

## 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	2 of French, German or Spanish
Science and Technology	Biology Chemistry Physics Technology and Design 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 S. Johnston

#### Pastoral Adviser

Miss K. Wylie

#### Tutors

Miss D. McNeill / Mr J. Nicholl

Mrs E. Church

Mrs R. Hamill / Mrs R. Johnston

Mrs. K. McCann / Mrs K. Pedlow

Miss D. Reynolds

Mrs J. Craig

#### 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 R. Matchett

## Parents' Information

Year 9

2025 - 2026

Ballymena Academy



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## Term Dates

### School Commences

01.09.25

### Half Term Holiday

27.10.25 - 31.10.25

### Christmas Holiday

22.12.25 - 02.01.26

### Half Term Holiday

09.02.26 - 13.02.26

### Easter Holiday

30.03.26 - 10.04.26

### May Day Holiday

04.05.26

### Last Day of Summer Term

30.06.26

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## Exceptional Closure days

30.09.25

26.11.25

08.01.26

17.03.26

25.05.26

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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 24.10.25

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 17.12.25

Annual School Concert 25.03.26 - 26.03.26

### Year 9 September - December

Meeting of Junior School Council

European Day of Languages

Anti-Bullying Week

Junior School Exams

Christmas Party

Junior Carol Service

### Year 9 January - February

Meeting of Junior School Council

Junior CU Weekend

Parents' Consultation

### 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