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2ND-6TH DECEMBER 2024

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This week at the Model

- Pupils in Y8-14 will complete class test 2 this week and have been provided with retrieval resources to support their revision. Teachers have shared revision lists and pupils should use these to structure their revision. Best of luck to everyone.
- **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.
- If you haven't done so already, there is still time to apply for Free School Meals. By applying, you help Mrs Montgomery provide free meals for all pupils for longer. Please scan the QR code below.

Dates for the Diary.

Monday 2nd December
P7 Day- only selected pupils in school.

Tuesday 3rd-Friday 6th December
Class Test 2- Y8-14

Coming up:
Wednesday 18th December-
Carol Service



APPLICATIONS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE STILL OPEN- APPLY BY SCANNING THE CODE BELOW-



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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 2025



 **BBMS Ski Trip 2025** 
2nd - 9th February 2025

Parent Meeting
Wednesday, 4th December
6.30pm, Assembly Hall

Lots of information will be given out at this meeting, you will meet staff going on the trip & can hire any ski equipment necessary....

[#SKI 2025](#) [#makingmemories](#)

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Careers @ BBMS

CAREERS INFO & OPPORTUNITIES

See Teams for more info

YEARS 11-14 MUST CHECK TEAMS AND EMAILS REGULARLY

There are a lot of opportunities being posted. Gaining experience early will make a difference to your future.

Climate Fresk Workshop

The Climate Fresk Workshop is just what you need. Join us this Valentine's Day, Friday 14th February 2024 from 10am – 2pm at our Belfast office.

This interactive and engaging workshop is designed to help you understand climate change and its impacts while also boosting your skills and enhancing your CV.

Year 13- Mock Interviews

Please complete the form via the QR code. It is important you are linked with your employer of choice to make these interviews beneficial.



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Football Fixtures

Date	Year / School	kit	Meet time	Kick off	venue	coach
Tues 3/12	Yr 11a vs Carrick A EA League	They wear purple	12.40pm	1.40pm	Carrick A	Mr O'Rawe
Wed 4/12	U18 vs Parkhall EA Cup	tbc	1pm	1.40pm	Mounty	Mr Murray
Wed 4/12	Yr 12 vs De La Salle Irish Cup	They wear red and black	12.30pm (10 minutes early)	1.30pm	Away	Mr McManus
*Thurs 5/12	Yr 10b vs St. Mary's Belfast Cup	They wear black	1pm	2pm	Grosvenor CC	Mr McCausland
Thurs 5/12	Yr 10 Crusaders session	PE kit	12.40pm	1.30pm	Crusaders pitch	Mr Munyard
Fri 6/12	Yr 8a vs Lisneal Irish Cup	They wear red and navy	9am	11.30am	Away	Mr Munyard

