

PARENT BULLETIN

21ST-25TH OCTOBER 2024

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This week at the Model

- **Uniform Reminder-** Pupils should be in full school uniform everyday, including blazer. If PE kit, including BBMS branded top are not able to be worn on Games/PE days, pupils should wear their uniform.
- Well done to all the football teams who are excelling in their first few matches of the year.
- This is the last week of term before the Halloween break. Pupils return to school on the 6th November.

Dates for the Diary.

Wednesday 23rd October

Y12 English Mock Exam.

Friday 25th October

Last day of term.
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

BBMS WISH YOU A
RESTFUL HALF TERM
BREAK.

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Clubs @ BBMS

LUNCHTIME CLUBS AT BBMS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Table Tennis Year 10, 12 13 & 14 6a 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
Board Games Years 10 & 12 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 Years 10, 11 & 12 6b lunch
Choir Years 8, 9 & 11 6b lunch		SU Years 10 & 11 6b lunch	Art Portfolio Clinic Year 12 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	Basketball Year 12 2.00 - 2.40 Games Hall	Rugby All Year groups 3.20-4.30 Mt. Pleasant	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
	Lego Club All year groups 2.00 - 2.40 Rm 140		
	Trampolining Club Years 9&10 2.00 - 2.40 Gym		

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Ski Trip Reminder

SKI 2025 - Reminder payment 5 - now 3 weeks overdue, payments can be made to Mrs Deehan, Miss Greer or Mr Mathers. If not paid, please pay as soon as possible, Thanks.

A graphic for the BBMS Ski Trip 2025. The background is a snowy mountain landscape. At the top, the school crest is on the left and right, with the text 'BBMS Ski Trip 2025' in the center. Below this, the dates '2nd - 9th February 2025' are displayed. On the left side, there are four hexagonal images showing students skiing, socializing, and posing. On the right side, there are three text boxes: a dark blue box with 'REMINDER' and 'Ski payment 6 - £200 to be paid by 31st October - this is spending money'; a light blue box with 'Payments should be made via iPay if possible or to Mr Mathers (Years 8-10) or Miss Greer/Mrs Deehan (Year 11-13)'; and a dark red box with 'All overdue payments to be made ASAP' and 'Pupil meeting 9am, Monday 14th, Assembly Hall - pupils to bring passport & GHIC card to meeting.'

BBMS Ski Trip 2025



2nd - 9th February 2025

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Careers @ BBMS

CAREERS

Year 14 UCAS

1. **Final drafts of Personal Statements are due 24th October.**
2. **WELL DONE YEAR 14!!**

Year 14 Pathway talks

QUB - 23rd October in Private Study during Careers

Engineering at QUB open evening Years 11-14

Engineering at Queen's: An event for Year 11-14 students and their parents on Thursday 7th November 2024, 6.00pm
This evening is aimed at Years 11-14 students studying or considering A-levels in Math, Science, Technology, or similar.
Chemical Engineering; Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering;
Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering;
Audio Engineering through conversations with current students, staff, and industry employers. It's a great chance to explore engineering fields side-by-side.

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Football Fixtures

Date	Year / School	kit	Meet time	Kick off	venue	coach
Mon 21/10	Yr 9a vs Carrick A Belfast Cup	They wear purple	12.40pm	1.45pm	Away – Carrick A Jnr Site	Mr Reid
Mon 21/10	Yr 9b vs All Saints Friendly	They wear maroon	1.10pm (10 minutes early)	2pm	Home	Mr O'Rawe
Tues 22/10	Year 10a vs Mercy Irish Cup	They wear blue	12pm	12.50pm	Home	Mr Munyard
Tues 22/10	Yr 11 vs Ashfield Friendly	They wear yellow	12.30pm	1.30pm	welders	Mr McClelland
*Wed 23/10	Yr 12 vs Larne EA League	They wear yellow	12.40pm	1.30pm	Home	Mr McManus
Thurs 24/10	Yr 10b vs Larne EA League	They wear yellow and navy	12.40pm	1.30pm	Home	Mr McCausland

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Pupil Success

Congratulations to Theo in 9BR, who returned to school last week after winning a number dancing achievements, including first place at a competition in Dublin.



