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At Belfast Boys' Model School this week we will remember all those who have served their country and all our pupils will attend Remembrance assemblies to mark this occasion. Our incredible Year 9 REACH boys have worked tirelessly to create this year's stunning poppy display, painting over 2,000 bun cases to bring it to life. Their dedication and creativity truly shine through – well done, boys!



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th – English Language Speaking and Listening moderation for Year 13/14.

Wednesday 12th – Thursday 20th November – Winter external exams as per table below.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st – test week for all pupils.

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Wed 12 Nov	09:15	1:00	NIOCEA	GDW31	Das: Physics Unit 1 (F)
Fri 14 Nov	09:15	1:45	NIOCEA	GEN11	English Lang Unit 1
Mon 17 Nov	09:15	1:45	NIOCEA	GEN41	English Lang Unit 4
Tue 18 Nov	09:15	1:45	NIOCEA	GMC11	Mathematics Unit 1 (F)
Tue 18 Nov	09:15	1:45	NIOCEA	GMC21	Mathematics Unit 2 (F)
Tue 18 Nov	09:15	2:00	NIOCEA	GMC31	Mathematics Unit 3 (H)
Thu 20 Nov	09:15	1:00	NIOCEA	GMC61	Mathematics Unit 6 Non-Calc, Break, Calculator
Thu 20 Nov	09:15	1:00	NIOCEA	GMC62	Mathematics Unit 6 Calc (F)

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Belfast Boys' Model school is a 'nut free zone'. Please remind your son of this - he cannot bring items with nut ingredients into school. Some of our pupils have air-borne allergies which means they can't even have food with nuts eaten near them.



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SKI 2026

1ST - 8TH FEBRUARY 2026



Payment 3 (£200) now overdue...
Payment to Mr. Mathers, Miss Greer or Mrs Deehan
Payment also available on iPay

#MAKINGMEMORIES

** SKI 2026 payment is now overdue – please make this payment and any other overdue payments as soon as possible. There will be a ski meeting on MONDAY morning at 9am for all pupils going on the trip. ALL pupils must attend this meeting and bring passports/GHIC cards if not already brought in. Letters will be given out at this meeting, thanks Mr Mathers, Miss Greer & Mrs Deehan.

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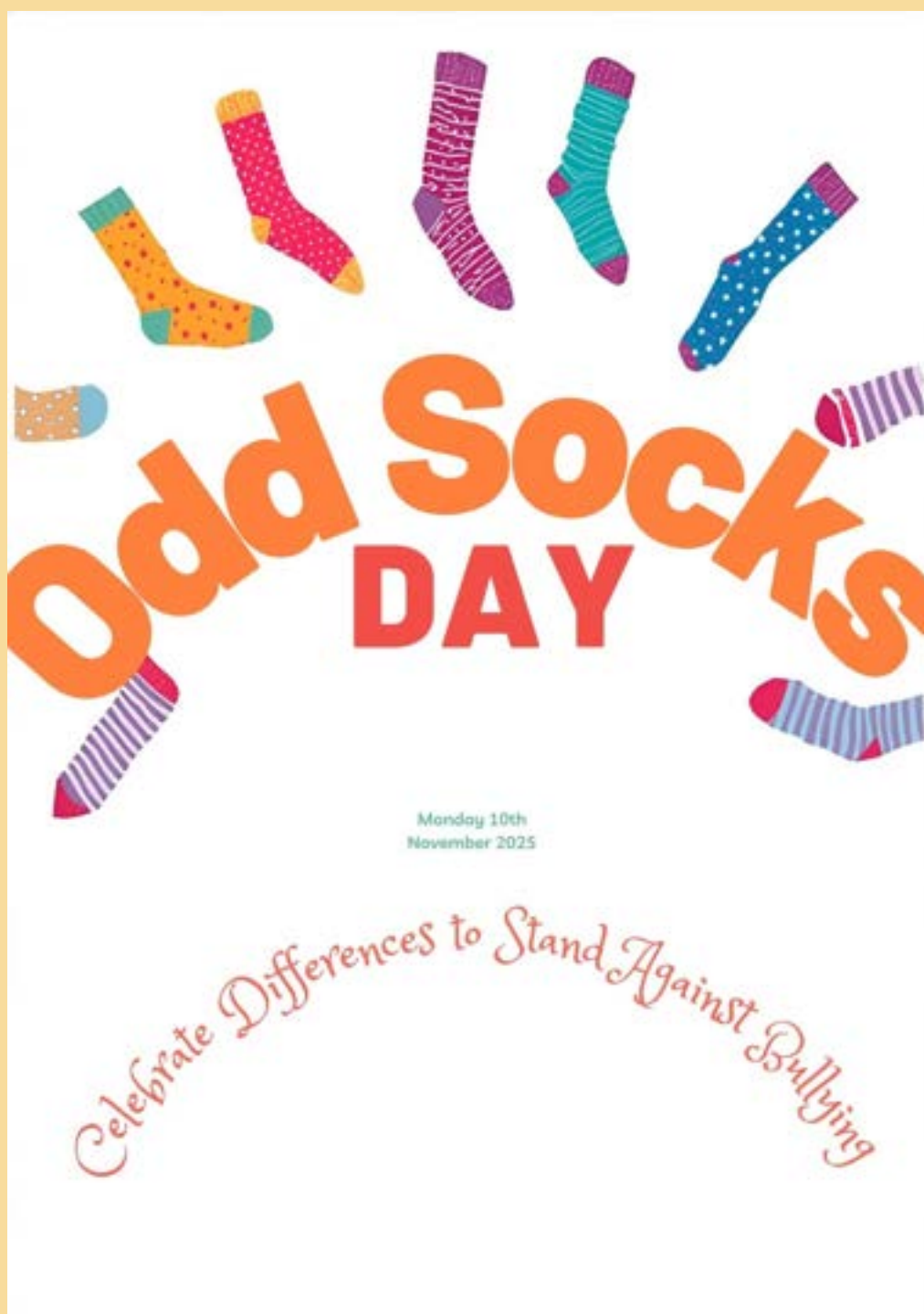
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Parent Line NI
0808 8020 400