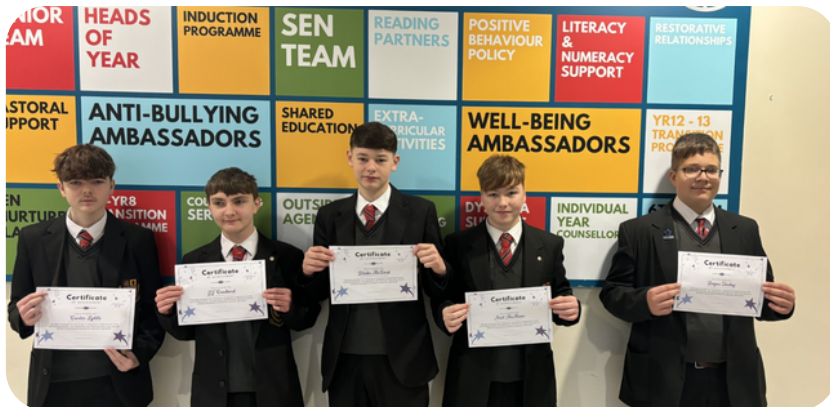


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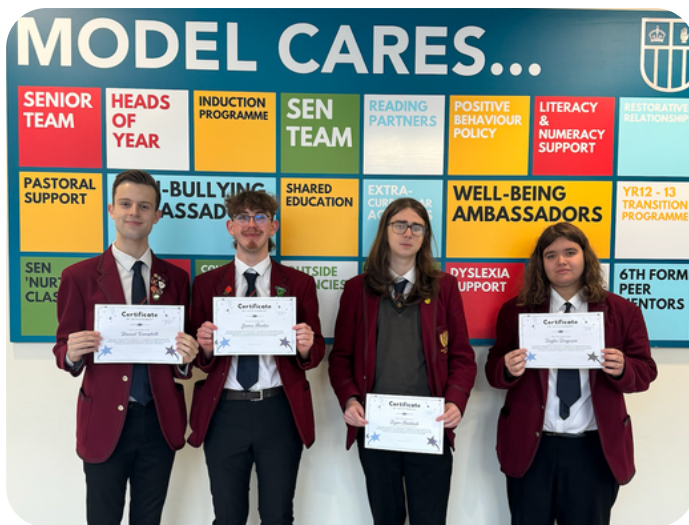


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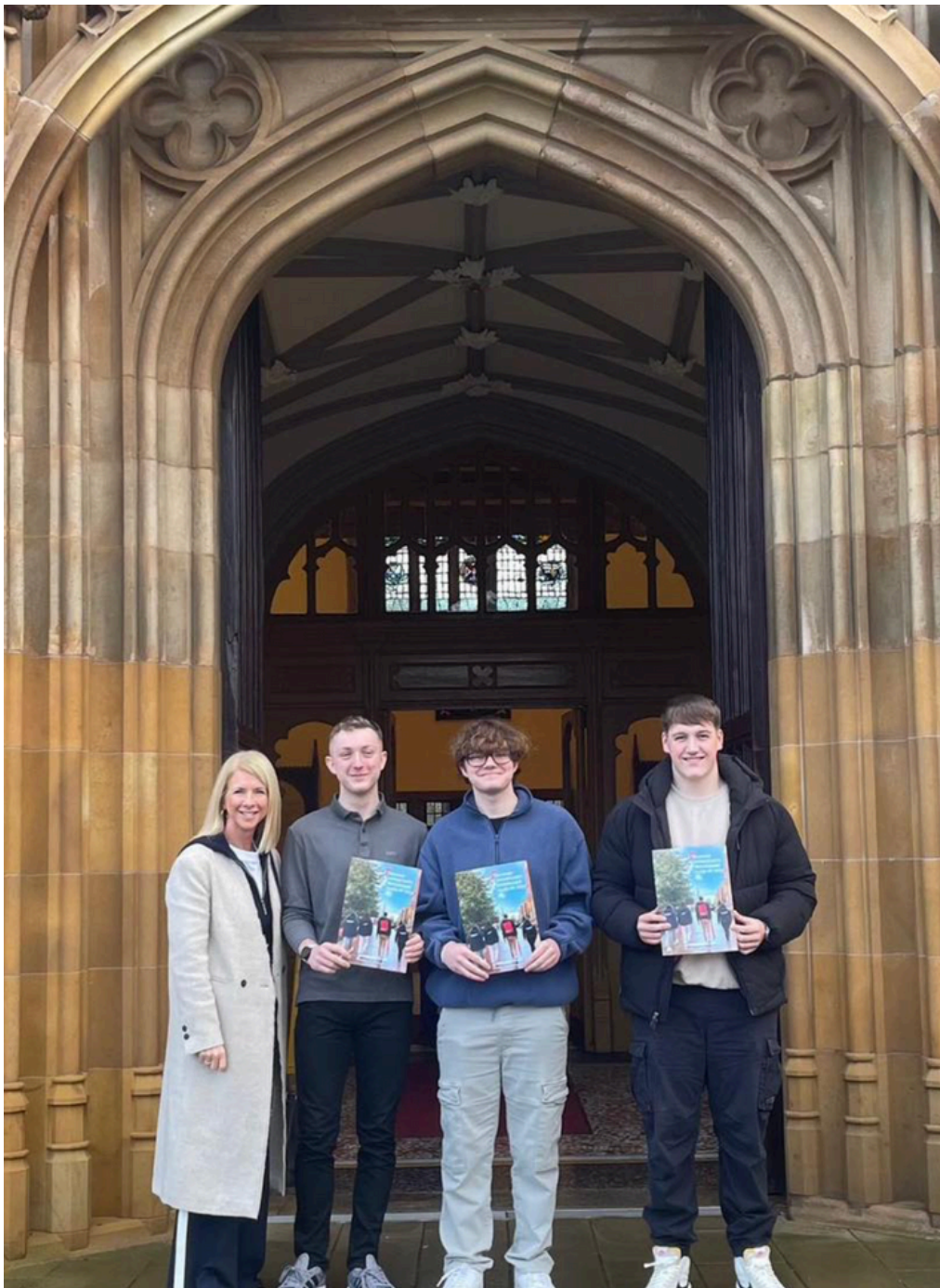


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Congratulations to Y14 pupils Jack, Jamie and Matthew who successfully completed the Pathways to Success programme at Queen's University. We are so proud of them.



