

KEY STAGE 4

Parent Information Evening



Belfast Boys' Model School
September 2023

Education at Home

Success in education comes not only from what is done in school, but also from the hard work completed at home. Homework is an essential part of learning. It develops important independent study skills and encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning.

You have a key role to play in supporting your son's learning and your help at home will have a real impact on success in school and beyond.

What can I do to help at home?

Establish a routine for doing homework. Late afternoon or early evening is better before everyone gets too tired!

Create a learning environment- ensure there is an area at home for your son to complete his homework,

Help with organisation- check the homework diary. Help in packing correct books/equipment/kit in the school bag. Help your child plan his time to allow him to give his homework his very best effort.

Be **interested** in school life. Ask about the school day and talk with your son about how he is getting on. Encourage him to make the most out of school by getting involved in:

- classroom discussions and tasks,
- extra-curricular activities outside the classroom.

Encourage your son to see the **value** of learning. Stress the importance of homework in reinforcing and developing the learning that goes in in the classroom. Also, encourage him to regularly review his learning to prepare for school tests and exams.

Communicate with the school. If you know your child is experiencing problems, let us know. Early identification of problems is important. Good communication between home and school is valued at BBMS and helps children do well. Be sure to attend parent-teacher consultations.

In this booklet you will find:

- Learning to Learn information
- A guide to MS Teams
- Key exam dates for Year 12 this term
- Parent App information
- Information from the Maths Department
- Extra- Curricular activities information
- Year 11 and 12 Common assessment Calendars

Please view the Assessment Calendar and Revision Timetable below, to help prepare your son for success.

 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2023-2024.				
Key Dates	Task	Year Group	Data Required	Deadline
Assessment Period 1				
25th Sept -29th Sept	L2L, retrieval and revision strategies (in class)	Years 8-14	Tracking Y8-14 & Y11-14 Predicted Fine Grades	9th November (Thursday)
2nd - 6th Oct	Revision Week			
9th -13th Oct	Class Test 1			
Assessment Period 2				
20th - 24th Nov	L2L, retrieval and revision strategies (in class)	Years 8-14	Tracking Y8-14 & Y11-14 Predicted Fine Grades	9th January (Tuesday)
27th Nov - 1st Dec	Revision Week			
4th -8th Dec	Class Test 2			
Assessment Period 3				
15th - 19th Jan	L2L, retrieval and revision strategies (in class)	Years 8-14	Tracking Y8-14 & Y11-14 Predicted Fine Grades & Report Comments	22nd February (Thursday) <small>*Yr 10 20th Feb (Tues)</small>
22nd Jan - 26th Jan	Revision Week			
1st Feb - 9th Feb	Class Test 3			
Assessment Period 4a				
18th March -22nd March	L2L, retrieval and revision strategies (in class)	Years 11-14	Tracking Y8-14 & Y11-14 Predicted Fine Grades	26th April (Thursday)
8th April- 12th April	Revision Week			
17th April - 19th April	Class Test 4a (Mock Exams)			
Assessment Period 4b				
20th May - 24th May	L2L, retrieval and revision strategies (in class)	Years 8-10	Tracking Grades, Carousel Report Comments & Cross Curricular Report Comments	13th June (Thursday)
27th May - 31st May	Revision Week			
3rd June-7th June	Class Test 4b (KS3 Exams)			

Belfast Boys' Model Revision Timetable



Date Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9am-4pm	School	School	School	School	School	10am-11am	
4-5pm						11am-12pm	
5-6pm						12-1pm	Lunch & Exercise/ Social Media
6-7pm	Dinner & Exercise/ Social Media	Dinner & Exercise/ Social Media	Dinner & Exercise/ Social Media	Dinner & Exercise/ Social Media	Dinner & Exercise/ Social Media	1-2pm	Lunch & Exercise/ Social Media
7-8pm						2-3pm	Free Time
8-9pm						3-4pm	Free Time
9-10pm						4-5pm	Free Time
10-11pm	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	5-6pm	Free Time

Key Exam dates

Maths:

M2, M3 & M4 (Re-sit only): **Tuesday 21st November 2023**

English:

English Language **Unit 4** is on **Monday 20th November 2023** for ALL year 12 pupils.

Only those Year 12s who did not attempt the Unit 1 exam in Year 11 will be entered for Unit 1 on **Friday 17th November 2023**. Year 12s who need to re-sit their Unit 1 exam to improve their grade will be entered for the re-sit on 8th May 2024.

