

PARENT BULLETIN

31ST MARCH-4TH APRIL 2025

BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL



This week at the Model

- **Parent Teacher Meetings:** Booking is now open for Years 12, 13, and 14. Secure your time slot to discuss your son's progress and strategies for success in the lead up to GCSE and A Level Exams.
- **Work Experience Opportunities:** If you have a son in Y12, 13 or 14, please encourage him to explore the many work experience opportunities posted in the Year Group Teams. These experiences are invaluable for skill development and future prospects. They have been summarised for you below.
- **Easter School, 10th and 11th April-** Easter School is a crucial period for pupils to engage in intensive revision and portfolio work as they prepare for their upcoming exams. These timetables will be emailed out via Parent App during the week. Attendance is compulsory for pupils in Y11-14.
- **50 Days to Make a Difference-** Our 50 day revision challenge started this week for pupils in Y11-14 as they approach external exams in May and June. Please encourage revision at home, using the resources provided.

Have a lovely week

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 2nd April

- Love For Life Workshops- Y9, 10, 13 and 14.

Thursday 3rd April

- Y12 Parent Teacher consultations

Tuesday 8th April

- Y13 and 14 Parent Teacher consultations

Wednesday 9th April

- School finishes for Easter for pupils in Y8-10

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th April

- Easter School- Y11-14

Friday 11th April

- School finishes for Easter for pupils in Y11-14

Monday 14th-Friday 25th April

- Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April

- School returns for ALL pupils.



Our core values of respect, integrity and commitment permeate all that we do.

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Parent Teacher Meetings Year 12

Use this link to book in with your son's teachers to see how you can support him in these final few weeks before his GCSE Exams.

Link - <https://belfastboysmodel.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Date for your diary

Yr12 Virtual Parental Meeting

**Thursday 3rd April
2.45pm-5pm**

Facebook Twitter Instagram

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Parent Teacher Meetings Year 13 and 14

Use this link to book in with your son's teachers to see how you can support him in these final few weeks before his A Level exams.

Link - <https://belfastboysmodel.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

*Date for
your diary*

**Yr13&14
Virtual Parental
Meeting**

**Tuesday 8th April
2.50pm-5pm**

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SKI 2026....

Get your information letter from Mr Mathers, Miss Greer or Mrs Deehan. Deposits to be paid by Friday 4th April. If your son is in Year 12 or 13 and doesn't return to school his deposit will be returned.



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Clubs @ BBMS

TWO new clubs- African Drumming & Warhammer

LUNCHTIME CLUBS AT BBMS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Choir Years 8, 9 & 11 6b lunch	Indoor Football Year 10 5 lunch	Indoor Football Year 14 6a lunch	Modern Languages Year 10 6a lunch	Plant Club Years 8, 9, 13 & 14 6a lunch
A-Level Tech. catch-up Years 13&14 6a lunch	Lego Year 10 5	Dodgeball Year 9 6a lunch	Eco Club Year 9, 10 13 & 14 6a lunch	Lego Club Years 8 & 9 6a lunch
Lego Club Year 10 6a lunch	Choir Years 8, 9 & 12 6a lunch	Minecraft Year 9 6a lunch	The FIT project Years 10 & 11 6b lunch	Multi-Lingual Club Years 8 & 9 6a lunch
Chess Club Years 8, 9 & 11 6b lunch	Modern Languages Years 8, 9 & 12 6a lunch	DJ-ing Year 8 6b lunch	SU Year 8 6b lunch	Film Club All year groups Both lunches
		SU Years 10 & 11 6b lunch	Warhammer Club All Year Groups 6b lunch	Sports Club Years 10, 11 & 12 6b lunch
		Art Club Year 8, 10 & 11 6b lunch	Open Mic Club Years 8, 11 & 12 6b lunch	



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT BBMS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Homework Club All year groups 3.20 - 4.00 Rm. 128	Homework Club All year groups 2.00 - 2.40 Rm. 128	Homework Club All year groups 3.20 - 4.00 Rm. 128	Homework Club All year groups 2.40 - 3.30 Rm. 128
Football Year 10 - A & B Teams 3.20 - 4.20 Sports Hall & Mt. Pleasant	Football Year 8 2.15 - 3.20 Mt Pleasant	History Club All year groups 3.20 - 4.00 Rm246	Football Year 9 2.50 - 3.50 Mt. Pleasant
Performing Arts All year groups 3.20 - 4.20 Studio	Lego Club All year groups 2.00 - 2.40 Rm 140	Table Tennis Club All year groups 3.20-4.20 Gym	Cookery Club All year groups 2.40-3.40 HE Rooms
	Maths Club All year groups 2.00 - 2.40 Rm 106	Maths Club All year groups 3.20 - 4.00 Rm 109	Badminton All year groups 2.40-3.40 Games Hall



