



**BALLYMENA  
ACADEMY**

**EST. 1828**

**YEAR 8**

**CO CURRICULAR  
OPPORTUNITIES**



# 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.



## **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!



## **BALLYMENA ACADEMY GIRLS' JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

- 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 ASTRO PITCH.



## **BALLYMENA ACADEMY BOYS' MID AND EAST ANTRIM FOOTBALL BLITZ**

- OPEN TO ANY PUPILS OF ANY ABILITY OR EXPERIENCE IN YEAR 8.
- A NUMBER OF INTERNAL SELECTION MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED TO SELECT THE TEAM.
- WHERE IS IT HELD? SCHOOL ASTRO PITCH.



## **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.
- MINI-GAMES, MATCHES AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS & AREA TOURNAMENTS!
- EVERYONE WELCOME.

## **BALLYMENA ACADEMY RUGBY CLUB**

### **YEAR 8 GIRLS**

- FRIDAY AFTERNOONS.
- LEARN THE GAME.
- HAVE FUN.
- EXPERT COACHING.
- GET TO KNOW THE GIRLS IN YOUR YEAR AND ABOVE YEAR GROUPS.
- MINI-GAMES, BLITZES AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS & AREA TOURNAMENTS!
- EVERYONE WELCOME.

## **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

## ATHLETICS

- YEAR 8 ATHLETICS CLUB RUNS DURING THE SUMMER TERM.
- TWO AFTERNOONS AT SCHOOL
  - SPRINTING
  - RELAY RUNNING
  - MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNING
  - JAVELIN
  - SHOT PUTT
  - DISCUS
  - LONG JUMP & HIGH JUMP



## TENNIS CLUB

- 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.



## CRICKET CLUB

- CRICKET CLUB IS FOR ALL FROM U-12 TO 1ST XI.
- COMPETE AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS EVERY SATURDAY IN THE SUMMER.
- LEAGUE FIXTURES, CUP GAMES AND FRIENDLY MATCHES FOR YEAR 8.
- STRONG LINKS WITH BALLYMENA CRICKET CLUB.
- BOYS' AND GIRLS' U-12 XI FRIDAY GAMES AND AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICES.
- EVERYONE WELCOME - ALL ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE.



## SWIMMING

- SWIMMING CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS.
- MEMBERS REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AT SWIM MEETS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT VARIOUS INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS INCLUDING:
  - ULSTER SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MEET (QUALIFY HERE FOR THE ULSTER SCHOOLS, TENERIFE AND LONDON TRAINING CAMPS).
  - ULSTER SCHOOLS' GALA.
  - ULSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' MEET.
  - ULSTER MINOR SCHOOLS' MEET.
  - ULSTER SCHOOLS' RELAY GALA.
  - WORLD SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
- EVERYBODY WELCOME.

## GOLF CLUB

- ARE YOU GOOD AT GOLF?
- DO YOU HAVE A HANDICAP?
- YOU COULD PLAY ON THE JUNIOR GOLF TEAM!





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# Music

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

- PIANO.
- BRASS.
- WOODWIND (INC. SAXOPHONE).
- STRINGS.
- SINGING.
- ACOUSTIC AND ELECTRIC & BASS GUITAR
- DRUM KIT.
- WE ESPECIALLY NEED UNUSUAL & 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 ABBA, LEWIS CAPALDI AND ED SHEERAN



## MALE VOICE CHOIR

- OUR LARGE MALE VOICE CHOIR HAS BOYS FROM YEAR 8 UP TO YEAR 14 SINGING IN FOUR-PART HARMONY! THEY PRACTISE DURING LUNCHTIMES AND PERFORM AT THE MASSIVE ST PATRICK'S CAROL SERVICES AND THE SPRING CONCERTS.
- IN RECENT CONCERTS THEY PERFORMED THE NEIL DIAMOND CLASSIC 'SWEET CAROLINE', THE BEATLES HIT 'YESTERDAY', 'WORLD ' AND 'COUNTRY ROADS'.



## 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 TO PERFORM AT CHRISTMAS AND THE SPRING CONCERT, PLAYING MUSIC FROM BAROQUE TO ROCK. RECENTLY WE HAVE PLAYED PIECES SUCH AS 'FIREWORK' BY KATIE PERRY AND 'THE BRANDENBURG CONCERTO' BY BACH, 'FINAL COUNTDOWN' AND 'VIVA LA VIDA' BY COLDPLAY.

## 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.







# Music

## 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.



## 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.

## 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', 'SHAKE IT OFF' AND 'HAVANA'.



## SENIOR WINDBAND

- 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 SCHOOL'S CONCERTS TOO.

## JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

THE JUNIOR WIND AND STRINGS COMBINE TO FORM THE JUNIOR ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND AT THE SPRING CONCERTS.











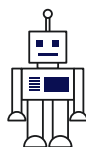




# STEM & Environment

## • STEM CLUB

- STEM CLUB WELCOMES ANY PUPILS WHO ARE IN YEARS 8 - 14, 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:
- TRIPS TO MICROSOFT DREAMSPACE
- MEETING BRIAN COX
- PARTICIPATING AND WINNING PRIZES AT FIRST LEGO LEAGUE
- THE INTERNATIONAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION
- SENTINUS YOUNG INNOVATORS
- THE BIG BANG UK FINAL
- BTYSE COMPETITIONS
- U.K. ROCKET CHALLENGE
- GREENPOWER CAR COMPETITION



## • 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.



## AGRICULTURE CLUB

- THE AGRICULTURE CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL PUPILS FROM YEAR 8 TO 14 THAT EITHER COME FROM A FARMING BACKGROUND OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR.
- WE AIM TO MEET ON THE FIRST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH.
- ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE ABP YOUTH CHALLENGE, QUIZZES, GUEST SPEAKERS AND POSSIBLE TRIPS OUT TO FARMS.

