

BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL

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5TH JANUARY 2026

At Belfast Boys' Model School we are delighted to welcome all our pupils back to school, feeling refreshed and ready to take on 2026! January starts with external exams from Tuesday 6th – Wednesday 14th and we know excellent attendance is the key to success! Encourage your son to show up and shine bright!



Some of our excellent attenders in Year 9

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th January – all pupils in school

Tuesday 6th – 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



SKI 2026 REMINDERS

- please make any overdue payments as soon as possible
- order ski hoodie – initials & size
- send in a copy of passport & GHIC card if we don't have them

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Exam information

Some pupils in Years 11-14 will be sitting 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!

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Code	Component Title	Level
Tue 06 Jan	13:00	1:30	EDEXL/KSQ	40892M01	Government and the Protective	BTNG/B
Wed 07 Jan	11:00	2:00	EDEXL/KSQ	31489H1A	Developing A Marketing Campaign PART A	BTNG/B
Thu 08 Jan	09:15	3:00	EDEXL/KSQ	20208K01	Global Destinations	BTNG/B
Thu 08 Jan	09:15	3:00	EDEXL/KSQ	31489H1B	Developing A Marketing Campaign PART B	BTNG/B
Fri 09 Jan	09:15	1:15	EDEXL/KSQ	21474E01	The UK Travel and Tourism Sector	BTNG/B
Fri 09 Jan	09:15	1:00	EDEXL/KSQ	21484F01	The Role and Work of the Public Serv	BTNG/B
Fri 09 Jan	13:00	2:00	EDEXL/KSQ	40888M01	Behaviour and Discipline in the Unif	BTNG/B

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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.

Harland and Wolff Apprenticeship Presentation (Y12)

Harland and Wolff will be in school on Tuesday 6th January to deliver a session about their upcoming apprenticeships. Please email Mrs Ryan, nryan320@c2ken.net if you haven't already, if your son would like to attend this.

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)
Lloyds Banking	Multiple	March	12 th January 2026
Kainos	IT	January	Once spaces are filled
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>

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)

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
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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 Art Club Yrs 8&10, Rm249 6a lunch History Club Years 8 & 10, Rm228 6a lunch SU Year 8, Rm 212 6a lunch Multi-Lingual Club Years 9 & 11, Rm251 6b lunch Science Club Years 9, 11 & 12, Rm142 6b lunch LEGO Club Year 9, 11 & 12, Rm148 6b lunch Anime Club Years 11 & 12, Rm241 6b lunch	Homework Club 6a & 6b - Rm128 BOTH LUNCHES Languages Club Year 9, Rm 216 5 lunch Football Years 9, Gym Hall 5 lunch Eco Club Years 8, 10 & 12, Rm242 6a lunch Languages Club Year 8, Rm 216 6a lunch	Dodgeball Year 9, Gym hall 6a lunch Plant Club Years 8, 10 & 11, Rm144 6a lunch DJ-ing Club Year 8, Rm234 6b lunch Art Club Year 8, 10 & 11, Rm249 6b lunch	Homework Club 6a & 6b - Rm128 BOTH LUNCHES Modern Languages Year 10, Rm216 6a lunch Choir Years 8-12, Rm 234 BOTH LUNCHES Board Games Club Year 8, Rm240 6b lunch SU Years 8 & 11, Rm210 6b lunch Warhammer Years 11 - 14, Rm133 6b lunch LEGO Club Years 8 & 11, Rm148 6b lunch	Homework Club Years 8 - 10, Rm128 6a lunch Plant Club Years 8 - 10, Rm144 6a lunch Board Games Years 9 & 10, Rm240 6a lunch Cookery Club Years 8 & 9, Rm134 6a lunch Football Club Years 13 & 14 6a lunch Alme Club All year groups, Rm241 6a lunch Digi Skills Years 11 & 12, Innovation Lab 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
Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch	Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch	Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch	Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch
Morning Cross-Country & Running Club, Yrs 8&9 8.35am - 8.50am Mount Pleasant	Higher Maths GCSE Clinic Year 11 8.15 - 8.30 Rm 109	IT Coursework Clinic Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050	IT Coursework Clinic Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050
Homework Club All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128	Basketball Club Year 8 2.00 - 2.50 Sports Hall	Badminton Years 8 & 10 3.20 - 4.00 Sports Hall	Football Club Year 9 - team & social 2.50-3.50 Mt. Pleasant
Social Football - NO teams Years 8, 10 & 11 3.30pm - 4.15pm Mount Pleasant	Football Years 8 & 10 - A & B TEAMS ONLY 2.15 - 3.20 Mount Pleasant	Homework Club All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128	Rugby Club All year groups 2.40 - 3.50 Mt. Pleasant
	Table Tennis All year groups 2.15 - 3.15 Gym Hall		Catch-Up Clinics Years 11 - 14 2.00 - 4.00 Range of subjects: • IT, Travel & Tourism & Sports Studies
	History Club All year groups 2.00-2.40 Rm 230		Homework Club All year groups 2.40 - 3.30 Rm 128
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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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