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A source of inspiration



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Staying Safer & Smarter Online

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Supporting children 11yrs & over to stay safer online

stay safe

Small group information session for parents

Thursday 20th November
10–11.30am on Zoom

To book your place call
0808 8020 400



Autism NI
Northern Ireland's Autism Charity

Free parent/carer support courses available

Autism NI has released new parent/carer support courses, with topics including:

- Sleep
- Supporting your young child with a learning disability
- School-related anxiety

These courses are supported by the Public Health Agency through the CLEAR project. There are dates available in each Health Trust area across NI - please select the course date that matches your location.

Courses are delivered online via Zoom in the evenings. Sessions include the ability to interact and ask questions, so you can get the support that you need.

We also have our on-demand 'Understanding Autism' webinar that is available for you to access whenever suits your schedule!

Link for Autism NI courses-
<https://autismni.org/help-support/support-for-parents-carers/parents-carers-support-courses?search=&filterCourseCat%5B0%5D=&courseTypeCat%5B0%5D=&page=1>

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CAREERS SERVICE

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH
THEIR FUTURE CAREER PLANS



Department for the
Economy
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www.economy-ni.gov.uk

Your child will meet a Department for the Economy (DfE) Careers Adviser during Year 12 to discuss the next steps in their career journey.

As a parent/guardian, you play a key role in supporting your child as they explore their future. Here are some ways you can help:

Talk About Their Interests

- Ask what they enjoyed discussing with the Careers Adviser.
- Explore what subjects or activities they enjoy most.

Explore Options Together

- Talk through their next steps. Do they have a back-up plan?
- Ask them to share the action points they agreed with the Careers Adviser.
- Attend open days or careers events together.

Encourage Research

Help them use trusted websites.

- [The Careers A-Z](#) list is great for exploring what jobs their subjects might match. Pick at least 3 jobs to explore.
- [Options after Year 12](#) explains all the options available
- [Careers Occupational Information](#) shares informative bulletins and factsheets

Keep Track of Key Dates

- Note deadlines for applications or open days.
- Help them stay organised and plan ahead.

Stay Positive and Supportive

- Reassure them that it's okay not to have all the answers yet
- Encourage them to keep exploring and asking questions.

For more information on ways you can support your child, go to the [Give Your Child a Helping Hand](#) webpage on the nidirect.gov.uk website.

For how to contact the Careers Service, go to www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers

You can contact a Careers Adviser:

- By telephone on **0300 200 7820**.
(available Monday-Friday 9.30-4.30)
- Using **webchat** at [Chat with Careers Service](#) (available Monday-Friday 9:30-4:30)
- Or **Ask questions online** on the Careers Website at [Ask Careers](#)

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CAREERS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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
<u>Screenworks</u>	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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CAREERS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Y14 Careers

UCAS applications are almost complete, each pupil has chosen 5 courses to apply for a university. To support your son, guidance on the Personal Statement and the UCAS application can be found on the link below: <https://www.ucas.com/discover/advice-parents-guardians-and-carers/helping-your-child-write-great-personal-statement>

