



December 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust this letter finds your family and you well. It has been an extremely successful start to the sporting season with the U14 Girls' Hockey Team reaching the Stevenson Cup Final, the 1st XV Rugby Team progressing in the New Year into the last 16 of the Danske Bank Ulster Schools' Cup and the 1st XI Boys' Hockey Team winning the All-Ireland School Boys' Championships. Alongside, many more events and success stories - I encourage you to keep up to date via the school website and our Twitter/X & Instagram accounts.

I take this opportunity to remind you of the key dates that I have previously communicated and please find below a copy of the bus timetable for the final day of this term.

DECEMBER

Saturday 14 December – rearranged Banbridge Academy Association Christmas Craft Fair 10.00am-1.00pm in the School Dining Hall – a great opportunity to buy some essential Christmas gifts

Wednesday 18 December – Annual Carol Service 7.00pm in Holy Trinity Parish Church
(Everyone is invited to the Carol Service – including former pupils, parents and colleagues)

Friday 20 December – Last day of term for pupils (Carol Service finishes at approximately 11.30am)

JANUARY

Monday 6 January 2025 – Staff Training (no pupils should attend)

Tuesday 7 January 2025 – First day of term for all pupils

Monday 13 January 2025 – Winter Examinations start

Monday 27 January 2025 – Open Night

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.35pm)

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 11 February 2025 - Year 9 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (1.30-3.30pm)

Wednesday 19 February 2025 - Year 10 Parent Consultation in-person (2.00-5.00pm)

APRIL

Friday 11 April 2025 - Year 11 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (1.00-3.00pm)

Please note that your child will participate in on-going assessment in class and target setting. We would encourage you to engage actively with your child in helping to review these targets. You are also encouraged to check and sign the Student Planner on a regular basis to ensure that it is being used effectively.

Note the dates above carefully and please make use of the opportunity provided to discuss the progress of your son/daughter. **Please note that all parents need to have downloaded the Parent App** to access their son/daughter's Reports and the information regarding the SchoolCloud system.

The School Carol Service will take place for pupils on the final day of term, Friday 20 December. Pupils will start school as normal at 9.00am and will be escorted to Holy Trinity Church for the service starting at 10.15am and finishing at approximately 11.30am. Pupils should make their way home following the service.



I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a fulfilling 2025.

Yours faithfully

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Principal

Bus Arrangements for 11.30am closure - Friday 20 December 2024

Route No.	Destination	Time
238	Dromore	12.12 12.42
538 38	Dromore	12.50 14.45
56	Lurgan	12.40 13.40
62	Portadown	13.00 14.00
29	Rathfriland (Via Annaclone)	13.35 15.45
30	Rathfriland (Via Ballynaskeagh)	15.50
66	Scarva (Connection To Tandragee)	14.00 15.35
538	Newry	13.40
238	Newry	12.33 13.33

Education Authority bus

One bus available for 11.30am school finish (Dromore & Gamblestown via Dromore)

Rooney Coaches

available for the 11.30am finish (Waringstown & Maralin)

Boarding points for the service buses above may be checked via the Translink website or by calling the appropriate bus office.

For further information or alternative travel arrangements please visit <http://www.translink.co.uk>