

## 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  
Geography  
German  
Government and Politics  
Health & Social Care  
History  
Mathematics  
Media Studies  
Music  
Nutrition and Food Science  
Performing Arts  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Religious Studies  
Spanish  
Technology and Design

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

Mr J. Donnelly / Mrs A. McDonald

Mrs R. Reid / Mrs H. Graham

Mr D. Ross

Mrs R. Coulter

Mrs S. Shaw

Miss R. McVea

### 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 14  
2025 - 2026

### Ballymena Academy



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## Term Dates

### School Commences

26.08.25

### 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

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## Exceptional Closure days

30.09.25

26.11.25

08.01.26

17.03.26

25.05.26

## 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

## 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

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## 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