Apprenticeships

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>

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



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TOP PUPIL POINTS



JAYDEN BINGHAM
8MR
HOUSE LEWIS



JOEL BAKER
11ON
HOUSE LEWIS



JUDAH HILL
9GF
HOUSE BRANAGH

JAY GIBSON
12BW
HOUSE LEWIS



JAXON COWDEN
10CR
HOUSE KELVIN



MADDOX MONTGOMERY
14EF
HOUSE KELVIN

MCKENZIE DOUGAN
13SM
HOUSE BRANAGH



HOUSE SCORES



74,135



66,750



66,600



64,878

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

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Parents of Year 12 pupils

Your son will sit his English Language GCSE Unit 4 exam on **Monday 17th November**. It is vital that he attends at least one of the revision sessions below to ensure he is fully prepared for this exam **worth 30% of his final GCSE grade**. Following his mock on 5th November – he will be told which revision class he is best suited to attend – please encourage him to do so.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning before school		Mrs McGorman Room 203 Task 1 VOCABULARY		Mrs Bryans Room 203 Task 1 PUNCTUATION	
Lunch		Mrs Bryans Room 203 DEVICES Mrs Warren Room 207 Task 1 SENTENCE STRUCTURE	Mrs McGorman Room 203 Task 1 VOCABULARY Miss McLaughlin room 208 Task 1 Opening/Endings	Mrs Bryans Room 203 Task 1 PUNCTUATION Miss Watson Room 205 Task 2 PEE'S ANALYSIS	
Afternoon after school	Mrs Lavery Room 203 UNIT 1 only		Mrs McGorman Room 203 Task 1 VOCABULARY Miss McLaughlin Room 208 Task 1 Opening/Endings Mrs Farr Room 216 Task 3&4 PEE'S ANALYSIS		Miss Chestnutt Room 209 Tasks 3&4 READING CONNOTATIONS Miss Watson Room 205 Task 2 PEE'S ANALYSIS

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MATHS REVISION SESSIONS



MONDAY

Year 12 Further Maths: 3.20-4pm Mrs Hanna Innovation Lab

TUESDAY

Year 11 M4: 8.10-8.40am Mrs Gilfedder Rm 109

Year 11 M4: 2-2.40pm Mrs Gilfedder Rm 109

Year 12 M1/M2 Resit: 2-2.40pm Mr Smith Rm 102

Year 12 M8: 2-2.40pm Mrs Weir Rm 112

Year 11 Further Maths: 2-2.40pm Miss White Innovation Lab

Year 12 M1/M2 Resit: Miss White Innovation Lab

THURSDAY

Year 12 M6: 6A Lunch Mrs Hanna Rm 108

FRIDAY

Year 11 Further Maths: 2.40-3.20pm Miss White Innovation Lab

Year 12 M1/M2 Resit: 2.40-3.20pm Miss White Innovation Lab

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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 - 14, Rm128 6a lunch
Art Club Yrs 8&10, Rm249 6a lunch	Languages Club Year 9, Rm 216 5 lunch	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	Football Years 9, Gym Hall 5 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	Languages Club Year 8, Rm 216 6a lunch		SU Years 8 & 11, Rm210 6b lunch	Football Club Years 13 & 14 6a lunch
Science Club Years 9, 11 & 12, Rm142 6b lunch			Warhammer Years 11 - 14, Rm133 6b lunch	Aime Club All year groups, Rm241 6a lunch
LEGO Club Year 8, 11 & 12, Rm146 6b lunch			LEGO Club Years 8 & 11, Rm148 6b 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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Afternoon extracurricular activities

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT BBMS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch Social Football - NO teams Years 8, 10 & 11 3.30pm - 4.15pm Mount Pleasant Homework Club All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128	Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch Higher Maths GCSE Clinic Year 11 8.15 - 8.30 Rm 108 Basketball Club Year 8 2.00 - 2.30 Sports Hall Football Years 8 & 10 - A & B TEAMS ONLY 2.15 - 3.20 Mount Pleasant Table Tennis All year groups 2.55 - 3.15 Sports Hall History Club All year groups 2.00-2.40 Rm 238 Homework Club All Year Groups 2.00-2.40 Rm 128	Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch IT Coursework Clinic Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050 Badminton Years 8 & 10 3.20 - 4.00 Sports Hall Homework Club All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128	Morning football All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch IT Coursework Clinic Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050 Football Club Year 9 - team & social 2.50-3.50 Mt. Pleasant Rugby Club All year groups 2.40 - 3.50 Mt. Pleasant Catch-up Clinics Years 11 - 14 2.00 - 4.00 Range of subjects: - IT, Travel & Tourism & Sports Studies 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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Football Fixtures this week

<u>team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Kit</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Meet time / kick off time</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Year 9b Belfast Cup	St. Colm's	10/11	They wear yellow and blue	Mounty	1.10pm / 2pm kick off	Mr Smith
Year 9a Belfast Cup	St. Mary's	11/11	They wear black	Mounty	12.15pm meet / 1.15 or 1.30pm kick off	Mr Munyard
Year 11 Belfast Cup	Laurelhill	11/11	They wear blue	Laurelhill	12.15pm meet / 1.30pm kick off	Mr McCausland
10b EA Cup	Abbey	13/11	They wear maroon	3 mile	12.50pm meet / 1.45pm kick off	Mr O'Rawe
10a Irish Cup	De La Salle	13/11	tbc	De La Salle	12.25pm (15 minutes early) / 1.45pm kick off	Mr Reid
8a Friendly (Belfast Cup for Bs)	Coláiste Feirste	14/11	tbc	tbc	12.50pm meet / 1.45pm kick off	Mr Munyard



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