

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	Digital Technology	2



Pastoral Team

Head of Year

Miss E. Forsythe

Pastoral Adviser

Mrs C. Oakes

Tutors

Mrs R. Johnston / Mr K. Moore

Mrs L. Doherty / Mr A. Blacoe

Mrs H. Clarke / Mr N. Patterson

Mrs A. Hannawin / Mrs C. McCullough

Miss R. Hamilton / Mr J. Andrews

Miss G. Allen / Mrs R. 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 C. McNeilly

Parents' Information

Year 8
2018 - 2019

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Term Dates

School Commences

30.08.18

Half Term Holiday

29.10.18 - 2.11.18

Christmas Holiday

24.12.18 - 04.01.19

Half Term Holiday

18.02.19 - 20.02.19

Easter Holiday

17.04.19 - 29.04.19

May Day Holiday

06.05.19

Last Day of Summer Term

28.06.19

Exceptional Closure days

03.10.18

10.01.19

11.01.19

15.02.19

27.05.19

Morning Assembly

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

Tutor Group Meetings

Wednesday and Friday

Games

Thursday Periods 3 and 4

Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 26.10.18

OPA Christmas Fair 08.12.18

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 19.12.18

Annual School Concert 26.03.19 - 28.03.19

Year 8 September - October

Parents' Information Evening 06.09.18

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 26.11.18 - 28.11.18

Christmas Party

Junior Carol Service

Year 8 January - February

Pupils assist with Open Nights 09.01.19 - 10.01.19

Parents' Consultation Evening 07.02.19

Visit to Carrickfergus Castle

Year 8 March - June

Summer Examinations 24.05.19 - 30.05.19

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