Single Award Science:

Chemistry: **Wednesday 22nd November 2023**

Double Award Science:

Physics: **Wednesday 15th November 2023 (RESIT ONLY)**

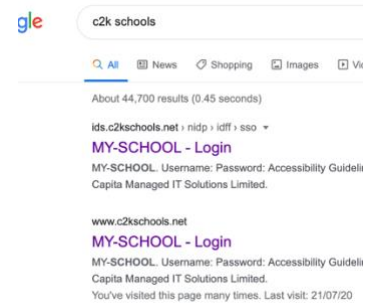
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w/c 8th January – 29th January

How to access MySchool & Microsoft Teams

In your Internet browser, type www.c2kschools.net to get to MySchool or type c2kschools in Google

Click on **MySchool** login option

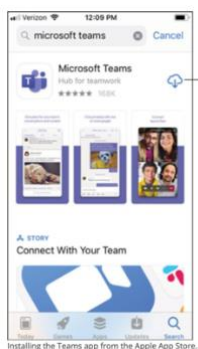
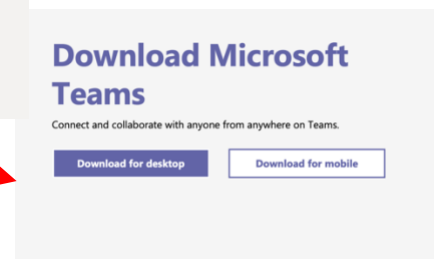
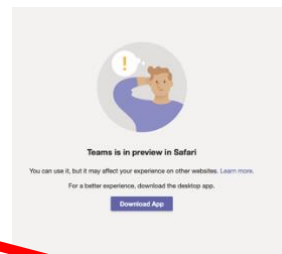


Accessing Microsoft Teams

On the home screen, click on the **Office 365** app and click on 'continue to sign in'

Downloading Teams to a computer

- Sign into My School
- Click on Office 365
- Click on the Teams Icon
- You will see this image
- Click on DOWNLOAD APP – the second image appears
- Follow the instructions
- The App will then be on your computer, and you do not need to go through My School



Downloading Teams to a phone

- Open the App Store on your phone
- In the Search bar type **MICROSOFT TEAMS**
- Tap the download link to install the app on your phone
- Once the app has finished downloading and installing, tap the open button
- When logging in username is@c2ken.net
- Password you use for My School

SIMS Parent App

Instructions for setting up SIMS Parent App

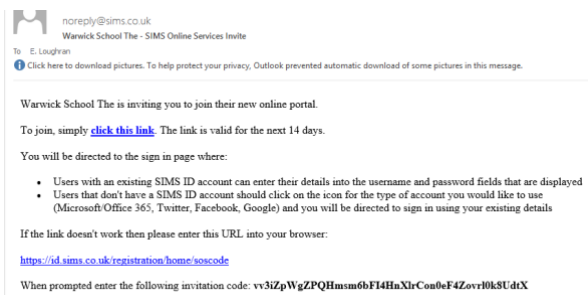
Before you start, some points to note;

- It's a 2-stage process - you are required to register first and then install the SIMS Parent App on your smart phone or device (or just use the website, if you prefer)
- Close all other windows during the registration process
- Any usernames/passwords will relate to the account you are using to register for the app (so whatever you set up when you created your Facebook/twitter/google/Microsoft/etc account)

Registration Instructions;

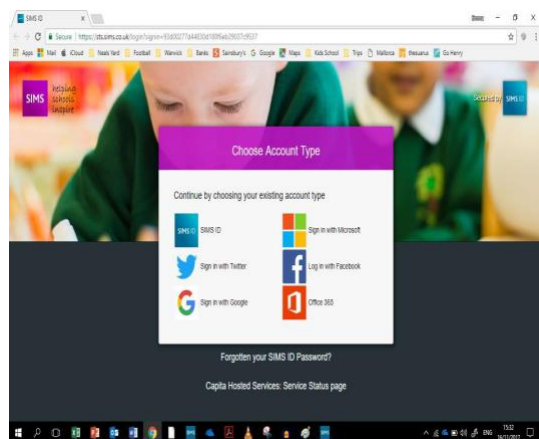
Step 1: Open the invitation email that was sent noreply@sims.co.uk to the email address you provided us. Check your junk mail if it has not in your Inbox.

