

# Ballymena Academy

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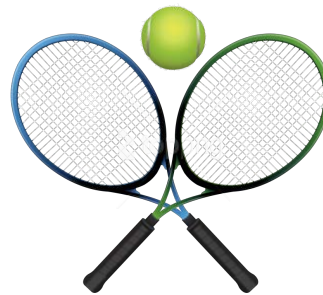
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# SPORT

## **BALLYMENA ACADEMY HOCKEY CLUB**

YEAR 8 GIRLS

SATURDAY **MORNINGS**, AFTER SCHOOL AND DURING GAMES

Matches and tournaments for teams.

Under 12 A/B/C&D available!

A great way to get involved in school, get to know other girls in your year and get fit!

Everyone Welcome.



## **BALLYMENA ACADEMY RUGBY CLUB**

YEAR 8 BOYS

SATURDAY MORNINGS, AFTER SCHOOL  
AND DURING GAMES

- Learn the game
- Have fun
- Expert coaching
- Get to know the boys in your year
- Dads are welcome to watch or help
- Mini-games, matches against other schools & Area tournaments!

Everyone Welcome.



# SPORT

## **NETBALL CLUB**

All Year 8 girls are welcome,  
whether you have ever played before or not!  
Throughout term one and two matches are played in the local  
Ballymena League and in the NEBSSA league.  
So come along, have fun and keep fit!



## **CROSS COUNTRY CLUB**

- All abilities welcome
- Good training
- Local and National Competitions

If you enjoy running come along and join the fun!!!



## **BALLYMENA ACADEMY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

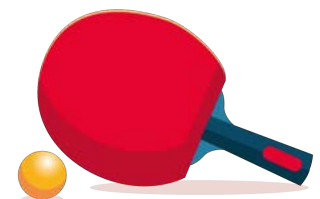
Who is it open to? It is open to any pupil of any  
ability or experience in Year 8.  
When is it? One day a week after school  
during the summer term.  
Where is it held? School Football Pitch.



## **BALLYMENA ACADEMY GIRLS' AND BOYS'**

### **TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

We train and practise WEEKLY  
All levels of ability are welcome!  
We compete successfully in various competitions:  
\*Ulster Individuals \*Ulster Schools' League \*Ulster Schools' Cup  
We look forward to meeting you.





# SPORT

## CRICKET

Cricket club is for all from U-12 to 1st XIs.

- Compete against other school every Saturday in the Summer
- League Fixtures, Cup games and friendly matches for Year 8
- Strong links with Ballymena Cricket Club
- Boys' U-12 XI Friday Games and after School practices

Everyone welcome - of all abilities and experience.



## TENNIS

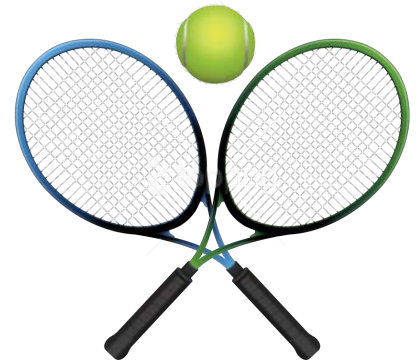
Opportunity to learn the game or develop your skills.

No experience required.

Expert coaching provided by

Ballymena Academy Lawn Tennis Club.

There are junior boys' and girls' tennis teams in the summer term.



## GOLF

Are You Good At Golf?

Do you have a handicap?

You could play on the Junior Golf Team!



## SHOWJUMPING

Pupils in Years 8-14 are welcome!

A great opportunity to represent Ballymena Academy at Novice and Open Level in the sport you love.



# SPORT

## ATHLETICS

Year 8 Athletics Club runs during the summer term.

One afternoon at school and one afternoon at the Antrim Forum.

- Sprinting
- Relay running
- Middle distance running
- Javelin
- Shot Putt
- Discus
- Long Jump and High Jump



## BASKETBALL

Ballymena Academy Badgers Founded 2011

The Badgers train for and compete in inter-school basketball league games. A great way to participate and compete in a sport which is growing in popularity, and to improve your agility and fitness levels. Listen for announcements about practices.



## SCHOOL SWIMMING

Swimming Club is open to all year groups.

