



June 2026

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Dear Parent/Guardian (Year 8 & 9)

Your son/daughter's end of year report will be published via the Parent App prior to the end of term. I hope that from the information provided you will be able to gain a clear picture of progress during this past academic year. I take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing and peaceful summer.

Please find attached the up-to-date holiday and uniform list – agreed by the Board of Governors, following the valuable feedback received from parents. Please ensure when purchasing the school skirt that it is of an appropriate length in order to facilitate the growth of your child throughout the year – **the skirt must be to the knee.**

Tuesday 30 June 2026 will be the end of this academic year. The day will finish at approximately **12.00 noon** and a list of bus departure times for the final day of term is also attached.

I encourage you to view our online calendars, school website and social media feeds which provide up-to-date information throughout the year: www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk

The school year for **Years 9 & 10** will start on **Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 9.00am and finish at 3.20pm**. School buses and the Dining Hall will operate as normal on the first day of term and bus passes will be distributed as soon as we receive them. We understand that pupils can use Transport for the first two weeks without their pass, to enable the passes to be distributed.

Online Application for Home to School Transport

Applications for transport assistance to all schools, should now be completed online, before end of June 2026 via the EA website at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/home-to-school-transport-0>

Free School Meals & School Uniform Grants

All parents/guardians (including new applicants) are required to apply each year via the online application process:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

I look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to Banbridge Academy and hope that it will be a fulfilling and enjoyable academic year.

Finally, I wish you and your family a happy, safe and restful holiday period.

Yours sincerely

R S McLoughlin OBE
Principal

Enc: Holiday List
Uniform List
School Fund Letter
Final Day Bus Arrangements