

Curriculum Structure

Courses offered

All pupils take	Learning for Life & Work and Careers Education Games and PE Mathematics Religious Education
Choose One	English & English Literature English & Media Studies
Choose a), b) or c)	a) Science Single Award b) Science Double Award c) 1, 2 or 3 of Biology, Chemistry and Physics
Choose remaining subjects from	Agriculture Art & Design Business Studies Classical Civilisation Construction Digital Technology Drama French Food and Nutrition Further Mathematics Geography German History Music Occupational Studies Physical Education Religious Studies Spanish Technology & Design

Courses are subject to viable numbers and timetable constraints.



Pastoral Team

Head of Year

Miss C. McAllister

Pastoral Adviser

Mrs E. Liggat

Tutors

Mrs L. Hunter
Mr K. Moore
Mr D. McClelland
Miss E. Herron
Mr R. Hayes
Mrs N. Kerr
Mrs C. McCullough / Mrs E. Stevenson

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 12
2025 - 2026

Ballymena Academy



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Term Dates

School Commences

01.09.25

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

Wednesday / Thursday

Year Assembly

Friday

Extended Registration / Tutor Group

Monday / Tuesday

Games

Wednesday 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 12 September - December

Elections to Middle School Council

European Day of Languages

Geography Field Work

Meeting of the Middle School Council

Parents' Consultation

Anti-Bullying Week

Senior Carol Service

Year 12 January - February

School Examinations

Talk on post-GCSE Subject Choice

Careers Guidance Interviews

Senior C.U. Weekend

Meeting of the Middle School Council

Careers Convention

Year 12 March - June

Meeting of Middle School Council

Year 12 Social Evening

Presentation of Awards

GCSE Examinations

Year 12 August

GCSE results and Careers Interviews

Timetabled Games Activities

Boys

Rugby / Swimming / Hockey

Cricket / Football / Tennis

Cross Country / Weight Training

Golf / Softball / Volleyball

Basketball

Girls

Hockey / Netball / Swimming / Athletics

Tennis / Rounders / Football / Softball

Volleyball / Basketball / Aerobics

Squash / Dance / Fitness Training

Power walking

Co-Curricular Activities

Girls

Hockey / Netball / Badminton

Dance / Aerobics

Boys

Rugby / Golf / Cricket

Girls and Boys

Percussion / Strings / Orchestra

Wind Band / Choir / Public Speaking

Tennis / Swimming / Table-tennis

Cross-country / Football

Drama / Athletics / Chess

Young Environmentalists Society

Christian Union / Debating / Walking

Creativity Club / Maths Club