

## 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 H. Browne

#### Tutors

Mrs J. McFarland / Mr J. Andrews  
Mrs A. Hannawin / Miss T. Coulter  
Mrs C. McCullough / Miss E. Heron  
Mrs D. Murray / Miss E. Martelli  
Miss G. Allen / Mrs H. Graham  
Mrs G. Douglas / Miss A. Doyle  
Mrs L. Doherty / Mrs K. Lyons

#### 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  
2021 - 2022

Ballymena Academy



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## Term Dates

### School Commences

25.08.21

### Half Term Holiday

25.10.21 - 29.10.21

### Christmas Holiday

22.12.21 - 03.01.22

### Half Term Holiday

14.02.22 - 18.02.22

### Easter Holiday

11.04.22 - 22.04.22

### May Day Holiday

02.05.22

### Jubilee Holiday

02.06.22 - 03.06.22

### Last Day of Summer Term

30.06.22

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## Exceptional Closure days

28.09.21

24.11.21

07.01.22

17.03.22

25.05.22

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## Morning Assembly

(as circumstances permit)

### Main Assembly

Tuesday / Thursday

### Tutor Group Meeting

Wednesday / Friday

### Games

Friday Periods 9 and 10

## Calendar of Events

(as circumstances permit)

Annual Prize Distribution 22.10.21

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 15.12.21

Annual School Concert 23.03.22 - 25.03.22

### Year 8 August - October

Parents' Information Event

'Eye4Education' Event

Health Talks

Learning to Learn Workshops

Independent Learning Presentations

School Photographs

Talk: The Gideons

European Day of Languages

### Year 8 November - December

Anti-Bullying Week

Junior School Exams

Christmas Party

Junior Carol Service

### Year 8 January - February

Pupils assist with Open Nights

Junior CU Weekend

Parents' Consultation

Visit to Carrickfergus Castle

### Year 8 March - June

Summer Examinations

Elections to Junior School Council

Digital Safety Talks

Presentation of Awards

## Timetabled Games Activities

(as circumstances permit)

### 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

(as circumstances permit)

### 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