

## Curriculum Structure

The Year 14 pupils generally continue with three subjects to A2 level.

'A2' subjects are as follows:

Agriculture (BTEC Subsidiary Diploma)  
Art and Design  
Biology  
Business Studies  
Chemistry  
Classical Civilisation  
Construction (BTEC Subsidiary Diploma)  
Digital Technology  
Economics  
Engineering (BTEC Subsidiary Diploma)  
English Literature  
Environmental Technology  
French  
German  
Government and Politics  
Health & Social Care  
History  
Mathematics  
Media Studies  
Music  
Nutrition and Food Science  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Religious Studies  
Spanish

Courses are subject to viable numbers and time-table constraints

### Enrichment Programme

Careers Education, Games. Please see Careers Diary of Events on the school website.

Other enrichment activities will be delivered as single events, delivered by members of the teaching staff and outside agencies.



## Pastoral Team

### Head of Sixth Form

Mr T. McLeister

### Head of Year

Mrs C. Simpson

### Pastoral and Learning Support

Mrs G. Hallam

### Tutors

Mr M. Christie

Mrs R. Reid / Mrs H. Graham

Mrs R. Coulter

Mr G. Murray

Mr J. Turtle

Miss D. McNeill / Mrs R. Johnston

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 14  
2023 - 2024

### Ballymena Academy



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## Term Dates

### School Commences

29.08.23

### Half Term Holiday

30.10.23 - 03.11.23

### Christmas Holiday

21.12.23 - 03.01.24

### Half Term Holiday

12.02.24 - 16.02.24

### Easter Holiday

27.03.24 - 05.04.24

### May Day Holiday

06.05.24

### Last Day of Summer Term

28.06.24

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## Exceptional Closure days

03.10.23

29.11.23

11.01.24

18.03.24

27.05.24

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## Weekly Format

### Main Assembly

Wednesday (Wk B)

### Sixth Form Briefing

Wednesday (Wk A)

### Year Assembly

Monday / Friday

### Extended Registration / Tutor Group

Tuesday / Thursday

### Games

Wednesday Periods 9 and 10

## Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 27.10.23

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 13.12.23

Annual School Concert 20.03.24 - 21.03.24

### Year 14 September - October

UCAS Applications

University Roadshow

Election of Sixth Form Committee

European Day of Languages

Parents' Consultation Afternoon

Interview Skills and UK CAT Training

Eye4Education Interview Skills

### Year 14 November - December

Anti-Bullying Week

Rotary International Youth Leadership Conference

Christmas Social

Senior Carol Service

CAO Applications

### Year 14 January - April

School Examinations

Careers Convention

Level 5 Course Applications

Senior CU Weekend

### Year 14 May - June

Millennium Volunteers Awards

'A2' Examinations

Presentation of Awards

### Year 14 August

Post Results Service

## Timetabled Games Activities

### Boys

Rugby / Cricket / Football

Tennis / Golf / Weight Training

Softball / Volleyball / Basketball / Hockey

Fitness Training

### Girls

Hockey / Netball / Athletics

Tennis / Rounders / Volleyball / Aerobics

Dance / Fitness Training

Power walking

## Co-Curricular Activities

### Girls

Hockey / Netball / Badminton / Tennis

### Boys

Rugby / Golf / Football / Cricket / Tennis

### Girls and Boys

Percussion / Strings / Orchestra

Wind Band / Choir / Jazz Band / Trad. Group

Charities Committee / Chamber Choir

Cricket / Golf / Show Jumping / Hockey

Public Speaking / Tennis / Swimming

Table-tennis / Cross-country / Football

Drama / Athletics / Chess / Aerobics

Young Environmentalists Society

Christian Union / Debating / Walking

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Cancer Research Committee / Club Rigolo

Senior Maths Challenge

Java C# Programming Club

Sentinus Engineering / Millennium Volunteers