

BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL

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At Belfast Boys' Model School we pride ourselves on providing **choices** for all our pupils no matter what career path they want to follow. That means making sure they have access to a variety of experiences that will broaden their horizons and will enhance their ability to choose the career of their dreams.

Year 12 pupils recently enjoyed the CITB NI Bootcamp where they got hands-on with joinery, brickwork, tiling and painting and decorating.

They also discovered the exciting opportunities, the various pathways and apprenticeships a career in construction can offer.

A huge thank you to CITB NI for hosting such an inspiring event!



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Dates for your diary

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th January - external/BTEC exams

Friday 23rd January - Senior School Formal

Monday 26th January - Open Evening

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th January - Target Setting Interviews

Thursday 29th January - School Exams begin

SKI 2026

1ST - 8TH FEBRUARY 2026



COUNTDOWN IS ON...

SKI 2026 REMINDERS

- Please make any overdue payments by **Wednesday 14th January**
- All passports & GHIC cards to be brought to Mr. Mathers, Mr Pirie or Mrs Deehan

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Exam information

Some pupils in Years 11-14 will be continuing to sit external exams this week, please ensure your son checks his timetable and knows when and where to go! We will be hosting retrieval sessions in school to support your sons' revision techniques and to offer him the best chance of success. Please continue to motivate him at home!

Mon 12 Jan	09:15	1:15	EDEXL/KSQ	21541E01	Introducing the Hospitality Industry	BTNG/B
Mon 12 Jan	09:15	2:00	EDEXL/KSQ	31463H01	Personal and Business Finance	BTNG/B
Mon 12 Jan	13:00	1:00	RSA	582703	EC3SP : U3 Sports Organise & Develop	CAMX/EC3
Mon 12 Jan	13:00	1:00	RSA	582903	DI3SP : U3 Sports Organise & Develop	CAMX/DI3
Tue 13 Jan	09:15	1:30	EDEXL/KSQ	20207K01	The World of Travel and Tourism	BTNG/B
Tue 13 Jan	09:15	1:00	EDEXL/KSQ	21627E01	Travel and Tourism Business Environm	BTNG/B
Tue 13 Jan	10:20	3:00	EDEXL/KSQ	31761H1A	Creating Systems to Manage Information PART A	BTNG/B
Wed 14 Jan	09:00	2:00	EDEXL/KSQ	31761H1B	Creating Systems to Manage Information PART B	BTNG/B
Wed 14 Jan	13:00	1:30	RSA	582904	DI3SP : U4 Work Safe in Sport Exehlth	CAMX/DI3

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TARGET SETTING INTERVIEWS FOR ALL PUPILS

Target Setting Interviews – Plan for Success...

Meeting with your son's Form Teacher is a key step in planning for the year ahead. These interviews help set clear targets, track progress and ensure your son reaches his full potential.

Book your appointment through this link or the QR code.

<https://belfastboysmodel.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



If you have any questions, please contact jyoung637@c2ken.net

**TARGET
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INTERVIEWS
27TH & 28TH JAN.**

• These will be held with your son's Form Teacher in person, in your son's form room

• Booking is open from Sunday at 11am, 11th January and will close Wednesday at 6pm, 14th January 2026

• Each appointment will last for 20 minutes

• Please make your appointment as soon as possible

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Parent Survey

A promotional graphic for a parent survey. It features a background image of three young boys in school uniforms (dark jackets, white shirts, and red ties) wearing safety glasses. One boy in the foreground is holding a lit Bunsen burner. The text is overlaid on the image.

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**We care
what you
think.**

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th January
9.30 - 3.30
[#AttendanceMatters](#)

Please call in,
enjoy a cup of coffee
and complete our
Attendance Matters survey.
Available before
or after your
Target Setting Appointment.

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OPEN NIGHT 2026 YOUR SON'S FUTURE STARTS HERE!

Belfast Boys' Model School Founded 1857



26th January 2026
4.30pm - 7.30pm



Open Night 2026

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SCHOOL EXAMS 2026 20 DAY REVISION CHALLENGE

Years 11-14 will be informed of this challenge this week and should show revision resources to their subject teachers to **win prizes**.

