



February 2026

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.

**Please note, this year pupils in Year 10 have been given a grade for each subject based on their position in the year group. This extra information may be helpful to pupils and their parents when they are choosing GCSE subjects next month. Please do not be discouraged if your son/daughter is below the year average. It is our experience, over many years, that nearly all pupils with good attendance in Banbridge Academy pass all their GCSEs.**

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 9 – Friday 13 February 2026 - Half Term Holiday for pupils  
Wednesday 18 February 2026 - Early closure - normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00pm  
Wednesday 18 February 2026 - Year 10 Parent Consultation in-person (1.30-3.30pm) followed by a GCSE Options Talk at 3.45pm

## **MARCH**

Thursday 12 March 2026 – Year 9 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (4.00-6.00pm)  
Tuesday 17 March 2026 – Bank Holiday  
Wednesday 25 March 2026 – Spring Concert  
Friday 27 March 2026 – Last day of Spring Term - Early closure - normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00pm  
Friday 27 March 2026 - Year 11 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (1.30-3.30pm)

## **APRIL**

Monday 13 April 2026 – First Day of Summer Term



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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.

**Most importantly should there be issues regarding school which concern you, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Team at any stage.**

**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](http://www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk)) and/or News/Sports X or Instagram feeds on a regular basis in order to keep up-to-date with events, news and achievements related to our school community.

Yours faithfully

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Principal

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