



March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust this letter finds you and your family well. As you are aware, the term finishes for the students at 12.35pm on Wednesday – please find the bus schedule below.

As highlighted previously, the exact date on which GCSE, AS and A Level students will leave school on Study Leave in May has not yet been decided. **As students have only a few weeks/months until their examinations, it is important that they are now working diligently and adopting a serious approach to revision.** The coming weeks and the Easter holidays are a time when extra hours of study can take place. Teachers have already stressed the need to produce a detailed study plan and to have this prominently displayed at home. **Good attendance at school between now and the examinations is essential. All we ask is that your son/daughter continues to give of their absolute best for the remaining weeks and please be assured that we will do everything to support them in their journey.**

The School will contact you again when Study Leave begins, outlining the final details regarding the examinations. However, please note the examination results will be available as follows:

A & AS Level Results - Thursday 15 August 2024

GCSE Results – Thursday 22 August 2024

It is vitally important your son/daughter is available at this time to make key decisions regarding his/her future.

YEAR 13 - AS Level students should note, as has become common practice in most schools across Northern Ireland, that they will return to **teaching in their normal classes**, following their AS examinations, so that they can **continue their A Level studies. AS students must attend school as normal Monday 10 June – Friday 21 June inclusive.** In addition, all Year 13 parents are invited to an in-person **UCAS and Careers Information Session 6.00 – 7.00pm on Monday 10 June** in the School Assembly Hall.

I take this opportunity to mention the wonderful success of your son/daughter in the vast array of extra and co-curricular activities across the school – it has been an outstanding year. I have thoroughly enjoyed talking to many of you at these events, and it is evident that your son/daughter greatly appreciates your support. These activities give your son/daughter the opportunity to develop the transferable skills required for life and I encourage your son/daughter to stay involved in the wider life of the school.

I have outlined (below) a reminder of the key dates for the remainder of the academic year 2023/24. In addition, you will find the provisional holiday dates for the academic year 2024/25 on the home page (<https://www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk/>) of the school website via the quick link - Key Dates.

Wednesday 27 March – Year 11 Parent Consultation (1.15-3.15pm)

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

Wednesday 27 March – Last Day of Term

APRIL

Wednesday 10 April – **First day of Summer term for all pupils**

Wednesday 17 April – Staff Training Day – Moderation

MAY

Monday 6 May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8 May - Year 11 pupils will take their English Language module on Wednesday 8 May at 9.15am. **Pupils will return to class after the module.**

Friday 10 May - Year 11 pupils will take their Religious Studies module on Friday 10 May at 9.15am. **Pupils will return to class after the module.**

Monday 13 May - Friday 24 May - Year 11 Examination Window (Internal and Public Examinations) – Pupils may revise at home when they do not have an internal school examination or external CCEA examination.

Friday 17 - Friday 24 May - Years 9 & 10 Internal Examinations Window – Pupils will revise at home on Tuesday 21 May and Thursday 23 May

Monday 20 - Friday 24 May - Year 8 Internal Examinations Window – Pupils will revise at home on Tuesday 21 May and Thursday 23 May

Monday 27 May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4 June – Year 10 Skills Development Day - pupils will attend a range of activities including digital resilience and emotional health.

Wednesday 5 June – Year 9 Skills Development Day - pupils will attend a range of activities including digital resilience and emotional health.

Thursday 6 June – Year 8 Skills Development Day - pupils will attend a range of activities including digital resilience and emotional health.

Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 June – Year 11 Skills Seminar - pupils will attend a range of activities

Friday 28 June – End of Term

All students in Years 11-14 have now signed and confirmed their examination statement of entries for Summer 2024. Public Examination timetables have been given to the students in Years 11-14 during registration. Students should note the date and time for each of their examinations and place this timetable in a prominent position at home. **It is vitally important that all students are available to sit their examination on the dates specified by the examination authorities.**

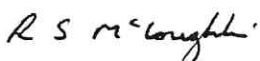
Arrangements for those students who have an examination clash will be relayed after the Easter break. If any student misplaces their timetable, or has any other examination related query, please send an email to examqueries@banbridgeacademy.org.uk

Teachers will share the marks for any Centre Assessed Work and any student wishing to appeal should review the Internal Appeals for Centre Assessed Work Policy:

<https://www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Banbridge-Academy-Internal-Appeals-For-Centre-Assessed-Work-Policy.pdf>

I take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter and the entire family a peaceful Easter break and I trust that we all get the opportunity to enjoy some good weather.

Yours sincerely



R S McLoughlin OBE
Principal

Bus Arrangements for 12.35pm closure on Wednesday 27 March 2024

Route No.	Destination	Time
238	DROMORE	12.45 13.15 13.45
538	DROMORE	12.50 14.45
56	LURGAN	12.40 13.40 14.40
62	PORTADOWN	13.00 14.00
29	RATHFRILAND (via Annaclone)	13.35 15.45
66	SCARVA (Connection to Tandragee)	13.30 15.35
538	NEWRY	13.40
238	NEWRY	12.58 13.28

NB: No. 31 Service bus to Rathfriland does not leave until 15.45pm

Education Authority bus (Dromore & Gamblestown via Dromore) one bus will be available and it will leave at 12.35pm

Buses will be available at 12.35pm for 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>