

BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL

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At Belfast Boys' Model School we always encourage our pupils to join an extra-curricular club, society or team. Our Year 9 Rugby Team took part in their first blitz of the season. For many of these players it was their first experience of 15 a-side rugby. The teams they were playing against were more experienced but this didn't stop our boys from competing hard for every ball, in every tackle.

Well done boys!



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Dates for your diary

Monday 1st December – P7 Taster Day – only selected pupils in school

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January – Christmas Holidays (pupils return Monday 5th January).



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When learning to play the guitar is made much easier because you know your instrument is a gift from a world famous singer-song writer! How Ed Sheeran is inspiring the next generation of BBMS muscians.

Link to full BBC article here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2lp8nqq299o>



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PARENT CONNECT



You are invited to Parent Connect!

Join us for a welcoming gathering where parents, families, and carers can enjoy a friendly chat, and hear from some educational facilitators and services.

This Parent Connect will spotlight one of our priorities: Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have an Early Years and/or KS1 child at home, we would love to see you there!

Register here



-  **26th of November**
-  **10:00am - 11:00am and 7:30pm - 8:30pm**
-  **Templemore Baths - Studio Room**



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You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions** for parents and carers.

Normally we run the monthly drop-ins on the 1st Tuesday of the month but in **DECEMBER** we run **5 drop-in sessions from Monday 1st December - Friday 5th December.**

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about:

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

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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 served' 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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CAREERS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Y14 Careers

UCAS applications are almost complete, each pupil has chosen 5 courses. 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>

Belfast Met Higher Education Applications are now open- Level 4,5 and 6 qualifications. There are options for a range of courses and subjects. Your son will be applying for these courses in Careers classes.

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



MAX YOUNG
9WH
HOUSE KELVIN

ROMIN HUGHES
12BU
HOUSE GREGG



LUKE FORSYTHE
10CR
HOUSE GREGG



MADDOX MONTGOMERY
14EF
HOUSE KELVIN

MCKENZIE DOUGAN
13SM
HOUSE BRANAGH



HOUSE SCORES



86,340



78,173



76,517



75,303

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 6 - 10, 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, Rm219 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	Alme Club All year groups, Rm241 6a lunch
LEGO Club Year 8, 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				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 218		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>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Kit</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Meet time / kick off time</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Year 10 Belfast League	OLSPCK	24/11	They wear white	OLSPCK	1pm meet / 2.15pm kick off	Mr Munyard
11 Futsal Finals	Belfast Schools	25/11	Blue and black kit	Shankill LC	All day	Mr Munyard
12 Irish Cup – last 16	Ballyclare H	26/11	They wear black	Mounty	12.50pm / 1.45pm kick off	Mr McClelland
U18 EA Cup	Ashfield	26/11	They wear blue	Ballysillan	1pm / 2pm kick off	Mr McManus
10a Belfast Cup	Hazelwood	27/11	They wear blue and white	Mounty	12pm meet / 12.20pm kick off	Mr Reid
10b EA League and Cup	Abbey	27/11	They wear maroon	Mounty	12.50pm meet/ 1.30pm kick off	Mr O'Rawe
8b Friendly	Ballyclare S	28/11	They wear blue	Dixon Park	12.50pm meet / 2pm kick off	Mr Murray
11b EA Cup	Carrick A	25/11	They wear purple	Carrick A – junior site	12.20pm / 1.30pm	Mr McCausland



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