



February 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am pleased to inform you that your son/daughter's **Winter School Report is now available on the Parent App**. Please note, there will be a full written report published in the summer for your son/daughter. Due to limited storage on the Parent App, **your son/daughter's Report will only be available to view for six months**. If you wish to have a permanent copy of the School Report, you will need to print and/or save it.

In addition, your child will continue to participate in on-going assessment and we would encourage you to keep engaging with your son/daughter in order to support them in their learning. **School is a challenging but enjoyable time for young people and indeed you as parents – please keep going, you are doing a tremendous job!** There is an **extremely close correlation between good attendance and good outcomes for a student**, therefore, it is exceedingly important that all students maximise their attendance.

For your convenience, I have copied below important dates that are available via our calendar on the School Website. It is our intention that **School Cloud invitations will be sent one week before a consultation, via the app**.

FEBRUARY

Monday 10 – Friday 14 February 2025 - Half Term Holiday for pupils

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

Wednesday 19 February 2025 - Early closure - normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.35pm

Wednesday 19 February 2025 - Year 10 Parent Consultation in-person (1.30-3.30pm) followed by a GCSE Options Talk at 3.45pm

APRIL

Thursday 3 April 2025 - Spring Concert 7.30-9.30pm

Wednesday 9 April 2025 - Staff Training (no pupils should attend)

Friday 11 April 2025 - Final day of Spring Term - normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00pm

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

In addition, the School's current Pastoral Policies have been placed in the Parental section of the School Website. We would ask you to consider these policies and advise the School of any amendments or improvements in writing, via your child's Form Teacher, before the end of March.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support and it has been great to see many of you at our vast array of sporting fixtures – it has been a tremendously successful season for so many of our teams and individual students. Please continue to visit our School Website (www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk) and/or News/Sports Twitter/X feeds on a regular basis in order to keep up-to-date with events, news and achievements related to our school community.

Yours faithfully

R S McLoughlin OBE
Principal

Bus Arrangements for early closures

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

Bus **NOT** available on 19 February 2025 for school finish (Dromore & Gamblestown via Dromore)

Rooney Coaches

Bus available for school 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>