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NEWSLETTER 6

A message from the Principal

As we continue preparations for the opening of Causeway Academy, we are pleased to share important updates and key transition dates for students, parents and the wider community.

Over the coming weeks, our focus is firmly on supporting students and families through transition and ensuring that everyone feels informed, prepared and confident about the move into our new school. For students, our transition days and induction activities are designed to help them become familiar with their new surroundings, routines and staff, and to begin building positive relationships before September. These experiences are an important foundation in helping young people feel settled, secure and ready to learn from day one.

Alongside this, our information evenings for parents and carers are intended to provide clear, practical guidance about what to expect in the months ahead. These sessions offer an opportunity to share key information, outline how we will support students academically and pastorally, and to answer questions as families prepare for this next stage of their child's education.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Primary 7 students and parents who have gained a place in Year 8 at Causeway Academy from September 2026. We have been extremely pleased with the size of this year group, particularly as it represents our very first intake as a new school. These students will join us from a wide range of local primary schools, and together they will form the inaugural Year 8 cohort of Causeway Academy. We are proud of the breadth and diversity this brings to our school community and are committed to ensuring that every child feels supported, confident and excited as they begin their post-primary journey with us.

Thank you to families, staff and students for the positive engagement and support shown throughout this transition process. Your involvement is greatly valued as we prepare for the opening of Causeway Academy, and we look forward to meeting many of you at our forthcoming events and sharing further updates as our plans continue to take shape.

Ruth Harkness
Principal Designate
Causeway Academy

Transition Events

SUMMER TERM 2026

Supporting students and families through transition is a key priority for Causeway Academy. During this term, we will be holding a series of induction days and parent information evenings designed to help students feel prepared and to ensure parents are fully informed. Events are outlined below by year group for ease of reference.

P7 – Incoming Year 8

Induction Day
Wednesday 17 June 2026, Carthall Campus

Parent Information Session
Wednesday 17 June at 2pm- 3pm, Carthall Campus

Current Year 8

Induction Day
Tuesday 9 June 2026, Carthall Campus

Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 5.45pm, Carthall Campus

Current Year 9

Induction Day
Wednesday 10 June 2026, Carthall Campus

Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 7.00pm, Carthall Campus

Current Year 10 and 11 – Coleraine College (including Year 10 Dunluce School pupils)

Information Evening
Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 8.00pm, Carthall Campus

Current Year 10, 11 and 13 – North Coast Integrated College (including Year 10 Dunluce School pupils)

Information Evening
Wednesday 10 June 2026 at 6.00pm, Cloyfin Campus

Current Year 11 – Dunluce School

Information Evening
Thursday 11 June 2026 at 6.00pm, Bushmills Campus

Additional Key Dates

Causeway Academy Staff Development Day
Friday 22 May 2026 (Carthall Campus)

Last Day of Term for Students
Wednesday 24 June 2026

Decant Days
Thursday 25, Friday 26 and Monday 29 June 2026

Last Day of Term for Staff
Tuesday 30 June 2026

Transport Arrangements

We understand that transport arrangements are an important consideration for families. The Education Authority (EA) is currently working in the background to ensure that suitable transport arrangements are in place for all eligible students. Further information will be shared with parents at the above at parent information evenings.

Staffing and Leadership

We are pleased to confirm that the majority of staff appointments to leadership roles within Causeway Academy have now been made. This provides strong capacity and continuity as we establish our new school community and ensures that staff are in place to support pupils and colleagues through transition.

Pastoral Care, SEN and Safeguarding

Pastoral care, support for special educational needs and safeguarding are central to the ethos of Causeway Academy. We are pleased to introduce:

- Causeway Academy SENCO, Mrs E Sloane – who will lead and coordinate support for students with additional learning needs.
- Causeway Academy Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Safeguarding, Mrs G Maguire.

Further information about these roles and how families can access support will be shared at our information evenings and through future communications.

Mrs E Sloane

Mrs G Maguire

Automatic Transfer to Causeway Academy

We want to reassure parents that you do not need to take any action for your child to transfer to Causeway Academy.

All pupils currently enrolled in the three legacy schools will **automatically move across to the new school** in September 2026. Our administrative teams are working closely together to ensure the process is smooth and fully managed on your behalf.

School Uniform

We are pleased to confirm that the Causeway Academy school uniform will be available to purchase from the end of May through to early June. Uniform items will be stocked by Heart & Home and Wallace of Coleraine. Further guidance will be shared with parents shortly.

School Uniform for Causeway Academy

We are delighted to share the key items that will make up the new Causeway Academy uniform:

- Grey Blazer with the school badge
- Shirt/Blouse White
- Tie Causeway Academy colours
- Trousers/Skirt Navy
- Jumper Grey V jumper with the school badge, this will be compulsory for all students from November- March
- Socks/Tights Black/navy tights or grey knee length socks of the girls.
- School Shoes Plain black leather shoes

PE Kit

The PE kit will consist of:

- Navy polo shirt sports top with school badge
- Navy shorts/skorts with school badge
- Sports leggings with school name
- Navy ¾ zip top with school badge
- Navy sock with school name
- Trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor use

Uniform and PE Kit Suppliers

All uniform and PE items will be available to purchase from our approved suppliers:

- Heart & Home, Coleraine
- Wallace's of Coleraine, formerly known as S. T. Moores, Coleraine

We will inform parents as soon as uniform items arrive in store.

Uniform Expectations by Year Group (September 2026)

To support families during this period of transition, a phased approach to the introduction of the Causeway Academy uniform will be in place from September 2026.

Students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 will wear the new Causeway Academy uniform, while students in Years 12 and 14 will continue to wear their legacy school uniform for their final year.

This approach recognises that these students have only a short time remaining in their current school journey and ensures a practical and supportive transition for families, while also establishing a strong shared identity for the new school.

Year Group (Sept 2026)	Uniform to be worn
Year 8	Causeway Academy uniform
Year 9	Causeway Academy uniform
Year 10	Causeway Academy uniform
Year 11	Causeway Academy uniform
Year 12	Legacy school uniform
Year 13	Causeway Academy uniform
Year 14	Legacy school uniform

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