

Ballakermeen High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

May we begin by thanking you for preparing your children so well for the start of their secondary education. They look very smart in their new uniforms: we are proud of them already.

We are pleased to inform you of an event that will help develop the partnership between home and school. We are delighted to invite you to our 'Meet the Tutor' information evening on Tuesday 22nd September. This event will run from 4pm until 6pm. Students should attend with their parents/carers.

You can arrive at a time to suit and see a short presentation from the Head of Year, Mrs Clarke, which will take place in the New Canteen at 4pm and will be repeated at 4.30pm and 5pm. Further to this you will be able to meet your child's tutor in their tutor room. The tutor will also give a short presentation, running at the same time as those of the Head of Year, and following this your child's tutor will be able to answer any general questions that you may have. Please note this is not an event for 1:1 parent / tutor meetings and although some tutors may also teach your child, this will not specifically be a forum to discuss subject progress with them; if you would like to discuss any academic issues with the tutor then please feel free to contact them at any time. Mrs Karran, our SENDCo, and Mr Potts, our Deputy SENDCo will also be available throughout the evening.

An information booklet with more detail about Year 7 at Ballakermeen will be available for you next week to download from our school website: bhs.sch.im. Click on the 'Parents' link, followed by 'Year 7 Admissions 2026'.

The Ballakermeen High School Association (BHSA), also known as Friends of Ballakermeen, is our PTA and is run by a team of dedicated parent volunteers. The Association works closely with the school community to support students through fundraising, community events and the provision of additional resources and opportunities. The next BHSA meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will take place on Tuesday 6th October at 6.00pm in the School Library. We are always pleased to welcome new members, and you don't need to commit to attending every meeting or take on a formal role to get involved. With around six meetings each year, typically lasting less than an hour, BHSA offers a manageable and meaningful way to take part in school life and help make a difference.

If you would like to support the BHSA but have limited time to spare, joining the BHSA 300 Club is an easy way to contribute. For just £24 per year, members are entered into monthly prize draws, giving you the chance to win while helping to raise funds for the school. An application form can be downloaded from the school website. Once completed, forms can be handed in at the school Reception, where they will be passed to the BHSA Treasurer. The Treasurer will then contact you with your allocated number.

The BHSA calendar for 2026–2027 will shortly be available to download from the school website. This includes key BHSA dates and other important dates throughout the school year. It can be found by selecting Information → Key Dates & Holidays → Provisional Key Dates 2026 to 2027. If you would prefer a physical copy, printed calendars will also be available from Reception in due course.

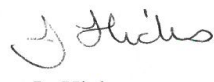
Further information about the BHSA, including activities, fundraising and updates, can be found on the school website or via the Ballakermeen High School Association Facebook page. Whether you are able to attend

meetings, help at an event, contribute an idea or simply support the 300 Club, every contribution helps the BHSA continue to support the Ballakermeen community.

If you have any questions about the above event, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor.

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to our school community.

Yours faithfully



Miss J Hicks
Key Stage 3 & 4 Leader