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Mrs Montgomery was delighted to congratulate Noah on his success at the Swim Ulster Senior School Cup Championships. He trains early mornings with his Club, Alliance and achieved 2 personal bests in the competition.

Well done Noah, we're so proud of you!



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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th March – Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting, 2.10pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday 17th March – St. Patrick's Day holiday

Tuesday 24th March – Year 13 & 14 Parent Teacher Meeting, 2.10pm – 5.00pm

Focus on the Future Interviews

All Year 12 Parents are required to make an appointment with one of the Career/Senior School staff for your sons Focus on the Future Interview which is held between 4th-6th March. These meetings will be held in school and provide an important opportunity to explore pathways such as returning to Senior School, A Level subject choices and other progression routes.

A reminder text and email have been sent but if you are still having difficulties, please contact Miss Greer via the school office or email agreer389@c2ken.net to arrange your interview time.

A poster for Year 12 Focus on the Future Interviews. The text on the poster reads: "YEAR 12 FOCUS ON THE FUTURE INTERVIEWS", "Yr12 Parents", "Please ensure you have booked a Focus on the Future interview, with either Mrs Deehan, Mrs Ryan or Miss Greer.", "These are key for guidance on your son's future." The poster also features the school crest and a grid of service icons including "HEADS OF YEAR", "INDUCTION PROGRAMME", "SEN TEAM", "ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS", "SHARED EDUCATION", "P7-YR8 TRANSITION PROGRAMME", "COUNSELLING SERVICE", and "CAREER ASSISTANCE".

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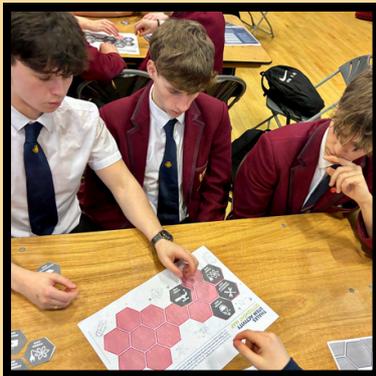
Thales Assessment Centre Experience for Year 14

Our Year 14 pupils took part in a fantastic Thales Assessment Centre experience last week, giving them a real insight into what a modern recruitment and selection process looks like.

From problem-solving activities to teamwork challenges, our pupils had the chance to develop key employability skills and see first-hand what employers look for. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to build confidence, explore career pathways and gain experience they can take forward into future applications.

A huge thank-you to Thales for providing such a valuable and inspiring experience for our students!

Preparing our young people for life beyond school – one opportunity at a time.



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Advanced Notice – Love for Life Workshops

These workshops will take place in school on Wednesday 11th March for Year 9, 11 & 14 pupils. Should you wish for your son to be withdrawn from these workshop, please

complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BFeKWPmsgQ>

For further information please contact Miss Greer – agreer389@c2ken.net

LOVE FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH - YEAR 9, 11 & 14

Love for Life will be in school on Wednesday 11th March to deliver holistic Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) courses which follow a Christian ethos and are age appropriate to pupils in Year 9, 11 & 14.

The aims of Love for Life are to:

- Encourage and equip young people to understand and value strong, healthy relationships
- Challenge culture to prioritise strong, healthy relationships
- Create spaces for honest conversations about authentic relationships.

Below is information regarding the different courses being delivered on the 11th March which address key parts of the Northern Ireland Curriculum for RSE. After reading the information, should you wish for your son to be withdrawn from the interactive presentations delivered by Love for Life, then please complete the linked Microsoft form to opt out – [Love for Life 2026- Opt Out Form – Fill out form](#)

LOVE FOR LIFE

IZONE- YEAR 9

iZone is an interactive and media-rich presentation designed for pupils in the early years of post-primary education. It allows pupils to consider issues such as: the value and uniqueness of every individual, managing change, growing up, identifying influences, target setting, handling conflict and pressure, valuing friendship and working towards healthy relationships.

