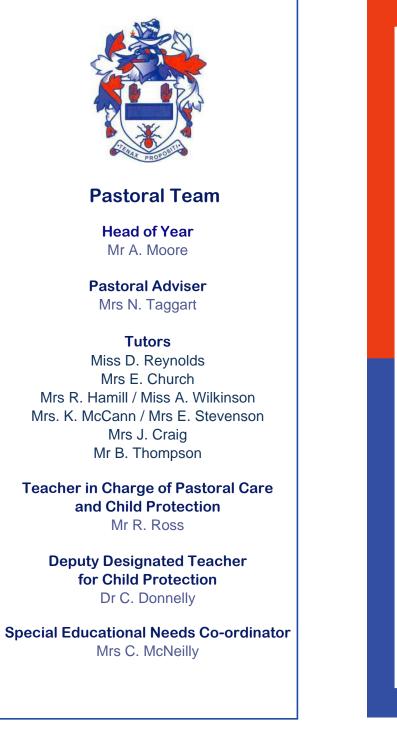
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Contributory Elements
English including Media Education
Mathematics including Financial Capability
Art and Design Drama Music
Geography History
French German Spanish
Biology Chemistry Physics Technology and Design Digital Technology
Home Economics and Learning for Life and Work
Physical Education and Games
Religious Education



# **Parents' Information**

Year 9 2023 - 2024

# Ballymena Academy



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## **Term Dates**

School Commences 04.09.23 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 Tuesday / Friday

Year Assembly Monday

Extended Registration / Tutor Group Wednesday / Thursday

> Games Monday 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 9 September - December

Meeting of Junior School Council European Day of Languages Parents' Consultation

> Anti-Bullying Week Junior School Exams Christmas Party Junior Carol Service

#### Year 9 January - February

Meeting of Junior School Council Junior CU Weekend

### Year 9 March - June

Meeting of Junior School Council Summer Examinations Presentation of Awards

# **Timetabled Games Activities**

Boys

Winter - Spring Rugby / Conditioning / Gymnastics / Basketball Spring - Summer Athletics / Tennis / Cricket / Football / Softball

Girls

Winter - Spring Mixed Sports / Hockey / Orienteering / Fitness Spring - Summer Athletics / Tennis / Rounders / Football / Softball / Tag Rugby

> Co-Curricular Activities (as circumstances permit)

### Girls

Hockey / Netball / Badminton / 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