Prizes and Achievement Points available

20 Days To Make a Difference!

Show your revision to your subject teachers, so they can add points for you to be in with a chance of winning **PRIZES**

Wednesday 18th January Create Revision Cards of key facts/ terms/ questions & answers from a topic of your choice. Then test yourself!	Thursday 19th January Chunk It – Choose a topic and 'Chunk' the main facts together e.g. points you would include in an essay or key facts/ terms... then learn them!	Friday 20th January Create a Spider Diagram for the topic you find most difficult to remember. Include images, headings and use a colour scheme to separate different information.	Saturday 21st January Go Over Revision Cards on topic from Wednesday 18th	Sunday 22nd January Go over your Chunk It from Thursday 19th
Monday 23rd January Revision Clock on a topic of your choice...include headings, colour and images to help you remember the information.	Tuesday 24th January Create Revision Cards of key facts/ terms/ questions & answers from a topic of your choice. Then test yourself!	Wednesday 25th January Chunk It – Choose a topic and 'Chunk' the main facts together e.g. points you would include in an essay or key facts/ terms... then learn them!	Thursday 26th January Create a Spider Diagram for the topic you find most difficult to remember. Include images, headings and use a colour scheme to separate different information.	Friday 27th January Use the Quizzing resource to write down questions and answers about a topic you struggle with. Spend time learning the answers until you can get them all correct!
Saturday 28th January Brain Dump on topic from 18th January	Sunday 29th January REST DAY	Monday 29th January Create Revision Cards of key facts/ terms/ questions & answers from a topic of your choice. Then test yourself!	Tuesday 30th January Use the Quizzing resource to write down questions and answers about a topic you struggle with. Spend time learning the answers until you can get them all correct!	Wednesday 31st January Create a Spider Diagram for the topic you find most difficult to remember. Include images, headings and use a colour scheme to separate different information.
Thursday 30th January Chunk It – Choose a topic and 'Chunk' the main facts together e.g. points you would include in an essay or key facts/ terms... then learn them!	Friday 31st January Use the Quizzing resource to write down questions and answers about a topic you struggle with. Spend time learning the answers until you can get them all correct!	Saturday 1st February Go over Revision Cards on topic from Monday 29th January	Sunday 2nd February Create a Brain Dump on topic from Tuesday 30th January	Monday 3rd February Test Yourself e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a Past Paper question• Can you remember key facts?• Can you recall quotes?• Get someone in the house to ask you questions
Tuesday 4th February Test Yourself e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a Past Paper question• Can you remember key facts?• Can you recall quotes?• Get someone in the house to ask you questions	School Exams January 29th – February 6th			

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Keeping Boys and Young Men Safe from AI-Generated Image Abuse - A short guide for parents and carers

Why this matters

- Boys and young men are increasingly being targeted online. AI tools can now edit or fake images using ordinary photos and their pressure, invasion, or embarrass young people. Boys may be less likely to tell an adult due to fear, shame, or believing they should handle it themselves.
- If this happens, your son has done nothing wrong.

What parents need to know

- AI can create real-looking, fake images with little effort.
- Threats often involve blackmail, fake proof, or demands for money.
- Boys are commonly targeted through gaming platforms, social media and messaging apps.
- Silence benefits the perpetrator and early support stops escalation.

Top ways to protect your son

1. Normalise talking about online privacy

- Tell your son clearly: "If anything like this ever happens, you won't be in trouble."
- Reassure him that fear, embarrassment or panic are normal reactions.
- Agree if you will deal with the problem together.
- Boys are far more likely to speak up when they expect support, not judgement.

2. Reduce image risk

- Limit public photos where possible (smaller pictures, open outdoors).
- Use private social media settings.
- Encourage him not to share photos of others and to be cautious with letters sent privately.



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3. Teach simple, memorable rules

- Help him remember: **STOP - SAVE - TELL**
 - **STOP** reacting or engaging
 - **SAVE** screenshots, usernames, messages
 - **TELL** a trusted adult immediately
- Never pay, negotiate, or try to fix it alone.

4. Know the warning signs in boys

- Sudden anxiety, anger, or withdrawal
- Secrecy around devices, gaming or messaging
- Fear about school or social situations
- Requests for money or panic about getting in trouble
- Boys often show distress through behavioural changes, not words.

5. Act quickly if something happens

- Stay calm and reassure your son first
- Keep evidence (screenshots, links, messages)
- Contact the school safeguarding or pastoral team
- Follow advice on reporting to police or online safety services if required
 - Avoid confronting the person involved yourself.

Messages your son needs to hear

- "You are not weak for asking for help."
- "Fake or edited images do not define you."
- "This happens to other boys, you are not alone."
- "Adults will take over and protect you."

Support in school

- If you or your son have any questions, worries, or need support, please contact the school's pastoral staff or safeguarding team.

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Careers Information

Y12 Careers Guidance Interviews

Y12 Careers Guidance Interviews with the NI Careers Service will be taking place this week. Your son will be informed of his interview day and time by his Form Teacher.

Work Experience for Senior School Pupils

The following work experience opportunities are currently available for pupils in Senior School. All details have been posted on their Year Group TEAM with information on how to apply. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, and they are expected to fill up fast.