Members represent the school at swim meets throughout the year at various inter-school competitions. These completions include:

- Swim Ulster Schools Gala - Pupils qualify here for the Irish Minor schools and the Ulster inter-pro teams.
- Ulster Secondary Schools - Pupils can qualify here for the Ulster Schools Tenerife and London training camps.
- Ulster Grammar Schools
- Ulster Minor Schools Meet
- Ulster Schools Relay Gala.

Everybody welcome.



# Music

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE IN:

- Piano
- Brass
- Woodwind (inc. Saxophone)
- Strings
- Singing
- Acoustic and Electric & Bass Guitar
- Percussion & Drum Kit



We especially need unusual and lesser played instruments in the wind, brass and string families.

## ACADEMY CHORALE

This is a large choir for both boys and girls in Years 8 - 11. We sing in parts and perform lots of different songs for Prize Day, Carol Services, The Spring Concert and more!

Recently we have sung show-stopping medleys from 'Grease', 'Glee', 'High School Musical' and 'Mamma Mia', Disney and even Snow Patrol, Adele, Coldplay and 'The Greatest Showman'.



## MALE VOICE CHOIR

Our large Male Voice Choir has boys from Year 8 up to Year 14 singing in four-part harmony! They practice during lunchtimes and perform at the massive St Patrick's Carol Services and the Spring Concerts. Last year at the concert they performed the Neil Diamond classic 'Sweet Caroline' and The Beatles hit 'Yesterday'.

## JUNIOR STRINGS

Pupils who play string instruments at Grades 1-4 come along every week and enjoy playing a great selection of music.

Everyone has fun in practices and we get the chance perform at Christmas and the Spring Concert, playing music from Baroque to Rock. Recently we played pieces such as 'Firework' by Katie Perry and 'Largo' by Handel, 'Final Countdown' and 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay.





# Music

## TRADITIONAL GROUP

The Trad. Group meets every week under the leadership of Senior pupils. We play a range of Scots and Irish Traditional Music, and welcome pupils from all year groups.

Violins, flutes, tin whistles, cello, harp, guitar, accordion, percussion and piano are all involved in beautiful Celtic music-making.



## SENIOR STRINGS

For string players at Grades 5-8. We enjoy playing music from the Baroque era right through to jazz and film music. We join with the best wind and percussion players to form the Senior Orchestra. We also perform at Christmas events and at the Annual Spring Concert. We have won many top awards at Music Festivals.



## JUNIOR WIND BAND

It is for woodwind and brass players at Grades 1-4.

We play lots of jazzy and upbeat music for Christmas and the Spring Concert, including music from Film and TV such as the theme from 'Wallace and Gromit', 'Defying Gravity' from 'Wicked', 'Cheerleader', the best tunes from 'Shrek 2', and 'Shake it Off'.

## SENIOR WIND BAND

This is a fantastic Big Band for woodwind, brass and percussion pupils at Grades 5-8.

We play an amazing selection of contemporary, jazz and film music! Examples include selections from "Frozen", the fantastic "Great Escape" theme and the theme from "Game of Thrones". We have lots of fun playing Christmas music for the Primary Schools Concerts.



## PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Our Percussion Ensemble plays an amazing range of marimbas, xylophones, vibraphones and all manner of percussion instruments, and perform incredible rhythmic pieces for shows and concerts.

Some members have even played dustbins, floor brushes, car parts and 'Boom-whackers'!

Guitarists, Bass guitarists, drummers and some keyboard players also play along.



# LIBRARY

## THE FULLERTON LIBRARY

How do I join the Library?

All pupils automatically become members of the Fullerton Library.

When can I use the Library?

- Before School
- Breaktime
- Lunchtime
- After School

You will also visit the Library in your English class and complete research for other Subjects.

What does the Library offer?

- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Newspapers
- Networked Computers
- Internet & Intranet Access
- Reference Books



# Drama

## THE JUNIOR DRAMA FESTIVAL

This is a series of events that celebrate the world of acting. Throughout the year pupils in Years 8 to 10 can attend workshops, visit the theatre, compete in Speech and Drama festivals and present their performances to invited audiences. There are also opportunities to be involved in School Productions.