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Jay and **Kyle** in Y13 had The boys had an incredible week preparing a shop unit for Christmas at the Abbey Centre. This experience was a fantastic introduction to the world of work. A huge thanks to Empire Contracts for providing them with this valuable opportunity.

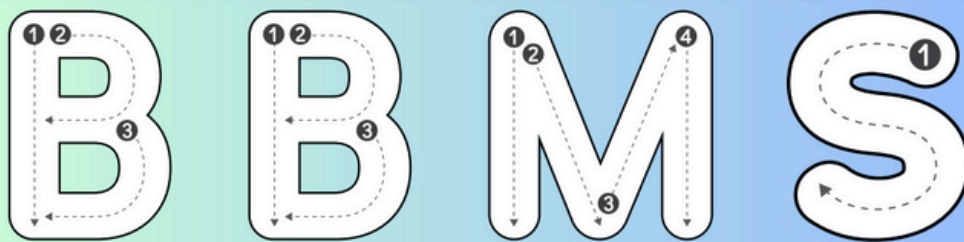


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English Update:

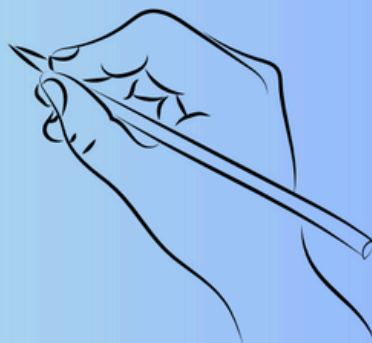
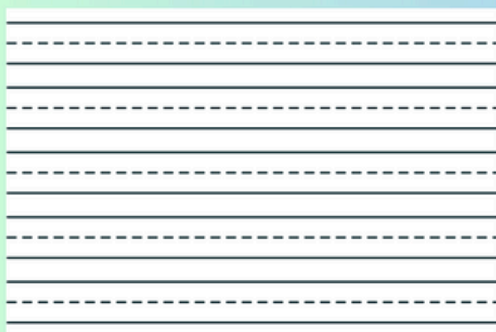


How to support your son with handwriting.

Your child will have to write in almost all his GCSE subjects, this is a skill which is vitally important and will ensure their success across the curriculum. From time-to-time pupils can be reluctant to write which can impact learning. You can support at home with the following;

- **Correct Posture** – make sure your son is sitting up straight and has a good space with a desk to write at.
- **How Firm Is Your Child's Grip?** - Check that your son is holding his pen correctly between the first finger and thumb with the middle finger supporting.
- **Better Writing Utensils = Better Handwriting** – Would your son benefit from a pen grip or a different style of pen? We can help with that in school – just contact his teacher.
- **Strengthen the Hand Muscles and Fine Motor Skills** – little mini hand-exercises can really strengthen your son's hand and fingers which can lead to him being a much more confident writer.
- **Not Too Late for Handwriting Sheets** – these can be easily accessed in school through your son's English teacher or printed directly from the internet – there are lots of resources available for free!
- **Practice Makes Perfect** – just like in Primary school, practising over and over will make him a better writer.
- **Help Your Teenager Write Slowly and Purposely** – most of the time your son will want to get his homework done quickly so he can get on with his extra-curricular activities and sports. Please encourage him to take his time forming his letters.
- Finally, ask to look at his work and **praise him** for the effort he has made.

When your son is sitting his GCSE's - you do not want him to lose out on valuable marks because the examiner cannot read his handwriting!



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House Points

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

TOP PUPIL POINTS

Student Name	House	Form
RIO SHUFFLEBOTTOM	HOUSE BRANAGH	8MO
JAY GIBSON	HOUSE LEWIS	11BW
JOSHUA CLUGSTON	HOUSE KELVIN	9AQ
JOHN GRACE	HOUSE KELVIN	12DY
JJ CROCKARD	HOUSE BRANAGH	10WE
RYAN HADDOCK	HOUSE KELVIN	14TS
BAILIE FRIZZELL	HOUSE BRANAGH	13WT

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Parent Workshop

Please see the poster below for information on an upcoming workshop.