Company	Industry	Date of work experience	Closing date for applications
Thales	Engineering/ Manufacturing	February and May	Once spaces are filled
Leonardo Hotels	Hospitality	February	Once spaces are filled
Screenworks	Media	On going	Ongoing (see link on teams)
DWF	Law	March	20 th January 2026

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Y13 Careers

All Y13 pupils will complete their Mock Interviews on **3rd and 4th February 2026 at the BT Building**. This is a fantastic event and provides pupils with a real life experience to prepare them for the future. All pupils must have submitted their CV and Cover Letter to their Careers Teacher before Christmas in preparation for this. Pupils will be fully prepared for this in their Careers lessons in school. This is a compulsory event and part of our Careers Education Curriculum. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ryan nryan320@c2ken.net

Y14 Careers

UCAS

All UCAS forms were submitted before Christmas, please remind your son to check his personal emails for any communication from universities. Pupils do not need to do anything other than wait for the offers. Once all offers are received, pupils will then narrow their choices down to two options which will become their Firm and Insurance choice. All of this information will be explained to pupils during Careers. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ryan nryan320@c2ken.net

Civil Engineering Higher Level Apprenticeship – Meet The Employers

Wednesday 4th February 2026, 7pm – 9pm @ The Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast
Join us to explore our Civil Engineering Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) programme. This event highlights how students can earn a degree while gaining invaluable industry experience through practical, hands-on training as a paid apprentice. The main focus of this event is to connect students to employers actively recruiting apprentices, provide insights into the recruitment processes and help them better understand the companies. [Register online](#).

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Apprenticeships (Y12, Y13 and Y14)

Thales have released a number of Apprenticeships from Level 2- Level 6. Applications are now open with expected closing date on 12th February 2026. However it may close earlier if they are over subscribed. Information on the apprenticeships can be accessed on the link below:
<https://careers.thalesgroup.com/global/en/uk-graduate-apprenticeships>

Airbus Belfast (previously **Spirit**)- Craft Plant Apprenticeships (Level 2). Application closing date is 23rd February 2026. https://ag.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Airbus/details/Craft-Plant-Apprenticeship---Aerostructures_JR10379569?locationCountry=29247e57dbaf46fb855b224e03170bc7&workerSubType=f5811cef9cb501e1db34d41d470a6f15

Transport Training Services (TTS) Apprenticeships- offering a range of Motor Apprenticeships, Transport Apprenticeships and Logistics Apprenticeships. Please visit their website for more information:
<https://transporttraining.org/apprenticeships/>

PWC Entry Level Operations Apprenticeship- (Year 14 ONLY). Applications for the Operations Apprenticeship at PWC are open. No closing date has been stated, meaning they will close it when they receive a suitable number of applications.
<https://jobs.pwc.co.uk/earlycareers/uk/en/job/EC2025081/Entry-Level-Operate-Belfast>

Graham Construction Apprenticeship Applications will open on Monday 12th January 2026. I will share the link once applications are live.

Further Education College Open Days (Y12, Y13 & Y14)

Belfast Met Open Day (Titanic Quarter Campus)- Saturday 24th January 2026 (applications open on Friday 23rd January 2026) 10am-2pm. To attend the event you need to register. You can register using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/belfast-met-open-day-tickets>

Northern Regional College Open (Newtownabbey Campus) day will take place Tuesday 3rd February 2026 4pm-8pm.

Belfast Met Apprenticeship Fair (e3 Campus) will take place Friday 6th February 2026 10am-12pm.

If you have any careers related questions or queries, please contact Mrs Ryan nryan320@c2ken.net

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TOP PUPIL POINTS



YOUSUF KHURRAM
8JB
HOUSE LEWIS



JOEL BAKER
11ON
HOUSE LEWIS



CHRISTOPHER HILL
9NM
HOUSE LEWIS

ROMIN HUGHES
12BU
HOUSE GREGG



WILLIAM PRITCHARD
10KB
HOUSE BRANAGH



CARTER GIBSON
14EF
HOUSE LEWIS

LEO MCDOWELL
13PT
HOUSE LEWIS



HOUSE SCORES



114,433



104,637



103,742



100,870

Congratulations to our fabulous Top House Points earners this week - keep it up!

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Lunch-time extra-curricular activities

