



February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Please note, your son/daughter's **Winter School Report will be made available** on the Parent App as outlined below:

Year 13 – Monday 20 February  
Year 14 – Monday 27 February  
Year 12 – Tuesday 28 February  
Year 11 – Wednesday 1 March

I will write again when the report is published, however, it is important to note there are some changes to the **dates that were published in December** in relation to Parent Consultations taking place in February. In addition, the school has been informed by a number of teaching unions that there will be industrial action taking place across the country on Tuesday 21 February. As such, **pupils will not attend school on Tuesday 21 February** with the exception of a number of colleagues who **may** arrange for some of the middle/senior school classes to attend on that morning – individual teachers will discuss this directly with their classes. **The Year 9 Parent Consultation will now take place on Tuesday 21 February** instead of Wednesday 19 April.

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.**

**Year 10 GCSE Options Presentation** - link has already been circulated to parents and the presentation is available on the school website – Parental Information – Policies/Documents.  
**Year 12 A Level Options Presentation** - link has already been circulated to parents and the presentation is available on the school website – Parental Information – Policies/Documents.  
**Thursday 2 February** (during registration) - Year 12 GCSE November module results  
**Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 February** – Year 13 Work Shadowing  
**Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 February** – Staff Training  
**Monday 13 - Friday 17 February** - Half Term  
**Tuesday 14 February (1.15-3.15pm)** – Year 10 Parent Consultation via School Cloud  
**Tuesday 21 February (1.15-3.15pm)** – Year 9 Parent Consultation via School Cloud  
**Wednesday 8 March** – A Level Options Talk to Year 12 pupils, in school during games afternoon  
**Thursday 9 March** - GCSE Options Talk to Year 10 pupils, in school during afternoon  
**Friday 17 March** - School closed – St Patrick's Day  
**Friday 31 March (12.35pm finish for all pupils)** – Last day of Spring Term  
**Friday 31 March (1.15-3.15pm)** – Year 11 Parent Consultation via School Cloud  
**Monday 3 – Friday 14 April** – Easter Holidays  
**Monday 17 April** – First day of Summer Term  
**Wednesday 19 April** – Staff Training – Moderation

**Please note, all YEAR 13 PUPILS** - This is a very important year for your son/daughter as their **AS results will contribute to their A Level** next summer. AS Level students, as has become common practice in most schools across Northern Ireland, **will return to class on Monday 12 June 2023 – Friday 23 June inclusive**, following their AS examinations, **so that they can begin their A2 studies – therefore all pupils must attend.** In addition, there will be a **Year 13 Parent Information Evening in the school regarding UCAS and Career Pathways at 6.00pm on Monday 12 June.**

**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 Twitter feeds on a regular basis in order to keep up-to-date with events, news and achievements related to our school community.**

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

Yours sincerely



R S McLoughlin  
Principal