Step 2: Click on the "click this link" link within the



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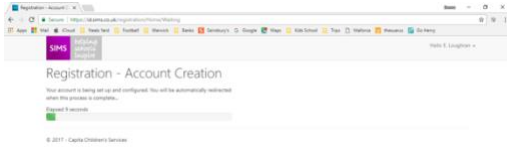
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Step 3: Choose the account type you would like to register with. *Be aware that SIMS ID can't be used!*

Step 4: Check your name and click on the Register button

Step 5: Answer the security question – this will usually be the date of birth for one of your children, following the format of dd/mm/yyyy. For example 26/02/2005



Step 6: After clicking on the Verify button you might see the “Registration – Account Verification” screen for a few seconds. That is OK

Step 7: Once complete, you have registered and are logged in to the web version of the Parent App



From here you have two options. The preferred one is to install the SIMS Parent App from the Google Play store or from the Apple store. Or you can use the web version of the Parent App which can be accessed from <https://www.sims-parent.co.uk>.

Setting up the SIMS Parent App;

Step 1: Go to the Google Play store or the Apple store and search for SIMS Parent **Step 2:** Install the App...

Step 3: Open the App

Step 4: After the welcome screen you might get the Sign In page. If so then click on the Sign In button which will take you back to the page that you saw during registration. On the Choose Account Type page select the option you registered with and login using your credentials

Step 5: The Parent App welcome screen opens.

From here you can view reports, request updates to contact information, view timetables and see attendance information.

SIMS Parent App aims:

- To increase parental engagement
- To allow you to stay on top of your son’s progress through school
- To improve communication methods with home

Information you can see:

- Attendance data
- Behaviour & conduct
- Assessment data
- Pupil timetable
- School calendar
- Communication e.g., weekly Parent Bulletin, letters

Troubleshooting

For any problems, please visit the school website -www.bbms.org.uk - For Parents - Parent App and complete the relevant form.



BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL
ONLINE MATHS RESOURCES



www.mymaths.co.uk

Username - bbms

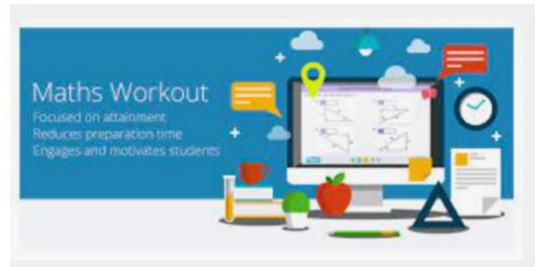
Password - angle

This resource contains notes, examples and practice questions on all topics. It will mark the work and give instant feedback.

www.mathsworkout.co.uk

Username – belfastbms

Password - slope



These fully interactive resources mark answers instantly and can generate unlimited practice questions on any topic.



Corbettmaths

www.corbettmaths.com

Welcome Videos and Worksheets Primary 5-a-day More Revision Cards Books

Provides video explanations from a

local teacher, as well as practice questions on every topic.

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION IN
MATHEMATICS TEACHING

www.cimt.org.uk/projects/mep/index.htm

For notes, examples and practice questions on any topic. To access password-protected answers, use CIMT4maths.

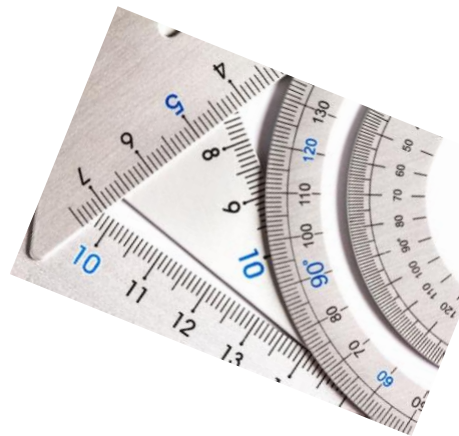
MATHS PUPIL EQUIPMENT

Every pupil **must** have the following equipment in **every** Maths lesson –



- Blue or Black Pen
- Red Pen
- Ruler
- Pencil

- Scientific Calculator
- Protractor
- Eraser
- Sharpener



The Department offers all equipment for sale at extremely low prices and therefore operates a policy of **no borrowing**. Pupils are expected to keep their equipment in a suitable pencil case.

Extra-Curricular Activities.

Encourage your son to get involved in some of the many clubs and societies available at lunchtime and after school:

After School Clubs

Club	Day	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room
Drama Club	Monday	3.20-4.20	Mrs McMorrow	Yr8-14	Studio
History Club	Monday	3.20-4.20	Mr Reid & Mr Shearer	KS3	228
Homework Club	Monday	3.20-4.00		All	Library
Club	Day	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room
Football Club	Tuesday	2.15-3.20	P Munyard, R Reid & L McCausland	Year 8	Mt. Pleasant
Badminton	Tuesday	2.00-2.40	J Pirie	All years	Sports hall
Homework Club	Tuesday	2.00-2.40		All	Library
Club	Day	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room
Homework Club	Wednesday	3.20-4.00		All	Library
Rugby Club	Wednesday	3.20-4.20	Various	All	Mt. Pleasant
Club	Day	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room
Football Club	Thursday	2.50-3.50	P Munyard & J Smith	Year 9	Mt. Pleasant
Basketball Club	Thursday	2.40-3.40	Mr Gray	11	Sports hall
Cookery Club	Every other Thurs.	2.40-3.40	HE Teachers	Y8-12	134
Mountain Biking	Thursday/Friday	2:40-3:50	Mr Corey	Y10-12	140