LUNCHTIME CLUBS AT BBMS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homework Club 6a - Rm128, 6b - Rm219 BOTH LUNCHES	Homework Club 6a & 6b - Rm128 BOTH LUNCHES	Dodgeball Year 9, Gym hall 6a lunch	Homework Club 6a & 6b - Rm128 BOTH LUNCHES	Homework Club Years 8 - 10, Rm128 6a lunch
Art Club Yrs 8&10, Rm249 6a lunch	Fortnite Dance Club Year 9, Studio BOTH LUNCHES	Plant Club Years 8, 10 & 11, Rm144 6a lunch	Modern Languages Year 10, Rm216 6a lunch	Plant Club Years 8 - 10, Rm144 6a lunch
History Club Years 8 & 10, Rm228 6a lunch	SA Science Revision Yr11, Rm143 6a lunch	DJ-ing Club Year 8, Rm234 6b lunch	Choir Years 8-12, Rm 234 BOTH LUNCHES	Board Games Years 9 & 10, Rm240 6a lunch
SU Year 8, Rm 212 6a lunch	Eco Club Years 8, 10 & 12, Rm242 6a lunch	Art Club Year 8, 10 & 11, Rm249 6b lunch	Board Games Club Year 8, Rm240 6b lunch	Cookery Club Years 8 & 9, Rm134 6a lunch
Multi-Lingual Club Years 9 & 11, Rm251 6b lunch	Football Years 9, Gym Hall 5 lunch	SU Yr 11, Rm112 5 lunch	SU Years 8 & 11, Rm210 6b lunch	Football Club Years 13 & 14 6a lunch
Science Club Years 8, 11 & 12, Rm142 6b lunch			Warhammer Years 11 - 14, Rm133 6b lunch	Alms Club All year groups, Rm241 6a lunch
LEGO Club Year 9, 11 & 12, Rm148 6b lunch			LEGO Club Years 8 & 11, Rm148 6b lunch	Digi Skills Years 11 & 12, Innovation Lab 6b lunch
Anime Club Years 11 & 12, Rm241 6b lunch			The Way of the Panda Year 8, Rm143 6b lunch	Open Mic Club Years 11 & 12, Rm064 6b lunch

Please remind your son that Homework Club runs EVERY lunchtime except Wednesday. Pupils have access to computers and can get help with their homeworks and coursework.

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Morning and afternoon extracurricular activities

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT BBMS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>	<p>Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>	<p>Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>	<p>Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>
<p>Morning Cross-Country & Running Club, Yrs 8&9 8.35am - 8.50am Mount Pleasant</p>	<p>Higher Maths GCSE Clinic Year 11 8.15 - 8.30 Rm 100</p>	<p>IT Coursework Clinic Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050</p>	<p>IT Coursework Clinic Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050</p>
<p>Homework Club All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128</p>	<p>Basketball Club Year 8 2.00 - 2.50 Sports Hall</p>	<p>Badminton Years 9, 11 & 12 3.20 - 4.00 Sports Hall</p>	<p>Football - team & social Year 9 2.50 - 3.50 Mt. Pleasant</p>
<p>Football - teams & social Year 10 3.30pm - 4.15pm Mount Pleasant</p>	<p>Football - teams & social Year 8 2.15 - 3.20 Mount Pleasant</p>	<p>Homework Club All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128</p>	<p>Rugby Club All year groups 2.40 - 3.50 Mt. Pleasant</p>
	<p>Table Tennis All year groups 2.15 - 3.15 Sports Hall</p>		<p>Catch-up Clinics Years 11 - 14 2.50 - 4.00 Range of subjects: • IT, Travel & Tourism & Sports Studies</p>
	<p>History Club All year groups 2.00 - 2.40 Rm 230</p>		<p>Homework Club All year groups 2.40 - 3.30 Rm 128</p>
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Is your son struggling with some aspects of his homework?
Are you unsure how to support him? Please send him to
HOMEWORK CLUB where he will receive all the help he needs.

JOIN US!



HOMEWORK CLUB: HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

Lunchtime - Every day, Rm128 except Monday 6b
in Rm219

After school - Monday - Thursday, Rm128

Complete and get help with your homework...
Help with revision for classes tests... Retrieval resources available...
Any questions answered....

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Football Fixtures this week

Fixtures for next week:

Team	Opponent	Date	Kit	Venue	Meet time / kick off time	Coach
Gr Belfast League	Ashfield	12/1	They wear yellow	Mounty	1.15pm - 1.45pm kick off	Mr Munyard
Gr EA Cup	Larne	14/1	They wear yellow and navy	Sandy Bay	12.50 / 1.45pm kick off	Mr McClelland
Gr Irish Plate	Campbell	15/1	They wear black	Campbell	12.40pm - 3pm kick off	Mr Munyard
Gr Belfast Cup	OLSPICK B	16/1	They wear white and blue	Mounty	12pm meet / 1pm kick off	Mr McCausland



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WE ARE HIRING TEMPORARY ADMIN/CLERICAL SUPPORT

Key Duties include:

- ✓ Word processing
- ✓ Reception duties
- ✓ Answering telephone calls
- ✓ Handling mail and orders

Essential Criteria

GCSE English & Maths (Grade C or above) OR equivalent and 6 months' admin/clerical experience in a busy office

OR

3 years' admin/clerical experience in a busy office

If interested please forward your current CV to
Joanne Clarke - jclarke792@c2kni.net

DEADLINE - Friday 16th January



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