

Curriculum Structure

Area of learning	Contributory Elements	Periods
Language and Literacy	English including Media Education	4
Mathematics and Numeracy	Mathematics including Financial Capability	5
The Arts	Art and Design	1.5
	Drama	1
	Music	1.5
Environment and Society	Geography	3
	History	3
Modern Languages	French	4
Science and Technology	Science	4
	Technology and Design	2
Learning for Life	'Roots & Wings' Skills Development, Personal Development, and Cultural Studies / Mandarin Taster	2
	Home Economics	2
Physical Education	Physical Education and Games	3
Religious Education	Religious Education	2
Additional Studies	I.C.T	2



Pastoral Team

Head of Year

Miss E. Forsythe

Pastoral Adviser

Mrs C. Oakes

Tutors

Miss J. Morrow / Mr K. Moore

Mrs L. Doherty / Mrs E. Neary

Mrs H. Clarke / Mr N. Patterson

Mrs A. Hannawin / Mr C. Armstrong

Mrs C McCullough / Mr J. Andrews

Miss G. Allen / Mrs J. Adam

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
2017 - 2018

Ballymena Academy



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Term Dates

School Commences
30.08.17

Half Term Holiday
30.10.17 - 3.11.17

Christmas Holiday
21.12.17 - 02.01.18

Half Term Holiday
15.02.18 - 19.02.18

Easter Holiday
26.03.18 - 06.04.18

May Day Holiday
07.05.18

Last Day of Summer Term
29.06.18

Exceptional Closure days

03.10.17
27.11.17
11.01.18
12.01.18
28.05.18

Morning Assembly

Initially, Year 8 pupils have their own Assembly on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Later in September they join the Main Assembly every Tuesday.

Tutor Group Meeting
Wednesday

Games
Thursday Periods 3 and 4

Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 27.10.17
OPA Christmas Fair 09.12.17
Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 13.12.17
Annual School Concert 11.04.18 - 13.04.18

Year 8 September - October

Parents' Information Evening 06.09.17
Visit to Cultra
Health Talks
Learning to Learn Workshops
Independent Learning Presentations
School Photographs
Anti-Bullying Week
European Day of Languages

Year 8 November - December

Talk: The Gideons
Junior CU Weekend
Junior School Exams 28.11.17 - 30.11.17
Christmas Party
Junior Carol Service

Year 8 January - February

Pupils assist with Open Nights 10.01.18 - 11.01.18
Parents' Consultation Evening 08.02.18
Visit to Carrickfergus Castle

Year 8 March - June

Summer Examinations 29.05.18 - 31.05.18
Sports Day
Elections to Junior School Council
Fun Day
CEOP 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