

## 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<br>Drama<br>Music   |
| Environment and Society  | Geography<br>History   |
| Modern Languages         | French<br>German<br>Spanish  |
| Science and Technology   | Biology<br>Chemistry<br>Physics<br>Technology and Design<br>Digital Technology |
| Learning for Life        | Home Economics and Learning for Life and Work                                  |
| Physical Education       | Physical Education and Games   |
| Religious Education      | Religious Education  |



### Pastoral Team

#### Head of Year

Mr A. Moore

#### Pastoral Adviser

Mrs N. Taggart

#### Tutors

Miss D. Reynolds

Mrs E. Church

Mrs R. Hamill / Miss A. Wilkinson

Mrs. K. McCann / Mrs E. Stevenson

Mrs J. Craig

Mr B. Thompson

#### 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 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

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## Exceptional Closure days

03.10.23

29.11.23

11.01.24

18.03.24

27.05.24

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## 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

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## 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