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At Belfast Boys' Model School, Music plays a key role in furthering our pupils both academically and socially. From the moment our pupils join us in Year 8, they step into a vibrant and creative music community where talent is nurtured, confidence grows and unforgettable experiences are made.



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Dates for your diary

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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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL PUPILS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS MONTGOMERY



You will be aware of recent increases in the cost of school meals. This has meant a big increase in the cost of providing free meals to all of the boys. This is not affordable long term. I am hugely frustrated by these changes, as I strongly believe every pupil should have access to a free, nutritious meal during the school day.

I continue to source funding to cover the cost of feeding the boys, but I will have to review the costs in February and let you know whether I can continue to provide free meals to all boys after half term.

Mrs Montgomery

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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
SETTING
INTERVIEWS
27TH & 28TH JAN.**

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- 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



We care what you think.

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Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th January
9.30 - 3.30
#Attendance Matters

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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BE MORE
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JOIN US
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
Spectrum Centre, Salford Road, Belfast
7pm - 9pm

ARMY CADETS GOING FURTHER

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A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the advertisement.

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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 19th January	Thursday 20th January	Friday 21st January	Saturday 22nd January	Sunday 23rd January
Create Revision Cards of key facts/ terms/ questions & answers from a topic of your choice. Then test yourself!	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!	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	Go Over Revision Cards on topic from Wednesday 19th	Go over your Chunk It from Thursday 20th
Monday 24th January	Tuesday 25th January	Wednesday 26th January	Thursday 27th January	Friday 28th January
Revision Check on a topic of your choice... include headings, colour and images to help you remember the information	Create Revision Cards of key facts/ terms/ questions & answers from a topic of your choice. Then test yourself!	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!	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	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	Sunday 29th January	Monday 30th January	Tuesday 31st January	Wednesday 1st February
Brain Dump on topic from 10th January	REST DAY	Create Revision Cards of key facts/ terms/ questions & answers from a topic of your choice. Then test yourself!	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	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	Friday 31st January	Saturday 1st February	Sunday 2nd February	Monday 3rd February
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!	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	Go over Revision Check on topic from Monday 20th January	Create a Brain Dump on topic from Tuesday 21st January	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 6th 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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WOMEN BREAKING BARRIERS

For all participants!

£20 TESCO Voucher

NUMERACY

for everyday life

A supportive numeracy session for women, building confidence with everyday budgeting and practical money skills.

MPDA Community Hub
1A Limetree Avenue
Ballycraigy,
Antrim,
BT41 1NP

22 JAN 2026

9:30AM - 11:00AM

New to WBBNI?

SCAN TO REGISTER INTEREST AND WE'LL BE IN TOUCH SOON!

Already a WBBNI member
eligible & interested?

Call Kim on 07539284961
or Pamela on 07739185915

MPDA BARCLAYS

womenbreakingbarriersni.com

Funded by UK Government

*Participants must be economically inactive to be eligible

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20 APPS PARENTS & CARERS NEED TO KNOW

www.SocialWorkersToolbox.com

Snapchat  Messages and photos disappear. Children can be pressured to send images because they believe they will not be saved. Location sharing can show where a child is in real time.	Roblox  Although it looks like a children's game, it includes chat features. Children can be contacted by strangers and slowly groomed through friendly game play.	Kik Messenger  Accounts can be anonymous. It is often used to move conversations away from apps parents may check.	Fortnite  Voice chat allows children to talk to strangers during games. Language and behaviour are often inappropriate.
TikTok  Children can see adult content, receive sexual comments, and be contacted by strangers. Live videos allow real-time interaction, which can quickly become unsafe.	Telegram  Messages and groups are encrypted, making them difficult to monitor. It is used to share sexual images, harmful material, and to keep conversations hidden from adults.	Hoop  The app connects directly to Snapchat and encourages children to add new contacts quickly, including people they have never met.	Reddit  Children can easily access sexual, violent, or extreme material through posts and comments.
Instagram  Messages allow strangers to contact children directly. Many children run secondary accounts that parents do not know about. There is strong pressure around appearance and popularity.	OmeTV  Random video chats with strangers. No effective safeguarding. Sexual content and adult behaviour are common. Children have no control over who appears on screen.	LiveMe  Children can broadcast themselves live to anyone watching. Viewers can comment in real time, including adults.	BeReal  The app prompts children to take photos instantly, which can lead to oversharing without thinking about safety.
WhatsApp  Private chats and group chats are often used for school or friendship groups, but bullying, exclusion, and sharing of images can happen quickly and spread widely.	Yubo  The app is designed to meet new people. Children can live stream and chat with strangers, which can quickly become sexual or exploitative.	Calculator+  These apps look like calculators but are used to hide photos, videos, and messages from parents and carers.	Twitch  Children watch and interact with live streamers through chat, which often includes adults and unmoderated comments.
Discord  Children join private chat servers linked to gaming or interests. These spaces are often unmoderated and can include adults, sexual content, or harmful language.	Monkey  Children are placed into random video chats with people they do not know. They have no control over who appears on screen.	YouTube  Children can be exposed to adult content through suggested videos, comments, and live streams, even when watching innocent clips.	Bumble  This is a dating app. Despite age limits, some under-18s access it to talk to adults looking for relationships.



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NEW

**Parent
Workshop**



Are you a parent fed-up fighting fires every day?

Do you feel caught in negative cycles with your partner and children?

You can **Bounce Back**

Join our 3 week, practical parenting programme to support you to build calmer, more connected family relationships.

Online via Zoom, for three consecutive Tuesdays starting 20th January, 7-8:30pm.

Call 0808 8020 400 to book your place.



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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.