Topics covered in this presentation: Self-esteem & uniqueness, managing changes, staying healthy and happy during puberty, identifying influences and dealing with pressure, positive relationships and conflict resolution, healthy online behaviour and interactions, target setting and love & romantic relationships.

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LOVE FOR LIFE ICEBERGS & BABIES - YEAR 11



This presentation is aimed at Year 11 and gives pupils the opportunity to critically engage with the cultural messages and pressures when it comes to relationships and sex. They are also encouraged to examine their own values and beliefs as well as develop skills and strategies to build healthy relationships.



Topics covered in this presentation: Identity & value, impact of media and peer pressure, body image and social media, pornography, sexting & sharing online, attitudes to, and expectations around, sex and relationships, communication in relationships, consent, pregnancy, STIs, contraception and pregnancy pathways.

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LOVE FOR LIFE SEX DRIVE - YEAR 14



This presentation is aimed at Year 14 and gives pupils the opportunity to reflect on their current and future choices around relationships. It is aimed at preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and challenges of life beyond the school classroom by equipping them with appropriate knowledge, skills and values to build strong and committed relationships into the future.

Topics covered in this presentation: Self-awareness and understanding difference, relationship skills, communication in relationships, sexting, pornography, consent, pregnancy, STIs, contraception, pregnancy pathways, sex and alcohol and preparing for independence.

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Tuesday 3rd March

Year 14 pupils are attending the PSNI Roadshow event, which will be held at Mossley Mill.

The event is an interactive workshop designed to highlight the consequences of Road Traffic Collisions. As many of our pupils are now driving or learning to drive, this is a valuable pastoral opportunity aimed at promoting safe and responsible road use among young drivers.

Pupils must return permission slips to Miss Greer on Monday 2nd March.

Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th March – Focus on the Future Interviews

Year 12 have scheduled appointments to meet with Senior School/Careers Staff during this week. Please come to reception and meet your son there. He will be allowed to leave class to come and meet you to attend the interview together. If you have not scheduled an appointment and would like to get some careers advice for your son, please contact the school office.



Year 9 pupils will be working with BEAM creative network over the next month, with each form class having the opportunity to participate in workshops around Healthy Relationships and Changing Attitudes. This week pupils in 9RW, 9NM, 9GI & 9WH will be involved in these workshops on Monday.

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Navigating EBSA: Practical Guidance for Parents & Educators

- Understand Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) and its impact
- Recognise early signs of EBSA
- Discover strategies to reduce anxiety
- Explore supported pathways back into learning

3rd March
3:30PM - 4:30PM

**NATIONAL
ONLINE
SCHOOL**

The First DfE Accredited
Online SEND School

Department
for Education

Virtual
Event



EBSA

Click the link to reserve your place: [Navigating EBSA: Practical Guidance for Parents and Educators Tickets, Tuesday, Mar 3, 2026 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm GMT | Eventbrite](#)

When? 3rd March 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Where? Online

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FEMALE

Empowerment Day

An afternoon dedicated to empowering women.

- ✦ Mental Health
- ✦ Physical Health
- ✦ Hormones & Menopause
- ✦ Women in Business

Female Empowerment Day

Click the link to book your place: Female empowerment Day Tickets, Saturday, Mar 7, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm | Eventbrite

Where? Grove Wellbeing Centre, Belfast
When? Saturday, Mar 7, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm

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Careers Convention

Y10, Y12, Y13 and Y14 pupils attended our annual Careers Convention on Wednesday 18th February. This was a fantastic day, 44 companies were in attendance providing information about career pathways into a wide range of industries. The pupils were fantastic and engaged well with the employers.

Careers Guidance Interviews

All pupils in Y12 have had their Careers Guidance Interview with The Careers Service. If you would like your son to have another interview to discuss plans for next year please contact Mrs Ryan nryan320@c2ken.net

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
<u>Clearbox</u>	PR and Social Media Marketing	17 th -19 th June 2026	19 th May 2026
TODD	Architecture	16 th -18 th June 2026	27 th March 2026
Kainos (Ready, Set, Code)	IT	16 th -18 th June 2026	16 th March 2026
SMBP	Business/ General	8 th -12 th June 2026	Once applications have been filled.