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Football Fixtures

Date	Year / School	kit	Meet time	Kick off	venue	coach
Monday 31/3	Yr 9a and b vs Ashfield Friendly / EA League	tbc	1.20pm	2pm	Mouny and Ballysillan	Mr Reid and Mr O'Rawe
Tues 1/4	Yr 11 vs Ballyclare S EA League	They wear royal blue	12.40pm	1.30pm	Ballyclare S	Mr Pirie
Friday 4/4	Yr 8b vs Ashfield Friendly	tbc	12.40pm	1.30pm	Welders	Mr Smith
Friday 4/4	Yr 8a vs De La Salle Friendly	tbc	12.40pm	1.15pm	Mouny	Mr Munyard



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Rugby Opportunity



Club/School Window

Exciting, new opportunities at Academy RFC



CLUB CHALLENGE
Local Matches



TRY TIME
Informal Touch Rugby



CHILL-OUT
Off-pitch Activities

For ages 11-21. Register now:
<https://group.spond.com/LLITF>



Day	Date / Location	Academy U12	Academy U14	Academy U16	Academy U18	Academy U21s
Sat	29th March @ The Castle		Training	Training		
Monday	31st March @ Roughfort	Training	Training	Training		
Wed	2nd April @ Roughfort		Training	Training		
Sat	5th April @ Roughfort			Blitz (H)		
Sun	6th April @ B Harlequins		Blitz (A) 2.30PM			
Monday	7th April @ Roughfort	Training	Training	Training	B Harlequins (H)	
Wed	9th April @ Roughfort		Training	B Harlequins (A)		
Sat	12th April @ Ophir RFC (UUJ)	Blitz (A)				
Sat	12th April @ Roughfort		Lisburn (H)	Lisburn (H)	Randalstown (H)	
Monday	7th April @ Roughfort	Training	Training	Training		
Wed	9th April @ Roughfort		Training	Training		
Sat	19th April	EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK	EASTER BREAK
Mon	21st April					Instonians (A)
Sat	26th April @ BHSFP			Blitz (A)		
Sat	26th April @ Randalstown		Randalstown (A)			
Sat	3rd May @ Carrick RFC				Carrick 7s (1PM)	



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Pupil Success and Achievement

Last week we celebrated the success of Year 10 and their recent Class Test 3 results in assembly. The top 3 in each class got a postcard and Model Reward points for their efforts. The top pupil in 10WA, was also the top in the Year group and the only pupil with 10 straight A grades. Well done Jake McK!!!!



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House Points

WELL DONE to our top point achievers in each house this week.

TOP PUPIL POINTS

Student Name	House	Points
HARRY BEJU	HOUSE LEWIS	8NM
CHRISTOPHER BURROWS	HOUSE GREGG	11CK
BILLY MCKECHNIE	HOUSE LEWIS	9BR
MARKUS MORROW	HOUSE BRANAGH	12PT
STEPHEN MCMULLAN	HOUSE GREGG	10OW
BAILEY MCCULLOUGH	HOUSE LEWIS	14SB
HARLEY MCCORMACK	HOUSE LEWIS	13EF

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CAREERS UPDATE

Y13

The following Work Experience opportunities have been posted on your son's Y13 Team. Please encourage him to avail of these excellent opportunities:

Company	Career Area
Belfast Live	Journalism
Belfast Telegraph	Journalism
Version 1	IT
Sensata	Engineering
BBC	Media
NI Water	Human Resources
Starlin Ecology	Science
Workforce Wellness	Sport/ Fitness
Kainos	IT
SMBP	Business
PSNI	Policing
PWC	Business/ Human Resources

Y14

Student Finance applications are now open. Please ensure your son brings all required ID and information to Careers class on Wednesday and Thursday this week. He is aware of this and it is posted on his Team.

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Career Opportunities



SOCIAL MOBILITY
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP



Calling all Year 13 & 14 students in **Belfast!**

SMBP Work Insight & Skills Experience 2025

The award-winning Social Mobility Business Partnership is running its Belfast Work Insight & Skills Experience **23rd - 26th June** for students aged 16 - 18.