Lunchtime Clubs

Day	Period	Teacher	Club	Yr group	Room
Monday					
	6a	G Murray	Football	13	PE Area
	6a	N Uprichard	Lego	8 & 10	61
	6a	S Todd	Lunch Club	8	134
	6a	S Butterworth	Plant Club	8 & 10	142 & GH
	6b	L Parra	Languages	9	216
	6b	J Brown	Multi-Lingual Club	9, 11 & 12	254
	6b	D Spicer	Enterprise club	9, 11 & 12	22
Tuesday					
	5	S Baird & K Brown	Choir	8 & 9	234
	5	J Drury	Minecraft	8	50
	5	J Neill	Art & Drawing Club	8, 9 & 11	249
	5	L Parra	Pet Club	8, 9 & 11	216
	6a	L Parra	Pet Club	10	216
	6a	R Black	Mathematics Club	12	60
Wednesday					
	6a	B Wilson	Football	14	PE Area
	6a	J Shearer	Pupil Voice Drop-In	All	230
	6a	G Caulfield	SU	9	213
	6b	A Lavery	Book Club	9	203
	6b	L Farr	Board games	8 & 10	215
	6b	D Spicer	Wellbeing & Mindfulness	8, 10 & 11	22
Thursday					
	6a	S Baird	Choir	8 & 10	234
	6a	L Chestnutt	Debating Club	10 & 11	209
	6a	R Reid	History club	8 & 10	228
	6a	L Parra	Languages	8 & 10	216
	6b	A Quinn	Restorative Yoga	9 & 10	Studio
	6b	V Stewart	Minecraft	9	53
	6b	R Blair	Debating & Public-Speaking	9	57
	6b	S Todd	Lunch Club	9	134
Friday					
	6a	C McLaughlin	Lego	8	208
	6a	A Lavery	Origami	8 & 10	203
	6a	G Caulfield	SU	8 & 10	213
	6a	L Jouanny	Film Club	8, 10, 13 & 14	203
	6a	R O'Neill	Lunch Club	8, 10, 13 & 14	134
	6a	A Quinn	Restorative Yoga	8, 10, 13 & 14	Studio
	6b	N Uprichard	Bronze Duke of Ed.	Yr11	61
	6b	C McLaughlin	Lego	9	208



Year 11 Homework Timetable 2023-24



Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
September 2023		
4 th		
11 th	CA 1 Art: Research for Personal Investigation CA 1 Technology and Innovation: Health and Safety	
18 th		
25 th	Retrieval Week	
	CA1 History: Consolidation of Power, Control and Opposition CA 1 English: What Have You Learned About Childhood, based on a short extract of fiction?	
October 2023		
2 nd	Revision week	
	CA1 Maths: Skills practice 1 CA1 SA Science	
9 th	Class Test 1	
16 th	CA1 Geography: River Processes and Weather & Climate PPQ Techniques	
23 rd	CA1 Digital Technology: Data, Images, Sound & Data Portability CA1 ICT OCN: Using Email Software CA 1 Business: CA1 Recruitment and Selection AC1.1-AC2.2 CA2 Technology and Innovation: Environmental Impact	
30 th	Half Term	
November 2023		

Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
6 th		
13 th	CA2 Geography: Geog your Memory Theme A and C CA2 History: Life for the Jews in Nazi Germany CA2 English: Write a Speech For Your Peers Persuading Them To Agree With Your Views on 'Homeworks Are Horrible and Should Be Banned!'.	
20 th	Retrieval Week	
27 th	Revision Week	
	CA2 Maths: Skills Practice 2	
December 2023		
4 th	Class Test 2	
11 th	CA 2 Art: Artists' References CA2 Digital Technology: Software, Spreadsheets and Databases CA2 ICT OCN- Using Email Software CA2 Business Recruitment and Selection AC3.1-AC5.1 CA3 Technology and Innovation: Careers	
18 th		
25 th	Christmas Holidays	
January 2024		
1 st	Christmas Holidays	
8 th	CA 3 Art: Analytical drawing CA2 SA Science CA3: Geography Using Resources	
15 th	Retrieval Week	
	CA3 History: O'Neill and NICRA	
22 nd	Revision Week	
	CA3 Maths: Skills practice 3 CA 3 SA Science	

Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
	CA3 English: Complete Tasks 1-3 of Mock Unit 1 Exam	
29 th	School Exams	
February 2023		
5 th	School Exams	
12 th	Half Term	
19 th	CA 3 Art: Colour Study	
26 th	CA3 Digital Technology: Computer Hardware and Networks CA3 ICT OCN- Using Spreadsheet Software CA3 Business: Business Cashflow AC1.1-AC2.1 CA4: Technology and Innovation: Photography	
March 2024		
4 th		
11 th		
18 th	Retrieval Week	
	CA4 History: Germany 1933-1945 and NI 1965-1975	
25 th	Easter Holidays (From Wednesday 27 th)	
April 2024		
1 st	Easter Holidays	
8 th	Revision Week	
	CA4 Geography: Retrieval of Learning CA4 Maths: Skills practice 4 CA4 English: Unit 1 Exam Practice (Tasks 1-5)	
15 th	Class Test 4	
22 th	CA4 Digital Technology: Cyberspace and Network Security	

Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
	CA4 ICT OCN: Using Email/Spreadsheet Software: CA4 Business: Business Cashflow AC1.1-AC2.4 CA4 SA Science	
29 th		
May 2024		
6 th		
13 th		
20 th		
27 th		
June 2024		
3 rd		
10 th		
17 th		
24 th		

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Year 12 Homework Timetable 2022-23



Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
September 2023		
4 th		
11 th	Art – Research for final piece	
18 th	CA1 Media- Fortnite	
25 th	Retrieval Week CA1 Geography- Population and Urban Areas CA1 History – USA and USSR, 1945-1948 CA1 English – Unit 4, Task 2: Answer a Task 2 practice question, comparing and contrasting two literary texts.	
October 2023		
2 nd	Revision week CA1 Maths - Skills practice 1	
9 th	Class Test 1	
16 th	CA1 Technology and Innovation- Careers within TV and Film	
23 rd	CA 1 ICT-Digi Tech: Unit 3- Designing a Multimedia Solution – User requirements, Target Audience and Navigational Structure CA1 ICT OCN: Word-processing	
30 th	Half Term	
November 2023		
6 th	CA 2 Art – Complete design pages CA2 English – Full U4 practice paper	
13 th	CA2 History – The Hungarian Uprising, 1956	

Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
	CA2 Media- Luther-Industry	
20 th	Retrieval Week CA2- Geography- Geog your memory- Theme A and C	
27 th	Revision Week CA2 Maths - Skills practice 2	
December 2023		
4 th	Class Test 2	
11 th	CA 2 Technology and Innovation- Storyboard CA2 ICT-Digi Tech: Unit 3 - Multimedia Storyboarding with peer feedback CA2 ICT OCN: Word-processing	
18 th		
25 th	Christmas Holidays	
January 2024		
1 st	Christmas Holidays	
8 th	Art – Research for OCR exam Art – Analytical drawing for exam	
15 th	Retrieval Week CA3 Geography- Using Resources in Geography CA3 History – The Korean War, 1950-1953 CA3 English – Deliver a 5-minute presentation on a topic of the pupil’s choice.	
22 nd	Revision Week CA3 Maths – Skills practice 3	
29 th	School Exams	
February 2023		
5 th	School Exams	
12 th	Half Term	

Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
19 th	CA3 Technology and Innovation- Film Production ICT-Digi Tech CA3: Unit 3- A Multimedia Website created for a Specific Target Audience CA3 ICT OCN: Digital Imaging	
26 th	CA3 Media – Music Videos –Taylor Swift	
March 2024		
4 th	CA4 ICT-Digi Tech: Unit 3- Evaluating the Multimedia Website CA4 English – Full Unit 1 or Unit 4 paper (depending on results from Feb results).	
11 th	CA4 Geography – Achieving an A Retrieval of learning CA4 Media – Music Videos-Bruno Mars CA4ICT OCN: Digital Imaging	
18 th	Retrieval Week	
	CA4 History – The Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam	
25 th	Easter Holidays (From Wednesday 27 th)	
April 2024		
1 st	Easter Holidays	
8 th	Revision Week	
	CA4 Maths - Skills practice 4	
15 th	Class Test 4	
22 th	CA 4 Technology and Innovation- Evaluation	
29 th		
May 2024		
6 th		
13 th		

Week Beginning	Subjects	Task Completed
20 th		
27 th		
June 2024		
3 rd		
10 th		
17 th		
24 th		

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