

THE BUZZ

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HOME ECONOMICS

A new addition to the September Calendar for extra support: Alice Quinn is running a drop-in Home Economics Project Clinic for 6th years:

Monday - Thursday, from 2.30 to 5pm.

Locations:

Monday 4-8 / Tuesday 2-6.

Wednesday 3-6 / Thursday 2-6

This clinic will run **from today until Friday the 9th of October**, make the most of this opportunity and drop-in to get valuable project support.



TIMETABLE DEADLINE

A very important date on your calendar is this Friday the 4th of September. It is the final date for submitting timetable changes. Please ensure to get in touch with the guidance team before then if necessary and email any changes to your allocated red, green or blue Timetable Team email.

It is essential that all students attend classes as per their current timetable while any amendment is being processed. If requesting a timetable amendment, please allow up to 10 working days for the Timetable Agent to process the request.



4TH YEAR SCHOOL TRIP

This Friday is our annual trip to Causey Farm for 4th Years. All 4th years are expected to attend and we cannot recommend enough that you do so. It is a great way to make new friends as there are so many interactive group activities. There is a great variety of activities from bread-making to bodhran playing - so don't worry if jumping into the bog (also highly recommended) is just not your thing. Every year, without fail, students write entries for the yearbook competition about how glad they were to have overcome any new school nerves and go on the trip - where they did some serious bog bonding! See some previous yearbook testimonials below:

"I really recommend going to Causey Farm because of how much it benefits you. It allows you to learn names, understand your social environment and made making friends at the start of the year, so much easier. If I had not gone, I'm not sure where I would be today, I would probably not be as close with my friends as I am. If I had opted out of the trip due to fear and worry - it would just be kicking the stone down the road. Whilst everyone else would make friends on the trip, I would be a little bit left behind or just a little bit late to the party, which would just make my life harder." *Alex Prior 4th year 2025*

"In my opinion, the highlight of 4th Year occurred at the very beginning of the year, when we followed The Institute of Education 4th year tradition by going on the annual trip to Causey Farm." *Lilly Kenny Scott 4th year 2025*

"At 1:30pm, the day drew to a close and here it dawned on me, that in just 5 hours the once unfamiliar faces became some of my dearest friends. The weight of expectation had disappeared and transformed into unwavering excitement for the school year ahead. I find myself mulling over the feeling that had washed over me on the bus ride back to the school. On reflection, I understand that sometimes it takes stepping out of your comfort zone to embrace life in all of its unyielding beauty. And for that I will forever be grateful to Causey Farm. A place where memories were made, and friendships were forged." *Liam Cleary 4th year 2024*





GUIDANCE TEAM



HELLO STUDENTS,

We are delighted to see so many students availing of the online booking service for their guidance appointments. Please remember to cancel your appointment through the app if you can no longer attend so other students can avail of the appointment slot. A reminder below of our locations and available days, they are also on all the noticeboards:

GUIDANCE TEAM

Brian McCarthy – Office 1-5A (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
 Liz Carey – Office 2-5A (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri)
 Helen Casey – Office 2-6A (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)
 Dr John McGinnity – Office 3-6A (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri)
 Sarah O'Brien – Office D2-3 (Mon, Wed & Fri)

Feel free to drop in to us any morning between 8:30 – 9:30am, no appointment necessary or book a 30 minute appointment in advance, by scanning the QR codes in your school journal or on the noticeboards outside each of the guidance counsellors offices. Appointments can be booked during study or lunch times but not during class times.

UCAS LUNCHTIME TALK

Our Guidance Team host a UCAS lunchtime talk this Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September from 12:30pm – 1:20pm in H1-1. It is imperative that all 6th year students applying to UCAS attend one of these talks. Please note that the internal school deadline date for completed early date UCAS applications is Monday September 28th 2026. You will have made your application, chosen your courses, uploaded your personal statement, and paid the application fee. Early UCAS applications include applications to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary in any UK college. This earlier school deadline is to allow time for your Predicated Grade and school references to be added in advance of the final UCAS deadline October 15th.

OPEN DAY



Attending Open Days is your chance to meet college course teams and to help you find the right career path. Ulster University have an open day on September 5th, 2026; 9.30am - 2.30pm on their Belfast Campus. Register online www.ulster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/events

Have a great week, we look forward to working with you!

Your Guidance Team

EXTRA SUPPORT THIS WEEK

6TH YEAR SUPPORT

MONDAY

Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) (D1-2)
Spanish Revision Drop-in HL / 8:00 - 8:30am (MFE) (G-1)
Home Ec Project Drop-in HL / 2:30 - 5:00pm (AQU) (4-8)
Music Practical Sign-up Required / 3:30 - 4:30pm (JWA) (B-5)
French Oral Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (COI) (H2-1)
Economics Revision Drop-in HL / 4:30 - 5:30pm (RQU) (HG-0)

TUESDAY

Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) (D1-2)
Home Ec Project Drop-in HL / 2:30 - 5:00pm (AQU) (2-6)
Art Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (DKE) (Art Room)
Art Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (PCR) (L2-2)
Geography Revision Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (LAS) (L1-0)

WEDNESDAY

Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) (D1-2)
Spanish Revision Drop-in HL / 8:00 - 8:30am (MFE) (G-4)
Home Ec Project Drop-in HL / 2:30 - 5:00pm (AQU) (3-6)
Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (ARO) (H1-0)
Business Revision Drop-in HL / 4:30 - 5:30pm (RQU) (HG-0)

THURSDAY

Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) (D1-2)
English Revision Drop-in HL / 8:30 - 9:30am (DEN) (L1-0)
Home Ec Project Drop-in HL / 2:30 - 5:00pm (AQU) (2-6)
French Revision Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (COK) (H2-1)
Music Practical Sign-up Required / 3:30 - 4:30pm (JWA) (B-5)
Maths Tutorial Drop-in OL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (JKE) (L3-0)

FRIDAY

English Tutorial Drop-in HL / 8:30 - 9:30am (DEN) (G-8)

5TH YEAR SUPPORT

WEDNESDAY

Art Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:00 - 4:00pm (PCR) (Art Room)
Music Practical Sign-up Required / 3:00 - 4:00pm (JWA) (Music Room)
Chemistry Revision Drop-in HL / 3:00 - 4:00pm (AFO) (D1-1)
Maths Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:00 - 4:00pm (AHA) (2-5)
Maths Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:00 - 5:30pm (NNO) (C-8)

