

Ballymena Academy

Education Enrichment Fund

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"I know that my seven years at Ballymena Academy have allowed me to grow into the person I am today. Throughout my time here I have been supported through every aspect of school life. My sporting talent has been nurtured and I have been encouraged to work hard at my studies. I know that when I leave here I will be in a great position for my onward journey."

#### Alice Rodgers (Head Girl 2020-21)

"I have no doubt that Ballymena Academy has allowed me to grow and be shaped as an individual. My time here has enabled me to discover my passions and interests through numerous opportunities, both curricular and co-curricular. I have been encouraged to embrace new challenges and can leave Ballymena Academy well equipped for what lies ahead"

#### Jonathan Cochrane (Head Boy 2020-21)

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 pald 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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