

CARRICKFERGUS ACADEMY

Year 8 Welcome

June 2024



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Senior Leadership Team



Vice Principals



Mr C Patterson



Mrs E Beckett



Mr McCready



Mrs Boyd



Mrs McKeown



Mr Kidd



Mrs Evans

Mrs MacQuarrie

Year 8 Pastoral Team




Teacher Mentors:	Mrs T Byers, Mrs U Cosgrove & Mr M Patton
Senior Teacher Pastoral:	Mrs K McKeown
SEN and AEN:	Mrs H Boyd
Vice Principals	Mrs E Beckett (Pastoral) & Mr C Patterson (Curriculum)
Principal:	Mrs A Irvine

ALL STAFF!

Induction August



 **Friday 23rd August** Baseline Testing. 9.05 – 3.00 your child will not be here all day – we will test in alphabetical groups.

Surname beginning with


A - H - 9.00 – 11.00. Arrive from 8.45

I – Mc - 11.15 – 1.15. Arrive from 11.00

M – Z - 1.30 – 3.30. Arrive from 1.15

 GL CAT assessment that we will use to stream pupils into their classes.

 This will be completed before they arrive on 30th August for their Form class Induction, 9.05 – 12.10 – they will need break on this day.

 There will be a further information session on Assessment at the Academy on **9th September 2024.**

Classes, Streaming & Progress Check Points



 Classes will be streamed according to ability C / A / R / I / K / F / E / CARE (G)

 Year 8 Assessment Information Evening - 9th September 2024


 Year 8 Parents Afternoon 7th February 2025



SIMs Parent App & Assessment




Home **Menu**

 **Messages**


SCHOOL BASED COMMUNITY ... 09:13

School Closure 18 June 21 17 Jun 2021

Return Reuse Recycle 16 Jun 2021


 **Calendar**


0 Today
0 Tomorrow


 **SIMS Options**

Attendance
100
% this term
10 / 10 this week

Conduct
Achievements
11
0 this week
Behaviour
No incidents this
year
Reports

Timetable


Data Collection


Activities

No new invites

Latest Report
NEW Year 12
Tracking
4 More reports

Today 21st June 2021	
Registration	09:05
SB7 Mrs L Jordan	09:20
DOUBLE-SCI	09:20
SB19 Ms C Donnelly	09:50
DOUBLE-SCI	09:50
SB19 Ms C Donnelly	10:20
PHYSICAL EDUCATI	10:20
Mr R Press	10:50
TRAVEL & TOURISM	11:10
Library SS Mr P J Middleton	11:40
TRAVEL & TOURISM	11:40
Library SS Mr P J Middleton	12:10
MATHEMATICS	12:10
N15 Mrs J Bowers	12:45
LUNCH	12:45
	13:20
LLW	13:20
W11 Mrs D McClure	13:55
LLW	13:55
W11 Mrs D McClure	14:25
GEOGRAPHY	14:25
SB17 Mrs R Macquarrie	14:55

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Academic year 2020/2021

Year 12 Tracking 2 Report - Januar...
02 Feb 2021 | [PDF](#)

Year 12 Assessment Tracking 1 O...
15 Oct 2020 | [PDF](#)

Academic year 2019/2020

Summer Report 2020
18 Jun 2020 | [PDF](#)

Year 11 Assessment Tracking Res...
06 Mar 2020 | [PDF](#)

Academic year 2018/2019

Year 10 Summer Report
08 Jul 2019 | [PDF](#)

Day Structure




















- **Monday** **9.05 – 3.25**
- **Tuesday** **9.05 – 3.25**
- **Wednesday** **9.05 – 2.25**
- **Thursday** **9.05 – 3.25**
- **Friday** **9.05 – 3.25**

Reg:	9.05 - 9.20	(15 mins)
Period 1:	9.20 – 9.50	(30 mins)
Period 2:	9.50 - 10.20	(30 mins)
Period 3	10.20 – 10.40 (Break)	(20 mins)
Period 4:	10.40 - 11.00	(20 mins)
Period 5:	11.00 - 11.20	(20 mins)
Period 6:	11.20 - 11.40	(20 mins)
Period 7:	11.40 – 12.10	(30 mins)
Period 8:	12.10 - 12.45 (Lunch)	(35 mins)
Period 9:	12.45 - 1.20	(35 mins)
Period 10:	1.20 - 1.55	(35 mins)
Period 11:	1.55 – 2.25	(30 mins)
Period 12:	2.25 – 2.55	(30 mins)
Period 13:	2.55 – 3.25	(30 mins)