## YES - YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS' SOCIETY

- 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!

## GLOBAL ISSUES SOCIETY

- EVERYONE WELCOME.
- AFTER SCHOOL MEETINGS AND LUNCHTIME MEETINGS AS ANNOUNCED.
- 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 ALL NEW MEMBERS AND NEW IDEAS ARE WELCOME.
- WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN OUR FANTASTIC TEAM!
- MEET? GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT





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# Other

## 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!!



## CREATIVITY CLUB

- DO YOU LOVE MAKING THINGS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MORE CREATIVE?
- THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP ARTISTIC AND CRAFT SKILLS AND TO MAKE SOME NEW CREATIVE FRIENDS!
- YEARS 8, 9 AND 10 WELCOME!
- TAKES PLACE IN THE ART & DESIGN DEPARTMENT (ROOM 165), WITH MRS R REID

## 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.



## 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 SCHOOL.

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

- DO YOU ENJOY SHARING YOUR OPINIONS?
- ARE YOU OPEN FOR DISCUSSION ABOUT CURRENT TOPICS?
- COME TO THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY!
- THE SOCIETY MEETS EVERY OTHER FRIDAY ON THE STUDY FLOOR OF THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE.









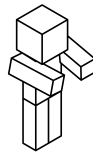




# Other

## DRAMA CLUB

- YEARS 8, 9 AND 10 WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- THE AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB HOSTS A SERIES OF EVENTS THAT CELEBRATE THE WORLD OF ACTING.



## MINECRAFT CLUB

- JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS
- THE CLUB MEETS WEEKLY
- WE USE MINECRAFT AS A TOOL TO DEVELOP DESIGN, CREATIVITY, TEAM BUILDING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND MEET NEW FRIENDS

## JUNIOR CU

- JUNIOR CU WELCOMES PUPILS FROM YEARS 8-10 WHO WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD.
- JUNIOR CU MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FROM 3:30-4:30PM IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL WHERE WE PARTAKE IN:
  - WORSHIP
  - PRAYER
  - TALKS FROM GUEST SPEAKERS
  - GAMES
- KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNIOR CU YEAR INCLUDE OUR ANNUAL WEEKEND AWAY TO CASTLEWELLAN CASTLE AND OUR SATURDAY ACTIVITY DAY IN JUNE (AFFECTIONATELY NAMED FATSAT)!
- ALL PUPILS IN YEARS 8-10 ARE VERY WELCOME!



## JUNIOR CODING CLUB

- JUNIOR CODING CLUB IS FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 8 AND 9 WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING THEIR CODING SKILLS THROUGH GAMES.
- WE PRIMARILY USE SCRATCH AND MICRO BITS WHICH THEN PROGRESSES ON TO LEARNING FUNDAMENTALS OF PROCEDURAL PROGRAMMING IN PYTHON.
- THE CLUB MEETS AFTER SCHOOL ON MONDAYS FROM 3:30PM TO 4:30PM IN ROOMS 93 AND 93A.
- ON OCCASIONS WE HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS FROM INDUSTRY WHO COME IN AND SHARE INFORMATION ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.
- COMPETITIONS ALSO RUN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS TO PARTICIPATE IN.

















# Other

## SCHOOL TRIPS

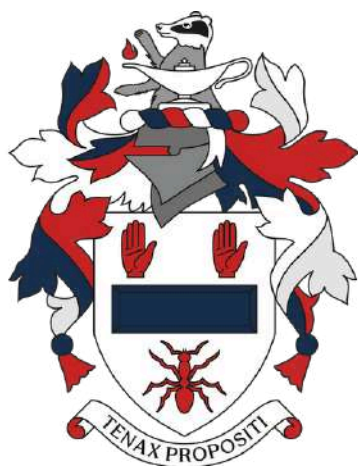
- YOU ARE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, SPORTING AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCES.
- EDUCATIONAL VISITS RANGE FROM STEM PROJECTS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES TO TRAINING CAMPS FOR SPORTS. LANGUAGE, DRAMA, ART AND HISTORY TRIPS EXPLORE COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, ASIA AND AMERICA.
- TRIPS ENRICH YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND PREPARE YOU FOR LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL. THROUGH SHARED EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMES, EMPATHY, RESPECT AND TOLERANCE ARE ALL ENCOURAGED.



## SENIOR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

THE INCREDIBLY WIDE RANGE OF CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUES AT SENIOR LEVEL WITH MANY TEAMS, GROUPS AND COMPETITIONS ACROSS SPORTS, MUSIC, DRAMA, CREATIVITY, STEM, ICT WHERE YOU CAN TAKE PART AND BUILD YOUR SKILLS TO EVEN HIGHER LEVELS, INCLUDING:

- CONCERTS
- SHOWS
- DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD
- CUP-LEVEL TEAMS IN SPORT



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