Morning Assembly

Initially, Year 8 pupils have their own Assembly on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Later in September they join the Main Assembly every Monday.

### Tutor Group Meetings

Wednesday and Friday

### Games

Friday Periods 9 and 10

## Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 25.10.19

School Play 14.11.19 – 15.11.19

PPA Christmas Fair 07.12.19

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 18.12.19

Annual School Concert 24.03.20 - 26.03.20

### Year 8 September - October

Parents' Information Evening 05.09.19

'Eye4Education' Day

Health Talks

Learning to Learn Workshops

Independent Learning Presentations

School Photographs

Anti-Bullying Week

European Day of Languages

### Year 8 November - December

Talk: The Gideons

Junior CU Weekend

Junior School Exams 22.11.19 - 26.11.19

Christmas Party

Junior Carol Service

### Year 8 January - February

Pupils assist with Open Nights 08.01.20 - 09.01.20

Parents' Consultation Afternoon 27.01.20

Visit to Carrickfergus Castle

### Year 8 March - June

Summer Examinations 22.05.20 - 28.05.20

Elections to Junior School Council

CEOP Talks

Presentation of Awards

## Timetabled Games Activities

### Boys

#### Winter - Spring

Rugby / Swimming / Gymnastics / Fitness

#### Spring - Summer

Athletics / Tennis / Cricket / Football / Softball

### Girls

#### Winter - Spring

Swimming / Hockey / Gymnastics

#### Spring - Summer

Athletics / Tennis / Rounders / Football /

Softball / Tag Rugby

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## Co-Curricular Activities

### Girls

Hockey / Netball / Gymnastics / 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