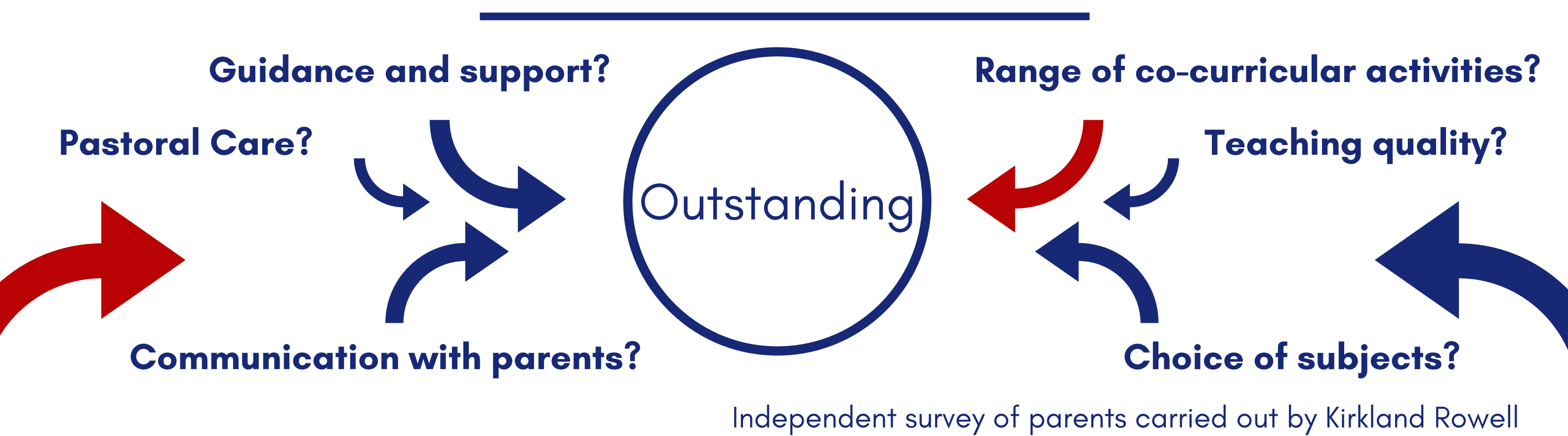


Ballymena Academy Cares for the Individual & Inspires Learning and Achievement.



Parents gave Ballymena Academy an overall performance score of **outstanding**.
What characterises Ballymena Academy is the **dominant culture** of a caring, **supportive community**.

HOW WELL DO PUPILS DO AT GCSE?

In 2019 the % of A* grades attained by pupils in Ballymena Academy was **double** the U.K. average.

In each of the last 5 years, over 97% of the year group attained 7A* - C including English and Maths. (c10% above the Northern Ireland Grammar School Average)

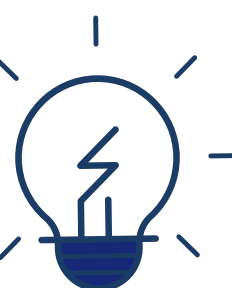


In 2019 and 2020, in 25 subjects the % of A* - B grades exceeded N.I. Grammar school Averages.

HOW WELL DO PUPILS DO AT A LEVEL?

In 2019 and 2020, **all** exams sat at 'A' Level in Ballymena Academy resulted in a pass grade.

In 2019 and 2020, over half of all grades were A*/A. Over the two years, 105 pupils, over 1/3 of the year groups, attained 3 or more A*/A grades.



In Ballymena Academy, pupils of all abilities perform significantly better than those of similar ability in other schools' - according to the 'A' Level Information System. (University of Durham)

Top performing school: Ballymena Academy had the most **1st places** in CCEA 2019 examinations (No exam placings were awarded in 2020)

In 2019 pupils achieved **17** top 3 placings in NI across **12** subjects

Placed in **Top 10** schools in Northern Ireland - The Sunday Times Good School Guide

PUPILS REALLY ENJOY BEING AT BALLYMENA ACADEMY

99% of Year 8 parents said that the school met or exceeded expectations. Compared to other schools, Ballymena Academy's **staying - on rates** are **exceptional**.

% Yr 12 staying on to Yr 13

89.4%

Staying on rates 19/20

% Yr 13 staying on to Yr 14

98.7%

N.I. Grammar School Average - 84.7% (2019)

N.I. Grammar School Average - 86% (2019)

'The staying-on rates in Ballymena Academy are above the N.I. average for selective schools' - (E.T.I.)

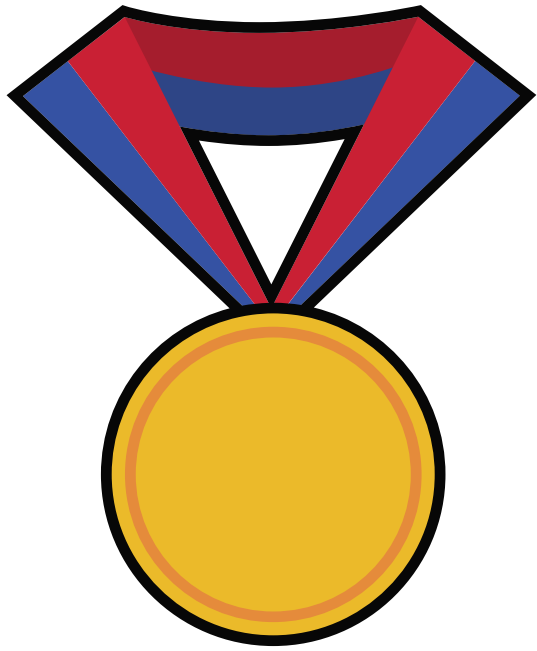
HOW MANY PUPILS PROGRESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION?

Progression to Higher Education 2020

93%



WHAT IS THE QUALITY OF THE SCHOOL'S PROVISION FOR CAREERS EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE?



Ballymena Academy has been awarded the **Prospects National Quality Standard**, at **Gold Level**, for outstanding Careers education, information, advice and guidance.

It is the **1st school in Northern Ireland** to achieve this award.

BALLYMENA ACADEMY'S PUPIL PARTICIPATION LEVELS IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE OUTSTANDING.



"There is a **tremendous emphasis on co-curricular activities** - I found the school to be **exemplary** in this area. The ethos of contributing to the development of rounded and capable young men and women was very evident and the school's record in this area is something they should be rightly proud of" - Investors in People.

Most pupils participate in co-curricular activities before and/or after school.

A high priority is given to the school's co-curricular strategy; **most of the pupils take part** in sporting, cultural, social and academic activities provided outside timetabled lessons. (Education and Training Inspectorate)



The pupils rated the school '**outstanding**' in its commitment to supporting them to develop healthy lifestyles.