Subjects Studied – Teaching Week








-  English & Literacy
-  Maths & Numeracy
-  Science
-  Art
-  Business Studies
-  Drama
-  Games
-  Geography
-  History
-  Home Economics
-  ICT
-  Learning for Life & Work
-  Music
-  PE
-  Religious Education
-  Spanish
-  Technology



SEN



-  Additional Educational Needs Team – Two SENCOs – one on Junior and one on Senior campus. Additional qualified SENCO to oversee Access Testing for GCSE.
-  Whole school provision will meet many needs due to staff awareness - information from you as parents and Primary Schools is passed on. We also band classes to allow for differentiation, but there is also differentiation work in each individual class.
-  Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Maths in dedicated Literacy and Numeracy classes
-  Sense Room
-  CARE – Pupils who have a place in our Specialist Provision please meet Mr Carlisle in **the end** of this presentation



Support - Medicine



- 🏰 In your parent pack you received a medical form. You only need to complete this if your child has medication that they need to take in school
- 🏰 Please bring this medication to school with your child in August
- 🏰 There is a new process for Special Dietary Requirements – you complete forms online in the FSME/Uniform portal and canteen staff will meet with you. Please make Mr Andrews aware this evening if your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements.
- Please make us aware this evening of any significant medical needs. **Deputy Pastoral Leader** overseeing medical needs on Junior site is **Mr Andrews**, but speak to any of us this evening

Attendance



'Miss School – Miss Out'

- 🏫 Target attendance and punctuality
- 🏫 What if my child doesn't want to go to school?
- 🏫 SIMS Parent App – per term
- 🏫 Explaining your child's absence
- 🏫 Sign Out – if pupils are leaving during the day they must sign out at the office with parental permission
- 🏫 Recognising and rewarding good attendance



Support



Form Time – Form Tutor and Year Mentor

Counselling

Mentoring (YMCA, Vineyard)

NEGC Outreach

Youth Services provision in school for individual pupils and groups









HUB support & MANY, MANY more











Boys Uniform



Boys School Uniform

-  School Blazer
-  Plain black trousers
-  Plain white shirt
-  School Tie (Junior Yrs 8-12)
-  Black leather shoes
-  Black or grey socks (not football socks)
-  School scarf (optional)
-  Plain grey V-neck jumper (optional)









Boys PE Uniform

-  Carrickfergus Academy Round neck T Shirt
-  Plain black tracksuit bottoms – no stripes or large logos
-  Carrickfergus Academy ¼ Zip
-  Training shoes – no canvas
-  Carrickfergus Academy Plain back shorts
-  Carrickfergus Academy PE socks
-  Football boots
-  Shin Guards and gum shield







Girls Uniform



Girls School Uniform







-  School Blazer
-  Plain grey kick pleat skirt (2 pleats front and back worn to the knee)
-  Plain white Blouse
-  School Tie (Junior Yrs 8-12)
-  Suitable black shoes (platform, high heels trainer like shoes or flimsy fashion shoes are not acceptable)
-  Opaque black tights or grey knee socks
-  Plain grey V-neck jumper (optional)
-  School scarf (optional)

Girls PE Uniform

-  Carrickfergus Academy T shirt
-  Plain black leggings – no stripes or large logos
-  Carrickfergus Academy ¼ Zip
-  Training shoes – no canvas or double soled shoes
-  Carrickfergus Academy Skort – compulsory ONLY for those representing school teams
-  Carrickfergus Academy socks - compulsory ONLY for those representing school teams

Uniform - Key Points







-  Hair styles should be neat and tidy. Only natural hair colourings are permitted
-  Make up should not be worn in Years 8-10
-  Pupils are permitted to wear a pair of small plain gold or silver studs, one stud in the lobe of each or either ear- no other piercings are permitted
-  Students are expected to wear full and correct uniform including to and from school
-  Appropriate footwear whether for general school shoes or Games / PE is essential. Canvas 'converse' type trainers will not be permitted
-  The official suppliers of the School uniform are:-
 - Cuddy's, 18-20 Marketplace Carrickfergus
 - Gary's, 1 North Street Carrickfergus
 - Gordon's, 10A Green Street Carrickfergus
 - Jeanius, De Courcey Centre Carrickfergus



Pastoral Care



-  Pastoral care and EHWPB are not separate but complementary
-  To give your children Outstanding Pastoral Care we need to be considering their emotional health and wellbeing and how it affects ALL aspects of school life
-  More than that we need to help them learn about their emotions, feelings, resilience and self esteem
-  School isn't just about learning academically, children learn so much about themselves, who they want to be, how to manage friendship, conflict, success and disappointment; we need to help them to become the adults they are meant to be



How will we do this?