# Public Speaking

## Public Speaking

Junior school pupils have the opportunity to compete in Public Speaking competitions such as the Queenie McMullan Public Speaking Competition, and read at the annual Christmas Carol Services held in St. Patrick's Church and in School.



# CU

## JUNIOR CU

WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH PUPILS IN YEARS 8 TO 10 AND SENIOR HELPERS? Come to Junior CU

- Worship
- Pray together
- Scripture Union NI
- Games
- A Weekend Away
- Guest speakers

Everyone is welcome!



# Debating

## **JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY**

- Do you enjoy sharing your opinions?
- Are you open for discussion about current topics?

Come to the Junior Debating Society!



# Creativity Club

## **CREATIVITY CLUB**

Are you a creative thinker? Would you like to be more creative?  
This is your opportunity to develop artistic and craft skills and to make friends with other creative students  
Year 8, 9 and 10 welcome!  
Takes place in the Art Department (Room 165)



# German Club

## **KLUB ERSTE KLASSE**

Filme - Films.  
Karnival Masken - Carnival Masks.  
Deutsches - German.  
Spiele - Games.  
Essen - Food.  
Für jede Jahrgangsstufe - Open to all year groups.  
Im Zimmer 22 - In room 22.  
Das wird sicher Spaß machen!! - It will definitely be fun!!



# Chess Club

## CHESS CLUB

### Why Play Chess?

- Learn about strategy and tactics.
- Represent the school
- Improve your mathematics and science
- Improve your intelligence: "According to research, test scores improved by 17.3% for students regularly engaged in chess classes, compared with only 4.6% for children participating in other forms of enriched activities," Susan Polgar
- Great for UCAS applications.
- The club is for all Year groups.



Year 8 and all beginners are welcome.

## S.T.E.M.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

## MATHS CLUB

Are you good at Maths? Do you enjoy competitions?

Maths Club may be for you!!!

Listen out for announcements from your Maths teacher, and check out the Maths noticeboard, for information about different challenges you can enter.

These include :

- UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
- UKMT Team Maths Challenge
- Maths Week Ireland Maths Trials





# S.T.E.M.

## STEM CLUB

STEM Club welcomes any pupils who are in Years 8-12, with an interest in STEM. Pupils participate in a range of varied STEM activities. Pupils achieve the British Science Crest Awards for project work and also enjoy some of the following types of events:

- Cyber security competitions
- Trips to Microsoft Dream space
- Meeting Brian Cox
- Participating and winning prizes at Raising Robots
- The International Robotics Competition
- Sentinus Young Innovators
- The Big Bang UK Final
- BTYSE competitions



## JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

Junior Science Club meets at different times throughout the year for pupils in Years 8 and 9. We carry out extra experiments, investigate problems and look at the science behind some real life situations. Come and join us in room 68.



## ICT CLUB

Junior Pupils may have the opportunity to enter competitions in coding and programming using platforms such as MIT App Inventor to design projects and build their own apps and games.



# Environment

## Young Environmentalists' Society (YES)

Activities include

- Wildlife surveys
- Making bird boxes
- Tree planting
- Growing vegetables Pond dipping
- Pumpkin carving
- Making recycled paper
- Traditional and seasonal crafts

YES takes place in the Biology Department - See you there!

## GloBAal Issues Society

- Who? Everyone welcome.
- When? Monthly after school meetings and fortnightly lunch time meetings.
- What? Running Fairtrade chocolate sales.  
Raising money & collecting items for Ballymena Food Bank.  
Doing litter picks around the school grounds. Researching and raising awareness of global issues. Fundraising for global issues e.g. toilet provision in poor countries
- Where? In the Geography Department. All new members and new ideas are welcome! We would love you to join our fantastic team.



# School Trips

Pupils are given opportunities to engage in a wide range of educational, cultural, sporting and social experiences. Educational visits range from STEM projects with local businesses to Sports training camps, Language, Drama and Art trips, to exploring countries from Europe to Asia and America. Trips enrich pupils' educational experiences and prepare them for life beyond school. Through shared educational, charitable and social programmes – empathy, respect and tolerance are all encouraged.