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

Y14 have been encouraged to have as many options available to them in August 2026, this will provide them with choice and control over their future. Please encourage your son to apply for some of the apprenticeships currently on offer if he is not considering university as his first choice.

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 oversubscribed. 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/>



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Careers Information

NIE Apprentice Academy Applications are live and will close on 9th February. Various roles are available, use this link to get more information

<https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/careers/students-apprentices/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>

Work Plus Apprenticeship Applications are now open. Applications will close on 20th February 2026. Pupil must set up an account on their website before being able to view the opportunities.

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-1978395851248?_gl=1*1wbagf8*_gcl_au*MTQ5MDczMTAzOS4xNzY1NTQyMDEy*_ga*MTExNjk3Nzk1OC4xNzQwNDA1MTY5*_ga_7TXI474TRL*cxE3Njc5Njk5MjgkbzI0JGcwJHQxNzY3OTY5OTI4JGo2MCRsMCRoMA

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

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 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 Fortnite Dance Club Year 9, Studio BOTH LUNCHES SA Science Revision Yr11, Rm143 6a lunch Eco Club Years 8, 10 & 12, Rm242 6a lunch Football Years 9, Gym Hall 5 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 SU Yr 11, Rm112 5 lunch	Homework Club 6a & 6b - Rm128 BOTH LUNCHES Modern Languages Year 10, Rm256 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 The Way of the Panda Year 8, Rm143 6b lunch	Homework Club Years 8 - 10, Rm118 6a lunch Plant Club Years 8 - 10, Rm244 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 Arts 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 - 2.30 Sports Hall	Badminton Years 9, 11 & 12 3.20 - 4.00 Sports Hall	Football - team & social Year 9 2.50-3.50 Mt. Pleasant
Football - teams & social Year 10 3.30pm - 4.15pm Mount Pleasant	Football - teams & social Year 9 2.15 - 3.20 Mount Pleasant	Table Tennis All year groups 3.15 - 3.45 Gym Hall	Rugby Club All year groups 2.40 - 3.50 Mt. Pleasant
	History Club All year groups 2.00-2.40 Rm 230	Homework Club All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128	Catch-Up Clinics Years 11 - 14 2.00 - 4.00 Range of subjects + IT, Travel & Tourism & Sports Studies
	Homework Club All Year Groups 3.20-3.40 Rm 128		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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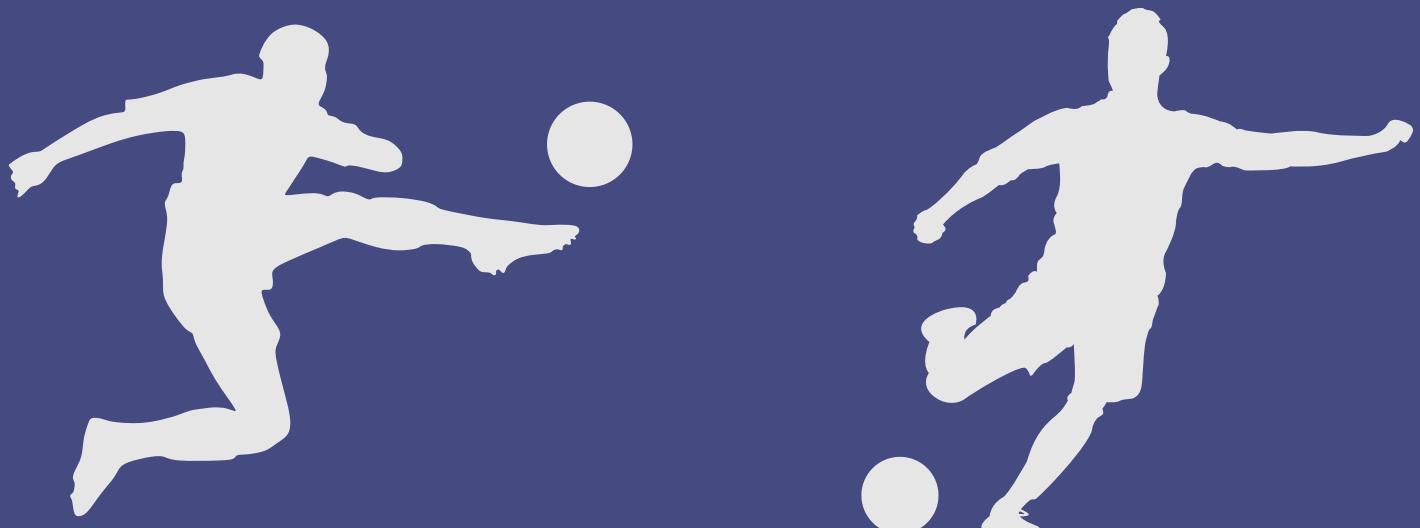


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Football Fixtures this week

Fixtures for next week:

Team	Opponent	Date	Kit	Venue	Meet time / kick off time	Coach
9a Belfast Cup	Blessed Trinity	19/1	They wear blue and yellow	Ballysillan	12.40pm meet – 2pm	Mr Munyard
9b Belfast Cup	Lisnagarvey	19/1	They wear red and black	Mounty	12.40pm meet - 1.45pm kick off	Mr Smith
12 Irish Cup – semi final	Campbell	21/1	They wear black	Seaview	12.20pm meet / 1.45pm kick off	Mr McClelland
U18 EA Cup	Larne	21/1	They wear yellow and navy	Mounty	12.40pm meet / 1.45pm kick off	Mr McManus
10a Belfast Cup	Aquinas	22/1	They wear white and maroon	Ulidia playing fields	12.40pm meet / 1.45pm	Mr Reid
10b EA League	Carrick A	22/1	They wear purple	Mounty	12.40pm meet / 1.30pm kick off	Mr O'Rawe



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