

# BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL

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16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

What an amazing St Patrick's Day celebration for Year 12–14 pupils.

Thank you to our Greater Shankill community partners and to Belfast Model School for Girls for joining us. A special mention goes to our guest speaker, Mr John Cusick, who shared insights into his extensive military service and his experiences of St Patrick's Day while serving in the armed forces across the globe.

A remarkable man!

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Piper, Mr Strain, who led the Principals, Head Boys and Head Girls from both schools, along with Joel, Ruben and Theo, all proudly wearing their Cadet uniforms, to receive a ceremonial shamrock on behalf of our schools.



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Dates for your diary

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- Year 10 Subject Choice Interviews

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - St. Patrick's Day holiday

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - 8Jb at St Malachy's with Mr Reid

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 13 & 14 Parent Teacher Meeting, 2.10pm - 5.00pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter holidays

## BBMS SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT

HAS YOUR SON OUTGROWN HIS UNIFORM OR PE KIT?



PLEASE LEAVE INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR SEND INTO SCHOOL WITH YOUR SON TO GIVE TO HIS FORM TEACHER.

RECYCLE ANY USABLE PIECES OF UNIFORM & PE KIT



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN SWOP ITEMS THAT DON'T FIT YOUR CHILD?

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## Year 10 are on a roll at Queen's Junior Academy!

Our pupils have been diving into an exciting mix of Science and Arts & Humanities this week – exploring big ideas, testing hypotheses, creating, analysing and asking brilliant questions every step of the way.

From hands-on experiments to thoughtful discussions and creative projects, they're building confidence, curiosity, and the essential skills that will carry them into their next chapter.



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### City Hall Performance

A huge congratulations to Dylan McCluskey, Reuben Arthur, Corbin Arthur, Ben Leckey, Alex Noble, and Reuben McFarlane for their outstanding performance last Monday. The boys represented the BBMS Flute Band at Belfast City Hall as part of the Commonwealth Celebrations, performing in front of the Lord Mayor of Belfast, distinguished guests, political figures, and representatives from various Commonwealth groups.

They played superbly and received excellent feedback, along with invitations to take part in some exciting future opportunities. They were a real credit to the school and to the Music Department.



Well done, boys!



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### **Careers Guidance Interviews**

Y14 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.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Date of work experience</b>	<b>Closing date for applications</b>
<u>Clearbox</u>	PR and Social Media Marketing	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
TODD	Architecture	16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Kainos (Ready, Set, Code)	IT	16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
SMBP	Business/ General	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Once applications have been filled.
NI Probation Board	Public Services	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Aflac	IT and Digital	22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

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### **Y13 Careers**

#### **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, please contact Mrs Ryan  
[nryan320@c2ken.net](mailto:nryan320@c2ken.net)



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### Apprenticeships (Y12, Y13 and Y14)

**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/>

**Irwin Apprenticeship**– Plumbing and Electrical Vacancies

[https://irwinm-e.com/career\\_vacancy/emerge-apprenticeship-scheme-2026/](https://irwinm-e.com/career_vacancy/emerge-apprenticeship-scheme-2026/)

**Navantia** (previously Harland and Wolff) have released a number of Apprenticeship opportunities.

Weld Apprenticeship–

<https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/NAVANTIAUK/744000111785045-weld-apprenticeship-belfast->

Metal Fabricator Apprenticeship–

<https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/NAVANTIAUK/744000111784815-metal-fabricator-apprenticeship-belfast->

Mechanical Fitter Apprenticeship–

<https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/NAVANTIAUK/744000111782450-mechanical-fitter-apprenticeship-belfas...>

Pipe Fitter Apprenticeship–

<https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/NAVANTIAUK/744000111781326-pipefitter-apprenticeship-belfast->

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### Lunch-time extra-curricular activities