 Form Tutors will be your first point of contact

 Year Mentors will also look after your child

 Senior Teachers for each campus

 Vice Principal for Pastoral Care

 Who do they go to if they are feeling sick?

Take 5 School










- We have an EHWPB practitioner based in our school for one year - Sept 2024. Pupil sessions throughout the year.
- 🏰 Parents session 30th Aug 9.15am 30 mins - **Connect and Keep Learning**
- 🏰 We also have a bespoke Emotional Health and Wellbeing programme that is delivered 1 period per week.
- 🏰 This will look at lots of different topics to help your child navigate big school e.g. friendship, resilience and all sorts of other things



Anti-Bullying





-  If you are worried or concerned about your child and how they are interacting with others please contact us as soon as possible
-  We have worked closely with the EA ABSIT team to create a comprehensive Addressing Bullying in Schools policy. (Update Sept 24)
-  Bullying behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated in Carrickfergus Academy
-  We will not shy away from addressing bullying behaviour
-  We will use the TRIP criteria to establish if the behaviour is bullying or socially unacceptable behaviour
-  We addressing bullying behaviour throughout many different parts of the curriculum over the course of the year.
-  Pupils can report incidents of bullying behaviour using a QR code or to any adult in school

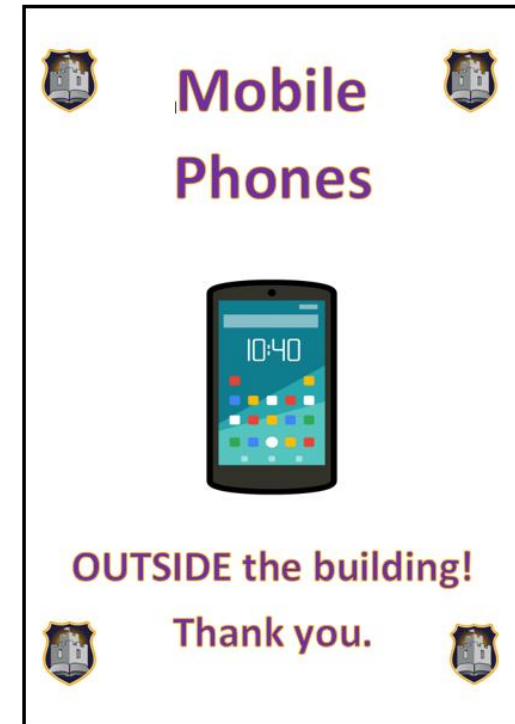


Phones




 NEW Mobile phone policy. Phones are only to be used in designated areas – canteen and packed lunch are and will be confiscated if pupils are using them in corridors or in class.

 If you need to contact your child during the school day, **please do so via the school office**
028 93364334




Social Media



 PLEASE continue to monitor what your child does online, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram are things that I hear about daily and often bring unnecessary angst and heartache

 Advise your child on how to keep safe online



 I know they live for their phones. Do your best to remove the phone from them at nights. Lack of sleep can be a massive contributor to pupils' not being able to cope emotionally and academically in school. Switch off the internet, limit their data – use anything in your power to keep them safe online

 Check out Safer School App

Extracurricular and Enrichment



-  Hockey, Rugby, Football, Netball, Badminton, Trampolining
-  Scripture Union
-  Student Council and Junior Prefects (Year 10)
-  Literacy and Film Club
-  Orchestra, Band, Choir
-  Trips
-  Games Club
-  Homework Club
-  Art Cluband many more activities



PTFA










Why not get involved in school life:-



Change



-  This is a big change for your child and for you, an exciting next step
-  Look forward to it
-  Lots of new people, teachers, friends and subjects
-  But lots of things stay the same, you will still write a note for absence, still write a note about medical appointments
-  Please continue to ask how their day was
-  They need their space to grow but they also need to know that we all care
-  If you have any worries or concerns you can ring us at anytime

<http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/>



Apply for Free School Meals / School Uniform / Physical Education Clothing Allowance

The Education Authority (EA) is responsible for assessing eligibility for Free School Meals based on Department of Education (DE) criteria

Click on link below for further details:-

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/free-school-meals-uniform-grant-eligibility>