



October 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust this letter finds your family and you well. We have enjoyed another busy September and I write to highlight a number of forthcoming events. We warmly invite you to attend these events and encourage you to view the **Homepage of our website – ‘Key Dates’ and ‘Parental Information - Calendar’ to keep up to date.** I am delighted to see so many pupils participating in the vast array of activities on offer across the school. I encourage your son/daughter to get involved in the wider life of the school, as it will help to foster a sense of belonging as well as developing essential lifelong skills. I have thoroughly enjoyed talking to many of you at our Saturday morning sport over the past few weekends and it is evident that your son/daughter greatly appreciates your support.

We regularly review and revise our school policies. Draft versions of the updated Addressing Bullying, Positive Behaviour and Safeguarding policies have been placed on the school website. If you have any comments or queries on these policies please contact Mrs Evans, via the school office.

The details regarding assessment throughout the academic year was forwarded in September and can be accessed via the school website – Parental Information – Letters Home:

<http://www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Assessment-Letter-September-2025.pdf>

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.

The Parent Teacher Consultation dates have been added to the public calendar, which can also be accessed via the school website – Parental Information - Calendar. We have already held in-person Parent Information sessions for Years 8, 11, 13 & 14. Most of the parental feedback we have received continues to indicate a preference for online Parent Consultations as they are timebound and they remove the necessity to leave work early etc. However, we will hold face-to-face Parent Consultations for the key transition Years 10 and 12. **Further information about the organisation of the Parent Consultations will be published via the Parent App approximately a week to ten days prior to each consultation.**

OCTOBER

Thursday 23 October - Year 12 Parent Consultation in-person (1.30-3.30pm)

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00noon and there will be NO lunch available)

Friday 24 October – Prize Day **(There will be no classes on this day but the Prize Winners, Choir and Orchestra members must attend)**

Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October inclusive – Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

Thursday 27 November – Year 8 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (4.00-6.00pm)

Saturday 29 November – **Banbridge Academy Association Christmas Craft Fair** 10.00am-1.00pm in the School Dining Hall – a great opportunity to buy some essential Christmas gifts

DECEMBER

Wednesday 10 December – Friday 12 December School Production Performance

Thursday 11 December – Years 13 & 14 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (4.00-6.00pm)

Wednesday 17 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 19 December – Last day of term for pupils (Carol Service finishes at approximately 11.30am)

JANUARY

Monday 5 January 2026 – Staff Training (no pupils should attend)

Tuesday 6 January 2026 – First day of term for all pupils

Monday 12 January 2026 – Winter Examinations start

Monday 26 January 2026 – Open Night

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

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 18 February 2026 - Year 10 Parent Consultation in-person (1.30-3.30pm)

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00noon and there will be NO lunch available)

Wednesday 18 February 2026 – Year 10 Parent GCSE Options Presentation (3.45pm)

Monday 9 February - Friday 13 February inclusive – Half Term Holiday

MARCH

Thursday 12 March 2026 - Year 9 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (4.00-6.00pm)

Tuesday 17 March – Public Holiday – school closed

Wednesday 25 March 2026 – Spring Concert 7.30pm Assembly Hall

Friday 27 March 2025 – Year 11 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (1.30-3.30pm)

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00noon and there will be NO lunch available)

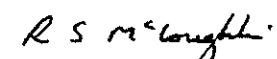
Note the dates above carefully and please make use of the opportunity provided to discuss the progress of your son/daughter. **Please note that all parents need to have downloaded the Parent App** to access their child's Reports and the information regarding the SchoolCloud system.

For your convenience a list of bus departure times that will operate on the early closure dates, is attached.

I take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter every success throughout the academic year and please be assured that the School will continue to do everything possible to support them.

I trust you and your family have a good Halloween break at the end of this Half Term.

Yours sincerely



R S McLoughlin OBE
Principal