#### LUNCHTIME CLUBS AT BBMS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Homework Club</b> 6a - Rm128, 6b - Rm219 BOTH LUNCHES	<b>Homework Club</b> 6a & 6b - Rm128 BOTH LUNCHES	<b>Dodgeball</b> Year 9, Gym hall 6a lunch	<b>Homework Club</b> 6a & 6b - Rm128 BOTH LUNCHES	<b>Homework Club</b> Years 8 - 10, Rm128 6a lunch
<b>Art Club</b> Yrs 8&10, Rm249 6a lunch	<b>Fortnite Dance Club</b> Year 9, Studio BOTH LUNCHES	<b>Plant Club</b> Years 8, 10 & 11, Rm144 6a lunch	<b>Modern Languages</b> Year 10, Rm216 6a lunch	<b>Plant Club</b> Years 8 - 10, Rm144 6a lunch
<b>History Club</b> Years 8 & 10, Rm228 6a lunch	<b>SA Science Revision</b> Yr11, Rm143 6a lunch	<b>DJ-ing Club</b> Year 8, Rm234 6b lunch	<b>Choir</b> Years 8-12, Rm 234 BOTH LUNCHES	<b>Board Games</b> Years 9 & 10, Rm240 6a lunch
<b>SU</b> Year 8, Rm 212 6a lunch	<b>Eco Club</b> Years 8, 10 & 12, Rm242 6a lunch	<b>Art Club</b> Year 8, 10 & 11, Rm249 6b lunch	<b>Board Games Club</b> Year 8, Rm240 6b lunch	<b>Cookery Club</b> Years 8 & 9, Rm134 6a lunch
<b>Multi-Lingual Club</b> Years 9 & 11, Rm251 6b lunch	<b>Football</b> Years 9, Gym Hall 5 lunch	<b>SU</b> Yr 11, Rm112 5 lunch	<b>SU</b> Years 8 & 11, Rm210 6b lunch	<b>Football Club</b> Years 13 & 14 6a lunch
<b>Science Club</b> Years 9, 11 & 12, Rm142 6b lunch			<b>Warhammer</b> Years 11 - 14, Rm133 6b lunch	<b>Aime Club</b> All year groups, Rm241 6a lunch
<b>LEGO Club</b> Year 9, 11 & 12, Rm148 6b lunch			<b>LEGO Club</b> Years 8 & 11, Rm148 6b lunch	<b>Digi Skills</b> Years 11 & 12, Innovation Lab 6b lunch
<b>Anime Club</b> Years 11 & 12, Rm241 6b lunch			<b>The Way of the Panda</b> Year 8, Rm143 6b lunch	<b>Open Mic Club</b> 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><b>Morning football</b> All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>	<p><b>Morning football</b> All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>	<p><b>Morning football</b> All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>	<p><b>Morning football</b> All year groups 8.15 - 8.40 Mugga pitch</p>
<p><b>Morning Cross-Country &amp; Running Club, Yrs 8&amp;9</b> 8.35am - 8.50am Mount Pleasant</p>	<p><b>Higher Maths GCSE Clinic</b> Year 11 8.15 - 8.30 Rm 109</p>	<p><b>IT Coursework Clinic</b> Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050</p>	<p><b>IT Coursework Clinic</b> Years 11 - 14 8.00 - 8.40 Rm 050</p>
<p><b>Homework Club</b> All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128</p>	<p><b>Basketball Club</b> Year 8 2.00 - 2.50 Sports Hall</p>	<p><b>Badminton</b> Years 9, 11 &amp; 12 3.20 - 4.00 Sports Hall</p>	<p><b>Football - team &amp; social</b> Year 9 2.50-3.50 Mt. Pleasant</p>
<p><b>Football - teams &amp; social</b> Year 10 3.30pm - 4.15pm Mount Pleasant</p>	<p><b>Football - teams &amp; social</b> Year 8 2.15 - 3.20 Mount Pleasant</p>	<p><b>Homework Club</b> All Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm Rm 128</p>	<p><b>Rugby Club</b> All year groups 2.40 - 3.50 Mt. Pleasant</p>
	<p><b>Table Tennis</b> All year groups 2.15 - 3.15 Gym Hall</p>		<p><b>Catch-Up Clinics</b> Years 11 - 14 2.00 - 4.00 Range of subjects: • IT, Travel &amp; Tourism &amp; Sports Studies</p>
	<p><b>History Club</b> All year groups 2.00-2.40 Rm 230</p>		<p><b>Homework Club</b> 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	ICG	16/3	They wear teal	Mounnty	1.10pm meet / 2pm kick off	Mr Smith
U18 Belfast Shield	RBAI	18/3	tbc	Grosvenor	12.30pm meet / 1.45pm kick off	Mr McManus
10a Friendly	Ulidia	19/3	They wear maroon and grey	Ulidia	12.40pm meet / 1.45pm	Mr Reid
8a Irish Plate semi-final	St. Brigid's	20/3	They wear black	St. Brigid's	9am meet / 11.45pm kick off	Mr Munyard



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