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Welcome to our Y10 Parent Information Session

November 2025

Working Together for Excellence in a Caring Community

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Mrs. J Murphy
Principal

Portadown College

2026 Admissions



A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum

Encompassing the needs, interests and aptitudes of individual students as well as of our economy

Careers Education

Physical Education

Citizenship and Personal and Social Development

Wide range of extra and co-curricular activities on offer



Year 11

The majority of students will study 9 full course subjects at GCSE.

Students who apply for and are allocated a place to study Further Mathematics will complete 10 GCSE subjects.



Core Curriculum

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Biology/Chemistry/Physics/Single Award Science

Religious Studies



Options

Art & Design

Agriculture and Land Use

Biology

Business Communication Systems

Business Studies

Chemistry

Digital Technology Multimedia **and** Digital Technology Programming

Drama

Food and Nutrition

French

Further Mathematics

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

Learning for Life and Work

Moving Image Arts

Music

Physical Education

Physics

Single Award Science

Spanish

Technology and Design



Further Mathematics

Any Year 10 student wishing to take GCSE Further Maths is required to sit a Mathematics assessment.

The assessment will:

- Take place in in the College **following confirmation that students have secured a place in PC;**
- Cover a number of Mathematic topics already commonly taught across the three Junior High Schools, as advised by the Head of Mathematics in each of the Junior High Schools;

Please visit the College website or contact Mrs Dawson (Head of Mathematics) for more information.



Making Informed Choices

Open Night – Thursday 5 February 2026

PC GCSE Subject Information Booklet

Key Stage 3 - experience, guidance and feedback

Subject Fair – Wednesday 13 May 2026

Early experience* of GCSE courses

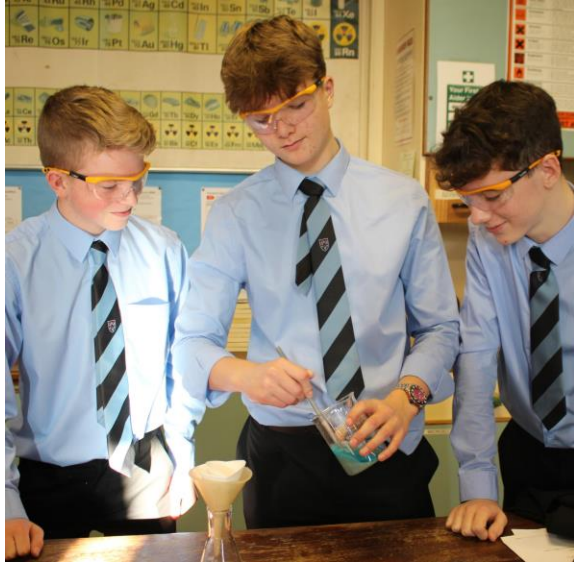
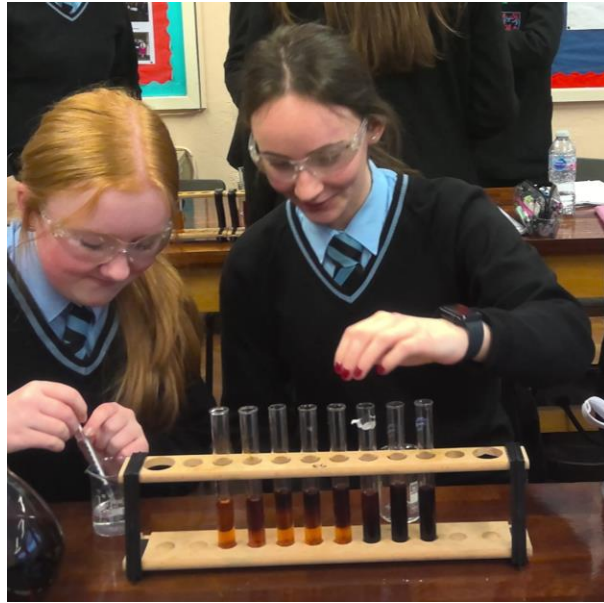


OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 5 February
2026

4:00 – 6:00pm





Any queries – please contact the
College.

info@pc.Portadown.ni.sch.uk

028 38332439





YEAR 10

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Valuing all our young people to shape
them positively for their future



Level 2 Qualifications

GCSE

Grades available:

A*–G

- 50 – 100% External Exam
- Controlled Assessment in some subjects

BTEC

Grades available:

Distinction* – A*

Distinction – A

Merit – B

Level 2 Pass – C

Level 1 Pass – D

- 25% External Exam
- 75% Coursework

OCN & Kings Trust

Grades available:
Pass (C grade) or Fail

- 100% Coursework
- No external exam



PATHWAYS IN CRAIGAVON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Double Award Band 8 Qualifications

- English GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- DA Science
- GCSE LLW

+ 3 Option Subjects

Single Award Band 8 Qualifications

- English GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Science Qualification
- LLW Qualification
- ICT or Business BTEC

+ 3 Option Subjects

Vocational Band 8 Qualifications

- English GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Applied Science (OCN)
- Personal Success & Wellbeing (OCN)
- Employability (OCN)
- 2 Occupational Studies (SRC)
- + 1 Option Subject

Kings Trust up to 7 Qualifications

- English GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- ICT (OCN)
- Kings Trust (CC)
- 2 Occupational Studies (SRC)

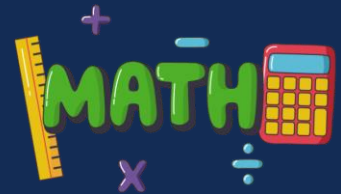


CORE SUBJECTS

- ENGLISH
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE
- LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK

Non – examination subjects:

- CAREERS
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- GAMES/PE





GCSE SUBJECTS

Agriculture

Art & Design

Child Development

Construction

Design & Technology

Drama

English Literature

Food & Nutrition

French

Geography

Health & Social Care

History

Learning for Life & Work

Physical Education

Religious Studies

Science: Single Award

Science: Double Award

Spanish

Further Maths

Business Communication Systems

Motor Vehicle & Road User Studies

BTEC SUBJECTS

Business Studies

Engineering

ICT

Public Services

Sport

Travel & Tourism

OCNNI SUBJECTS

Applied Science

ICT

Employability

Personal Success & Wellbeing

Religious Studies

Sport

Vocational Skills: Food & Nutrition

Skills for Business



OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES OPTIONS

IN CONJUNCTION WITH SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

Group 1 Occupational Studies Year 11	Group 2 Occupational Studies Year 12
Childcare - The Play Environment & Physical Care of Babies	Catering - Patisserie & Baking & Contemporary Cuisine
Bench Joinery & Tiling	Electrical Circuits & Plumbing
Brick/Block work & Carpentry/Joinery	Total Beauty & Creative Styling (Long Hair)
Manicure & Blow Drying	Photography & Graphic Design
Digital Imaging & Film and TV Production	Sheet Metal & Land Based Machinery
Modern Retail & Customer Services	Vehicle Servicing & Land Based Machinery
	Vehicle Servicing & Sheet Metal



TRANSFER TIMELINE

**MON 13TH
APRIL – THUR
30TH APRIL
26**

EA Portal is
open for
applications to
Senior High
Schools.

**SATURDAY
9TH MAY
2026**

Applicants
receive
notification of
outcome of
application.

**FRIDAY
15TH MAY
2026**

Subject Fair @
CSHS

CJHS & TJHS
12pm – 1.15
KJHS & LJHS
2pm – 3.15pm

**MONDAY
18TH MAY
2026**

Final date for
completion and
submission of
online Option
Choice Google
Form



Thursday
22 January

6-8.30pm

The poster for the Open Evening at Craigavon Senior High School features a dark blue background with a large, stylized yellow and white swoosh graphic. In the top left corner is the school's crest, and in the top right corner, the text 'CRAIGAVON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL' is written in a white, sans-serif font. The central image is a close-up of a black sports jersey with red and white accents, featuring the school crest on the sleeve. Below this image, the text 'The Principal & staff warmly invite prospective pupils and parents to our' is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the words 'OPEN EVENING' are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. In the bottom right corner, the text 'Scan Me' is written in a small, white, cursive font.

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Mrs. J Finlayson

Teacher in charge of Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG)

~ KJHS Careers Department ~

Year 10

KS3 Programme & KS4 Subject Considerations



~ Careers Department Programme ~

- *The Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG) 'Employability' programme strives to encourage pupils to become effective career decision makers, empowered to manage their own career development successfully and confidently and **be better placed to make informed decisions about subject and school choice at the end of KS3.***

- **KS3 Employability** (Y10 35min period weekly)

Pupils study 3 strands within the programme of study:

- ✓ ***Work in the Local and Global Economy***
- ✓ ***Career Management***
- ✓ ***Enterprise and Entrepreneurship***

