

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 German Spanish
Science and Technology	Science Digital Technology Technology and Design
Learning for Life	'Roots & Wings' Skills Development, Personal Development, and Cultural Studies / Mandarin Home Economics
Physical Education	Physical Education and Games
Religious Education	Religious Education



Pastoral Team

Head of Year

Miss E. Forsythe

Pastoral Adviser

Mr A. Blacoe

Tutors

Mrs L. Doherty / Mrs E. Borthwick
Miss T. Coulter / Mr D. Baldwin
Mrs C. McCullough / Mrs J. McFarland
Mrs A. Martinez Linares
/ Mrs K. Pedlow
Mrs A. Hannawin / Mrs S. Harbinson
Miss G. Allen / Miss L. 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 8
2023 - 2024

Ballymena Academy



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Term Dates

School Commences

30.08.23

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

Exceptional Closure days

03.10.23

29.11.23

11.01.24

18.03.24

27.05.24

Weekly Format

Main Assembly

Monday

Year Assembly

Tuesday/Wednesday

Extended Registration /Tutor Group

Thursday / Friday

Games

Friday 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 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 Events

Junior CU Weekend

Parents' Consultation

Year 8 March - June

Summer Examinations

Elections to Junior School Council

Digital Safety Talks

Presentation of Awards

Timetabled Games Activities

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

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