

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

Mrs L. Robinson

Pastoral Adviser

Miss A. Doyle

Tutors

Mr B. Thompson

Miss L. Clotworthy / Miss E. Greer

Miss R. Hamilton / Miss L. Ross

Miss C. Featherstone

Mr P. Scullion

Mrs D. Murray

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

2024 - 2025

Ballymena Academy



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Term Dates

School Commences

02.09.24

Half Term Holiday

28.10.24 - 01.11.24

Christmas Holiday

23.12.24 - 03.01.25

Half Term Holiday

10.02.25 - 14.02.25

St. Patrick's Day

17.03.25

Easter Holiday

16.04.25 - 25.04.25

May Day Holiday

05.05.25

Last Day of Summer Term

27.06.25

Exceptional Closure days

08.10.24

27.11.24

09.01.25

26.05.25

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 25.10.24

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 18.12.24

Annual School Concert 26.03.25 - 27.03.25

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

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