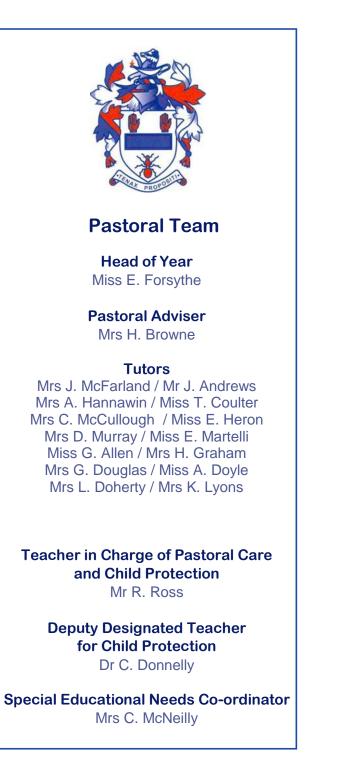
Curriculum Structure	
Area of learning	Contributory Elements
Language and Literacy	English including Media Education
Mathematics and Numeracy	Mathematics including Financial Capability
The Arts	Art and Design Drama Music
Environment and Society	Geography History
Modern Languages	French
Science and Technology	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



# **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 Holidav** 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

## **Exceptional Closure days**

28.09.21 24.11.21 07.01.22 17.03.22 25.05.22

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 'Eve4Education' 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

### **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