PARENT WORKSHOP

PAPYRUS & PARENTLINE NI



**BUILDING PARENT CONFIDENCE TO TALK TO
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT MENTAL
HEALTH & SELF-HARM**

**JOIN OUR ONLINE WORKSHOP
BY ZOOM ON DEC 4TH
7PM-8.30 PM**

**FREE FOR PARENTS & CARERS IN NI
CALL EARLY TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
ON 0808 8020 400**



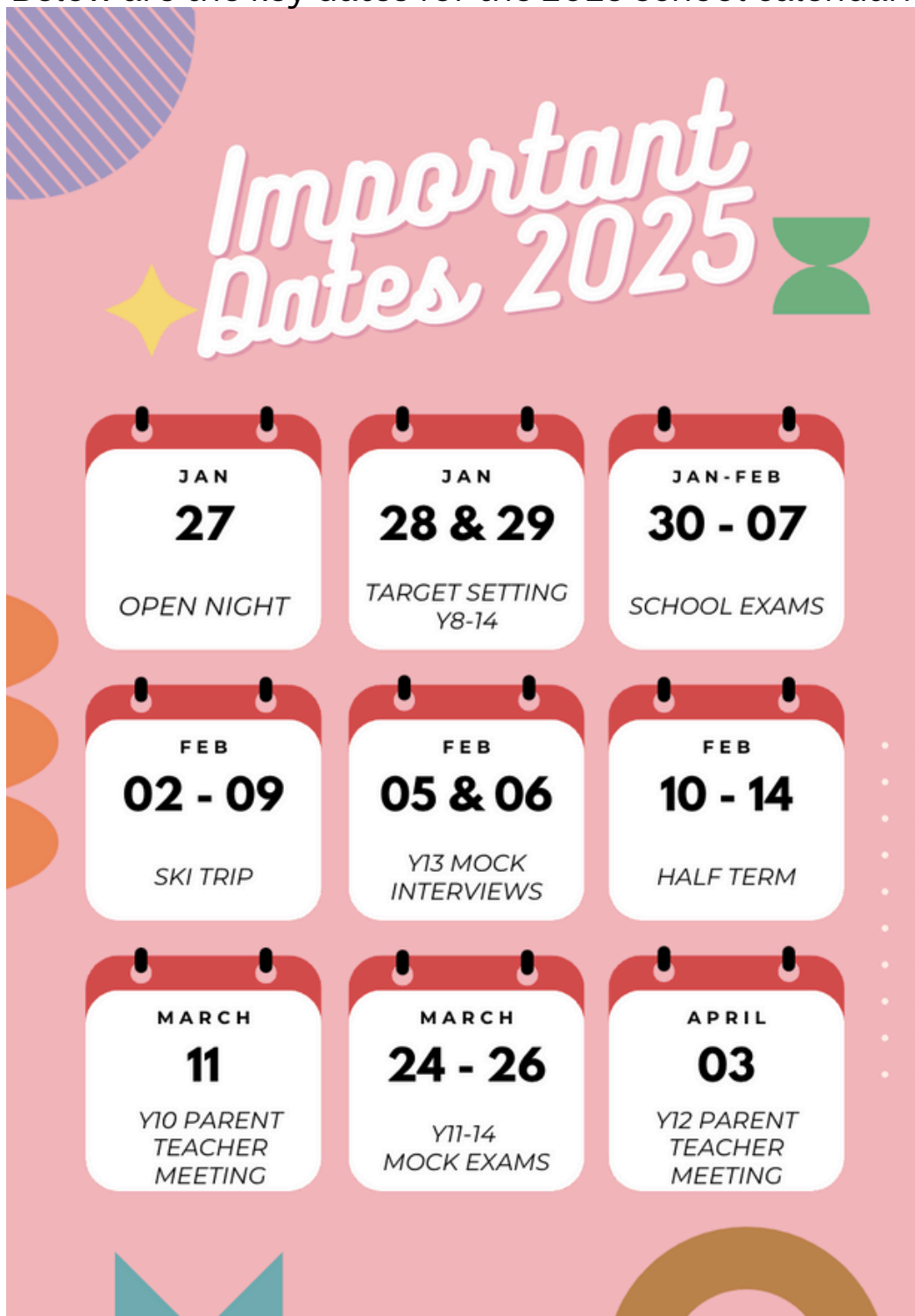
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