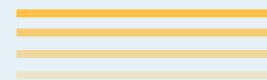


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Dear Parent or Carer,

It's my pleasure to be writing to you at the end of our first month back after summer.

We have all been really pleased with how well our new year 7 students have settled into life at Ballakermeen. Working with their form tutors, Mrs Clarke, and Mrs Calder, we have been trying to establish positive habits to start and to end lessons so that every moment learning time is used to the fullest. Although a specific focus for year 7, this crisp start to lessons, readying of equipment likely to be required in the lesson and efficient dismissal from class are also being developed as positive habits right across the school.

At the other end of school, the 6th Form have had a busy start to the year, attending the Government Youth Summit and receiving positive recognition for their conduct and engagement. The Junior Achievement Company Programme and the Charity Challenge have been launched whilst Lucy Passey and Danielle Wilkinson represented Ballakermeen brilliantly alongside year 7 Kiah Kennedy at the Civic Sunday Service.

Finally, we congratulate Evie Roberts from year 9 who was given the Mayor's Young Hero award for her work on her "Talking in the Dark" podcast. Evie's podcast is gaining quite a reputation and attracting an array of guests including the recent interview with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Lorimer.



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BHSA

BALLAKERMEEN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Ballakermeen already offers students an impressive range of resources and services, however, not everything can be covered by the school budget. The school has enjoyed the support of the BHSA through funding of a number of resources, which have included fitness equipment, magazine subscriptions, first aid teaching resources, starter equipment for new clubs, prizes for competitions and much, much more. Funds are raised from activities that we organise and run throughout the year such as the ever-popular Christmas tombola, the competitive Parents vs Teachers Quiz and the fast-moving Bingo charity nights to name a few.

The BHSA need thinkers and we need do-ers to join them! They are a friendly group and they would love to meet you! Their meetings begin at 6.30pm in the school library and the next one is Tuesday 3rd October. For those unfamiliar with the school please arrive at the main reception area and follow the direction signs. Simply come along, say hello and get involved!

NEXT MEETING:

TUE 03/10 6.30PM



WHAT'S ON OCTOBER

MON 02

YEAR 11 DRIVE SAFE, LIVE LONG

Fire service talk raising awareness of the dangers on the roads for drivers and passengers

TUE 03

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Challenge for students in Years 11 - 13 with teams of 4 competing over several rounds to reach the final

TUE 03

BHSA AGM

First meeting of the new academic year, in the school library at 6.30pm. All parents welcome to attend

04 - 05

STEM LOVE TECH EVENT

FRI 20

NON-UNIFORM DAY

23 - 27

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

E-PRAISE LEADERS SO FAR...



SEPT LEADERS: MAUGHOLD (14,569)

CONISTER TOP TUTOR GROUP **8CD2**

LANGNESS TOP TUTOR GROUP **8LD4**

HILLARY TOP TUTOR GROUP **8HM5**

MAUGHOLD TOP TUTOR GROUP **7MD3**

PATRICK TOP TUTOR GROUP **7PK7**



September Roundup



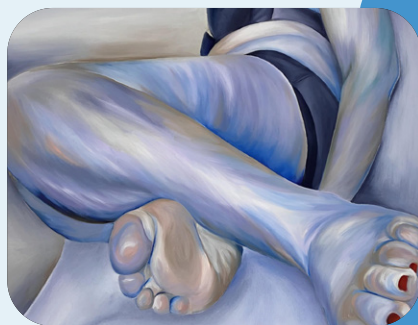
TALKING IN THE DARK PODCAST

9 episodes out now!

Back in June, Year 9 student Evie Roberts created her very own podcast, 'Talking in the Dark' to raise awareness about blindness, visual impairment and disability in general, in a happy and light-hearted way. Evie was born with a condition called bilateral anophthalmia, meaning her eyes didn't develop, and as a result Evie now wears prosthetics.

Now awaiting its 10th episode coming out soon, Evie has interviewed a variety of people from all walks of life including the MSPCA, Manx Wildlife Trust, Hammond School for Performing Arts, Riding for the Disabled, Sight Matters, Adam Knight, Mat Fraser, and comedian/TV presenter Chris McCausland.

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SOVEREIGN ARTS

Established in 2017, The Sovereign Trust Isle of Man Students Prize is open to all secondary school students in the Isle of Man. Nominated students may submit up to three artworks, from which a panel of judges will then select 20 student artists for the shortlist.

Congratulations to Summer Randle and Islay Shannon, both shortlisted for the top 20 finalists of 2023!

You may view all the finalists' artworks and read more about them: [here](#)

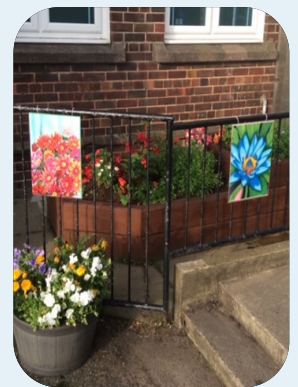
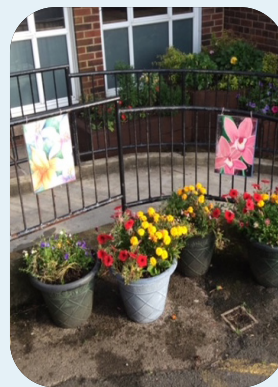
Y7 MEET THE TUTOR

We held our 'Meet the Tutor & Core Subjects' information evening on Wednesday 27th September. This included a short presentation from Head of Year, Mrs Clarke, and the opportunity to meet our Year 7 tutors and answer any questions. You can view our information booklet by clicking: [here](#)



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

- ▶ Year 9 students are eligible to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The Award has grown year-on-year at Ballakermeen and has played an important role in developing a wide range of skills and attributes in our young people.
- ▶ If your young person is hoping to participate in the Award, please ask them to join our Google Classroom: **Code - 467znb2**
- ▶ If you require any further information please visit dofe.org or speak to either Miss Harwood or Mr Breadner. More information can be found on our school website: [here](#)



Ballakermeen ASDAN students helped the school gardener Peter with some lovely paintings of flowers to go with all the hard work which he has put in over the years to make BHS flowerbeds look so wonderful!

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