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CONGRATULATIONS to Bryce, Maddox, Ben and Harry- our newly appointed Y13 prefects. These Year 13 pupils have immersed themselves into Senior School life - meeting deadlines, having excellent attendance and helping out. Well done to all.



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English revision classes continue this week for all Year 12.

They are sitting their GCSE exam on **November 18th** so there is no time to waste. Please ensure your son is attending at least ONE session per week! Research tells us that pupils who attend revision classes and use retrieval strategies, perform 30% in exams better than those who don't!!

ENGLISH REVISION	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM - before school				Wm- Unit 4 Task, 8.00-8.30. Room 019	MN Unit 4- Room 208
6a - Mon, Tues, Wed		Go - in room 207 Unit 4 Task 1	Wm - Unit 4 Task 1. Room 224		
6b - Thurs, Fri				MN Unit 4 - Room 208 (Miss McLaughlin's English class only)	WA - room 207 - Unit 4, Tasks 1-4
PM - after school	Go - room 207 - 3.20pm - 4pm Unit 4 Task 1	WA - room 207 - Unit 4, Task 1-4 WT - room 206 - Unit 4 - Miss Watson's pupils only		FR Unit 4 Reading Questions Su Unit 4 Task 1 rm 203	LC - Unit 4, Task 1 - Rm 209



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Please follow the link below to access resources published by CCEA on how to support your son with Maths. It gives a brief explanation of the topic and worked examples and is useful from pupils in KS3 and KS4.

<https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/key-stage-3-mathematics-how-posters?>

What is BIDMAS?

BIDMAS is an acronym used to help remember the order in which multiple calculations should be carried out. This order is known as **ORDER OF OPERATIONS** or **PRECEDENCE**.

Why is order important?

Order is important in many activities. If you put your shoes on before your socks, then your socks could get wet! Calculations that involve multiple operations must be carried out in a specific order.



B	Brackets	Calculations in brackets are done first	for example: $(8 - 5)$
I	Indices	Indices and roots come next	for example: 5^3 or $\sqrt{16}$
D M	Division Multiplication	Division or multiplication are carried out in order from left to right	for example: $8 + 4 \times 3$ first do $8 + 4$, then $\times 3$
A S	Addition Subtraction	Addition and Subtraction are carried out in order from left to right	for example: $12 - 4 + 2$ first do $12 - 4$, then $+ 2$

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Performing Arts Residential Trip to London 5th-7th March 2025

We plan to take a group of up to 35 pupils to London in March 2025. This trip would be most appealing to pupils who intend to be involved in this year's school production of Oliver! Deposits of £150 and permission slips are to be returned to Miss Greer by 25th October 2024.

LONDON

Cost around: **£500**

**3 day/ 2-night residential visit to London
5th - 7th March 2025**

Explore some of London's most iconic landmarks, take a trip down the Thames in a river cruise. Try to avoid some jump scares at the London Dungeon. Discover something new at the Science and Natural History museum and get some inspiration for our upcoming school production at an "Oliver!" workshop and evening performance.

For further information please speak with Miss Greer - 064
- Permission Slip with £150 non-refundable deposit due 25th October 2024.

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It is Book Week from 21st-27th October. This is the perfect chance to encourage your son to get reading. The benefits of reading are huge and will significantly increase his chances of success in school and future life.

Here are some top tips to help your son improve his reading skills.

TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR SON IMPROVE HIS READING SKILLS

- Read with your son**
 Read with your son
- Listen to Podcasts.** This will help develop his interests and his vocabulary!
- Buy/borrow books** from book shops/local library
- Encourage him to join Libraries NI.** This is free and has e-books and audio books
- Take an interest to what he is reading** in school and encourage him to discuss them
- Put subtitles on your TV.** This is a very simple but effective way to get your son reading!
- Re-read sentences and texts with him** if helping him with homework
- Encourage him to read newspapers/magazines and graphic novels**
- Speak to your son's English teacher** for more strategies that could help him.
- Help give him motivation to read**