

Curriculum Structure

All pupils
take

Courses offered

Careers Education
Games and PE
English
Mathematics
Religious Education and
Learning for Life & Work

Other
subjects
offered

Agriculture
Art & Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Classical Civilisation
Construction
Digital Technology
Drama
English Literature
Essential Skills
Food and Nutrition
French
Further Mathematics
Geography
German
History
Media Studies
Music
Occupational Studies
Physical Education
Physics
Religious Studies
Science Single Award
Science Double Award
Spanish
Technology & Design

* The Careers Programme takes the form of stand alone events throughout the year.

Courses are subject to viable numbers and time-table constraints



Pastoral Team

Head of Year

Mr A. Moore

Pastoral Adviser

Mrs N. Taggart / Miss L. Ross

Tutors

Mr T. Bell
Mrs A. McCarry
Mr G. Murray
Mr L. Gourley
Mr D. Houston
Dr A. Livingston / Miss A. Wilkinson
Mrs L. Nelson / Mrs J. Adam

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 R. Matchett

Parents' Information

Year 11

2025 - 2026

Ballymena Academy



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Term Dates

School Commences

29.08.25

Half Term Holiday

27.10.25 - 31.10.25

Christmas Holiday

22.12.25 - 02.01.26

Half Term Holiday

09.02.26 - 13.02.26

Easter Holiday

30.03.26 - 10.04.26

May Day Holiday

04.05.26

Last Day of Summer Term

30.06.26

Exceptional Closure days

30.09.25

26.11.25

08.01.26

17.03.26

25.05.26

Weekly Format

Main Assembly

Tuesday / Friday

Year Assembly

Thursday

Extended Registration / Tutor Group

Wednesday / Monday

Games

Tuesday Periods 9 and 10

Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 24.10.25

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 17.12.25

Annual School Concert 25.03.26 - 26.03.26

Year 11 September - October

School Photographs

European Day of Languages

Elections to Middle School Council

Year 11 Information Event

Year 11 November - December

Mood Matters Talks

Meetings of the Middle School Council

Anti-Bullying Week

Senior Carol Service

Year 11 January - February

Meeting of the Middle School Council

School Examinations

Year 11 March - June

Study Skills Workshops

Parents' Consultation

Meeting of Middle School Council

Senior C.U. Weekend

GCSE Modular Examinations

Presentation of Awards

Timetabled Games Activities

Boys

Rugby / Athletics / Cricket / Football

Volleyball / Basketball / Hockey

Strength and Conditioning

Girls

Hockey / Netball

Athletics / Tennis / Rounders

Football / Softball / Volleyball

Basketball / Strength and Conditioning

Co-Curricular Activities

Girls

Hockey / Netball / Badminton

Gymnastics / Rugby

Boys

Rugby / Cricket / Football / Gymnastics

Girls and Boys

Percussion / Strings / Orchestra

Wind Band / Choir / Senior Strings

Public Speaking / Tennis

Chamber Choir / Swimming

Table-tennis / Cross-country / Football

Drama / Athletics / Chess

Young Environmentalists Society

Christian Union / Debating / Walking

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Creativity Club / Maths Club