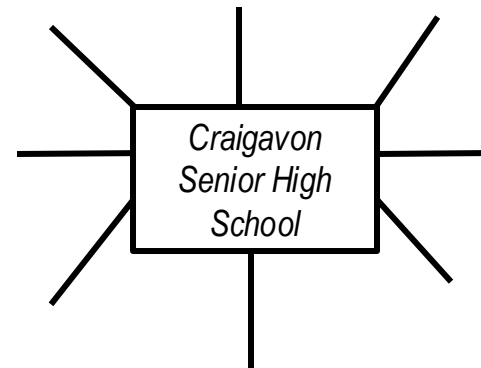
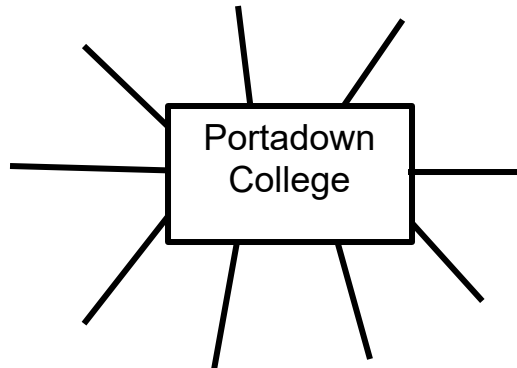
Staffing

Mrs Finlayson, Mrs Hutchinson

Mr Bennett & Mr Lanz



CEIAG @ KJHS - *The Comparing Contrasting Frame*



~ Careers Department ~

The KS3 Employability programme is supported by:

✓ **Careers learning is embedded across subjects** eg STEM online club, MFL, Science ALMAC Visit 25/26, Maths Week Ireland & CEIAG, 10C HE Collaborative project Grand Central Hotel Apr 25

✓ **Employer & Community Partnership** CITBNI Construction Industry Bootcamp June 25, Thompson's Aerospace, ALMAC, Hyster-Yale, Kinecx Energy LLW visiting speakers Dec 25

✓ **Craigavon Area Learning Community (CALC) & NI Careers Teachers Collaborative work** CEIAG Working Group JHS's – meet every 8wks, Y9 Careers Roadshow June 2025, NISCA Autumn Careers Conference

✓ **NI Careers Service, UU/DfE Skills Barometer & LMI Data** – Kathleen Clendinning NI Careers Advisor – supporting Oct 25, Key future growth sectors, 2025 ++ employability skills

✓ **CEIAG Curriculum Pathways Focused Week including Pupil Mentoring Event May 26** Eye4Education – 'Subject Mapping 4 Careers' Day, 'You're Hired' Young Enterprise programme + Mentoring Event – 55 volunteers involved 24/25– offering pupils mini mentoring sessions

✓ **Before & after school 'Subject CHOICES Support Clinic' in conjunction with PC & CSHS** May 26



Labour Market Information - What is it?

LMI includes reports, studies, statistics and other information about:





CEIAG Pupil Mentoring Event

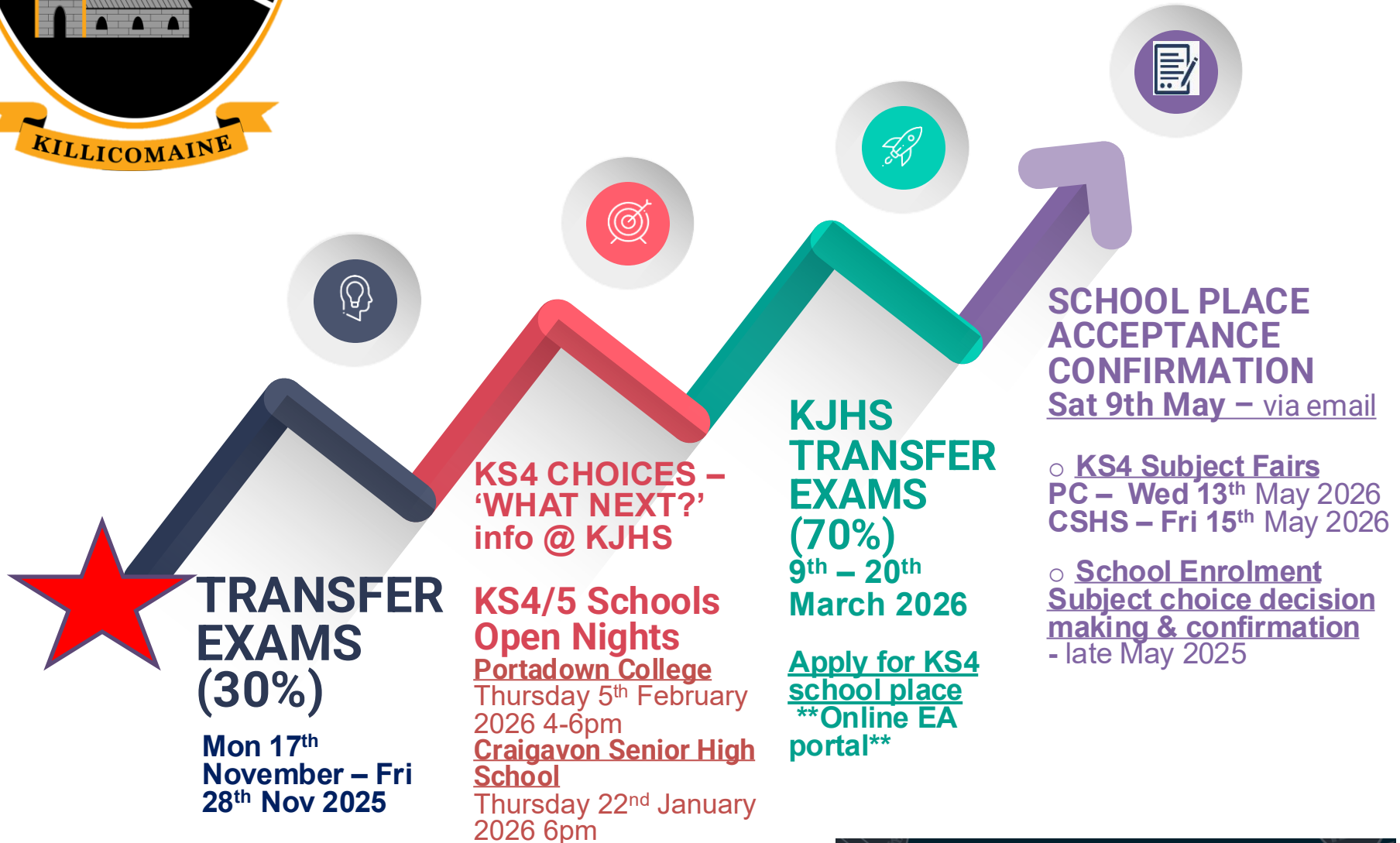
'GCSE Choices What Next? Mentoring Event' - CEIAG experts from the Careers Service for NI, our local KS2,4&5 partner schools, further education sectors and employers in industry (including parents and past pupils) helped facilitate this event.



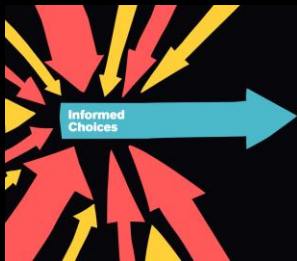


Year 10 2025/26

TIMELINE



~ KJHS Careers Department ~



- **Y10 matters** – it's a key time for exploring interests and abilities - choice of KS4 subjects shape post 16 pathways
- Encourage your son/daughter **to be independent but stay involved**- support without pressure
- **Adding to their CV!** volunteering / Duke of Edinburgh/work experience opportunities? 10B1 pilot 25/26
- Keep **career conversations** going about their future – their key interests, strengths & values, not just job titles
- Understanding of **subject options** – encourage exploration – research careers & qualifications together – school social media platforms

~ Careers Department ~

If your child has any queries please encourage them to speak to their Employability Teacher or me directly – Mrs Finlayson Rm30, we are here to support them.



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in a caring community.



**YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO
SET ANOTHER GOAL OR
TO DREAM A NEW DREAM**

C. S. Lewis

*and
so the
adventure
begins*

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Mr. S Johnston

Vice Principal

Year	September	October	November/December	Parents' Meeting	February/March	May/June
CORE TRACKING POINTS		Tracking 1 (Homework, Test or Other)	Tracking 2 (Christmas Exams, Controlled conditions)		Tracking 3 (Controlled conditions)	Tracking 4 (Summer Exams, Controlled conditions)
8	8 th (week of) PTM 15 th (week of) PTE 29 th (week of) PASS during Form Period	By 17 th Oct Tracking 1 Result 16 th Oct -Year 8 Information/Coffee Afternoon to explain assessment points and methodology. (MHY/JSN)	10 th -14 th Nov~ Red week 17 th -28 th Nov~ Exams Wed 10 th Dec Tracking 2 SIMS	5th February (School Cloud) Written comment report release week beginning 22 nd June	By 16 th Mar~Tracking 3 SIMS As in the past Departments can sub divide into further tracking points, note that the first one must be recorded by the 2nd March.	4 th -8 th May~ Red week 11 th -22 nd May~ Exams 5 th June Tracking 4 SIMS
9	22 th (week of) PASS during Form Period	By 17 th Oct Tracking 1 Result	10 th -14 th Nov~ Red week 17 th -28 th Nov~ Exams to include PTE and PTM Wed 10 th Dec Tracking 2 SIMS	26th February (School Cloud) Written comment report release week beginning 22 nd June	By 16 th Mar~Tracking 3 SIMS As in the past Departments can sub divide into further tracking points, note that the first one must be recorded by the 2nd March.	4 th -8 th May~ Red week 11 th -22 nd May~ Exams 5 th June Tracking 4 SIMS
10	TBC PASS Completed during extended reg throughout September.	By 1 st Oct Tracking 1 Result	10 th -14 th Nov~ Red week 17 th -28 th Nov~ Exams to include PTE Wed 10 th Dec Tracking 2 SIMS	2 nd October (School Cloud) Written comment report release week beginning 2 nd February	2 nd -6 th Mar Red week 9 th -20 th Mar Transfer exams to include CAT and PTM 17 th Apr~Tracking 3 SIMS	Y10 CAT / PASS to be used for value added for KJHS

Year 10AB - November Exams Timetable 2025

	P	Mon 17 th	Tue 18 th	Wed 19 th	Thur 20 th	Fri 21 st	Mon 24 th	Tue 25 th	Wed 26 th	Thur 27 th	Fri 28 th						
S E S S I O N 1	1	Spanish Listening	Chem	TD Catch up applicable pupils will be contacted by school to arrange attendance	Spanish	History	French	Biology	ICT Catch up applicable pupils will be contacted by school to arrange attendance	Physics	Art Catch up applicable pupils will be contacted by school to arrange attendance						
	2		09:20-10:20		09:55-10:20	9:20-10:20	9:10-9:35	9:20-10:20		9:20-10:20							
			BREAK		BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK									
S E S S I O N 2	3		Revision		Maths 1 10:50-11:20 Maths 2 11:25-12:20	Revision	Geog 11:20-12:20			Revision							
	4		English 1 11:20-12:20			RE 11:35-12:20				English 2 11:20-12:20							
	5																
	6	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	French Orals see separate timetable	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	LUNCH IF REQUIRED	LUNCH IF REQUIRED						
S E S S I O N 3	7	Study time at home	Study time at home	Study time at home	Study time at home	Study time at home		Study time at home	Study time at home	Catch up session pupils will be contacted individually	Catch up session pupils will be contacted individually						

Year 10C - November Exams Timetable 2025

	P	Mon 17 th	Tue 18 th	Wed 19 th	Thur 20 th	Fri 21 st	Mon 24 th	Tue 25 th	Wed 26 th	Thur 27 th	Fri 28 th									
S E S S I O N 1	1	History 9:20-10:20	Science 1 09:20-10:20	TD Catch up applicable pupils will be contacted by school to arrange attendance	Spanish 09:55-10:20	English 2 9:20-10:20		Science 2 9:20-10:20	ICT Catch up applicable pupils will be contacted by school to arrange attendance	HE Catch up applicable pupils will be contacted by school to arrange attendance										
S E S S I O N 2	3	Spanish Listening	English 1 11:10-12:20		Maths 1 11:15-11:35 Maths 2 11:40-12:20	RE 11:35-12:20	Art Catch up applicable pupils will be contacted by school to arrange attendance	Geog 11:20-12:20			Catch up session pupils will be contacted individually									
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S E S S I O N 3	7	Study time at home	Study time at home	Study time at home	Study time at home	Study time at home		Study time at home	Catch up session pupils will be contacted individually	Catch up session pupils will be contacted individually										
	8																			
	9																			
	10																			



Killicomaine
Junior High
School

**January
2026**

Pupil Name:

Form Class:

Attendance:

Rank Order: 31 /170

Subject & skill		Grades	Result & Teacher Comment (For band placings: A Band /90, B Band /80)
THE ARTS	Art & Design including Being Creative 	Effort B Conduct A	Result: 85% (Band Average: 81% Band Place: 38) <i>Mrs A Hannigan</i>
ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY	Geography	Effort A Conduct A	Result: 75% (Band Average: 85% Band Place: 55) <i>Mrs K J Ball</i>

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