The programme will provide you with the opportunity to spend time with **four high-profile organisations** where you will learn about their business, the career routes available, and develop key skills in interactive **business-like tasks**.

You will also spend a day learning about the **psychology of resilience**, coping mechanisms, and goal achievement models.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided each day, and all travel costs will be reimbursed.

What skills will you develop across the Work Insight Experience?

Communication
Creativity & Problem Solving

Teamwork & Leadership
Resilience & Goal Planning

SMBP partners with over 200 businesses in the U.K. Here are just a few examples of partners you could spend time with during your week:



Click here or scan
the QR code to apply!



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The poster features a central illustration of a child with dark hair, wearing a yellow patterned shirt and green pants, sitting on a green blanket. The child's eyes are closed, suggesting they are sleeping. The text 'SLEEP SUPPORT SESSIONS' is written in a large, blue, curved font above the child. In the top left corner, there is a logo for the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team, featuring a yellow sun-like shape with rays and the text 'Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team for Children and Young People'. In the top right corner, there are several colorful starburst graphics in shades of purple, pink, and orange. The background is a light yellow color.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team
EKWBT@belfasttrust.hscni.net
Tel: 028 9504 004
Everton Complex
585-587 Crumlin Road,
Belfast, BT147GB

SLEEP SUPPORT SESSIONS

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON (0-18) WHO IS WAITING FOR ASSESSMENT BY THE AUTISM SERVICE, ADHD SERVICE OR THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLINIC AND DOES NOT YET HAVE A DIAGNOSIS.

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025
10:00 - 11:30
ASHTON CENTRE
5 CHURCHILL STREET,
BELFAST, BT15 2BP

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL 2025
18:00 - 19:30
BRADBURY UTC
LISBURN RD,
BELFAST BT9 7AA

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025
18:00 - 19:30 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

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EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS SESSION



Thursday 10th April 2025
10am - 12:30pm

This session will provide you with an understanding of the major eating disorders in the UK and the impact they can have on people's day-to-day lives.

We'll also cover risk factors and early warning signs and symptoms of various eating disorders as well as our guidance and information on signposting someone to support.

We conclude with the opportunity to submit your own questions to our Lived Experience Trainer for advice and insight.

When

Thursday 10th April 2025
10am-12:30pm.

How

Delivered via Zoom, details will be sent the week of the session to anyone who has booked.

Beat
Eating disorders

Booking Required

Book using this link:
<https://bit.ly/April10Session>
or scan the QR code below.



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Family Fun Day

Sunday 6th April 2025
10.15am to 12pm at W5, Belfast

Join us for

World Autism Acceptance Week

- Amazing interactive exhibitions
- Fun interactive activities
- A unique experience for all the family



Northern Ireland's Autism Charity

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FREE EVENT

Exclusively for Autism NI Members

To register for this event, please email: waaw@autismni.org **with a total of adults children and any under 3s attending.**



www.autismni.org

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PARENTING FOCUS summerhill foundation

SUMMERHILL COST OF LIVING PARENTING PROGRAMME

4 week Online programme for parents

- Week 1 Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Week 2 Taking care of the Pennies
- Week 3 Making ends Meet
- Week 4 Wellbeing

 Meet and discuss family life in a safe environment

 Pick up tips on how to become more confident in handling the daily pressures parents face


Date: Wednesdays
19th, 26th
March 2025
2nd, 9th
April 2025

Venue:
Online via Zoom

Time:
7pm - 9pm

It is our hope that this programme will allow families a happier home life and children will feel more secure as they are given the **support and love** to enable them to reach their full potential in life.

For more information and to register, please contact the Parenting Focus Support Line. The lines are open Monday-Thursday 9.30am -3.30pm and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm.




0808 8010 722

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Childhood Nutrition Webinars

SCAN ME

SUBSCRIBE to Public Health Dietitians on YouTube

	What is it about?	Who is it for?
	A complete guide to weaning and starting solids with your baby	Parents/carers who are ready to introduce solids to their baby
	Top tips to deal with fussy eating, which can be common in childhood	Parents/carers or those working with this age group
	Advice on a healthy well balanced diet, portion sizes and snacks for kids <5 years.	
	Healthy eating principles and top tips for during the primary school years. Based on the Eatwell Guide.	
	Nutrition and healthy eating during teenage years. Includes information on energy drinks, body image and lifestyle.	Teenagers / parents/carers or those working with this age group
	Inspiration for healthy packed lunches and snacks including top tips	For families with school aged children

A series of free 30 minute webinars developed by Registered Dietitians and Nutritionists.