

## 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

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## 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

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## 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