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“I consider myself to be really fortunate to have been part of this school for the past seven years and have benefited in more ways than I could have imagined. This school has influenced me to develop my studies, passions and friendships. It has encouraged me to grasp new challenges and explore a wide range of co-curricular activities, enabling me to discover new interests and directions.”

Stephanie Penney (Head Girl 2017-18)

“I know that my time at Ballymena Academy has shaped me into the person I am today, giving opportunities I never felt were possible, and it has prepared me well for my onward journey. Ballymena Academy encourages us to find our individual passions and provides the support which enables us to reach our potential.”

Zak Humphrey (Head Boy 2017-18)

Ballymena Academy is committed to excellence and a holistic and pupil centred approach. Through life enriching curricular and co-curricular activities the school aims to broaden pupils’ self-awareness, understanding and perception of the wider world, equipping them with the skills needed to succeed wherever their life’s journey takes them. In short the goal is to develop pupils physically, socially, psychologically and academically to be the best that they can be.

All publicly-funded bodies, including Ballymena Academy, have experienced considerable budgetary reductions over a number of years. This school has made significant cost savings, without any negative impact to date on the experience and achievements of our young people.

The school’s curriculum continues to exceed statutory requirements and this is complemented by the extensive co-curricular programme, which provides opportunities for cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities of a quality and quantity available in few other schools. We wish to maintain and develop the high level of education that pupils and parents expect from this school.

Having explored all reasonable options to reduce expenditure and in an attempt to mitigate the increasing budgetary constraints imposed upon the school “**The Education Enrichment Fund**” has been established. This will help to support and sustain the high quality provision in Ballymena Academy which benefits every pupil, ensuring that each young person has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The expectation is that a donation of £120 per annum or £10 per month per pupil is appropriate. This may be paid as a lump sum or by instalments. This equates to approximately forty five pence per school day - less than the cost of a daily newspaper or a small bar of chocolate. Education provision is now at very significant risk and it is hoped that parents will want to join with the school and help support their children’s education and future in this way.

Payments may be made at the school office or by completing the attached form and returning it to the school. Online payment via our website is also under development. Please consider Gift Aiding your donation, if applicable.

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Single Gift Donation Form

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

I would like to donate £_____ (Please make cheques payable to Ballymena Academy)

Gift Aid A Gift Aid Declaration Form is available from Mrs. Johnston (Office Staff)

Full name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Pupil Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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