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Y13 Careers

Mock Interviews

Y13 attended their Mock Interviews before half term at BT. All boys performed exceptionally well, and employers were very impressed with them. Well done.

Work Experience

All Y13 pupils will complete work experience in June. I will be giving out the paperwork and insurance packs over the coming weeks. Once a placement has been agreed, please return to Mrs Ryan. I would like to note that June is a very busy time for work experience, and most schools in North Belfast will also be on work experience. Placements can be difficult to secure, if not secured early.

Y14 Careers

Y14 pupils need to be thinking about their plans after BBMS. All pupils have applied to university and have had offers back. The deadline for making this decision will be mid April. A number of pupils have also applied to a range of apprenticeship opportunities; please remind your son to ensure he is checking his personal email address for any communication from employers regarding assessments or interviews. If you have any questions or feel your son needs more guidance, please contact Mrs Ryan
nryan320@c2ken.net

RAF Careers Webinars

Online webinar providing information about Careers in the RAF. 4th March 6.30pm-7.30pm. Use the link below to find out more information and book your slot:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raf-careers-webinar-tickets-1870065288619?aff=A5FlyerEng>

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Apprenticeships (Y12, Y13 and Y14)

Belfast Met (Castlereagh Campus) IT Apprenticeship Employer Day– Wednesday 4th March 10.30am–13.00pm.

This event will provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about IT apprenticeship pathways and to meet employers from the industry. No registration is required.

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/>

Year 14 ONLY

Citibank have a range of apprenticeships currently available:

Operations Apprentice– <https://jobs.citi.com/job/belfast/operations-apprentice/287/91193963680>

Market Apprentice– <https://jobs.citi.com/job/belfast/markets-apprentice/287/91193954592>

Legal Apprentice– <https://jobs.citi.com/job/belfast/legal-apprentice/287/91193949824>



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TOP PUPIL POINTS



YOUSUF KHURRAM
8JB
HOUSE LEWIS



JOEL BAKER
11ON
HOUSE LEWIS



CHRISTOPHER HILL
9NM
HOUSE LEWIS

KAI CRAWFORD
12GY
HOUSE BRANAGH



LUKE FORSYTHE
10CR
HOUSE GREGG

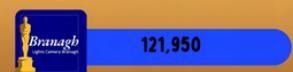


CARTER GIBSON
14EF
HOUSE LEWIS

LEO MCDOWELL
13PT
HOUSE LEWIS



HOUSE SCORES



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 9, 11 & 12, Rm142 6b lunch			Warhammer Years 11 - 14, Rm133 6b lunch	Aime 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 109</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 Gym Hall</p>		<p>Catch-Up Clinics Years 11 - 14 2.00 - 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

<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>
9b EA League	Abbey	2/3	They wear black	Mounty	1.20pm meet / 2.10pm kick off	Mr Smith / Mark
12b EA Cup Semi-Final	Carrick G	3/3	They wear navy	Carrick Leisure 4g	12pm meet / 1.15 kick off	Mr McClelland
11 Belfast Cup quarter final	Bangor A	4/3	They wear light blue	Ballysillan	12.40pm / 1.45pm kick off	Mr McCausland
U18 Belfast Shield quarter final	Bangor A	4/3	They wear light blue	Mounty	12.40pm / 1.45pm kick off	Mr McManus
9a Belfast League	De La Salle	5/3	They wear red	St. Gen's	12.40pm / 1.45pm kick off	Mr Munyard
Yr 12 Belfast Cup Semi Final	OLSPCK	6/3	They wear white and blue	Welders or Seaview	11.20am meet / 12.30pm or 1pm kick off	Mr McClelland
8b Blitz	EA Blitz	6/3	n/a	3 mile	11.50am meet / 1pm start	Mr Murray



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