



43.5% of our students live in SIMD 1-4. These are the most deprived datazones in Scotland.

18% of our students are registered for Free School Meals (FSM)

## COST OF SCHOOL DAY ACTION STATEMENT

Armada Academy is committed to delivering both Excellence and Equity for all of our young people. Our staff recognise the clear link between family socio-economic circumstances, educational opportunities; attainment and achievement.

We are proactive in identifying ways to reduce the cost of the school day for all students and we actively promote our school values of 'Equity', 'Respect' and 'Community' to create an inclusive environment which mitigates against the impact of poverty.

## What are we doing at Armada Academy?

### School Uniform and Agreed Dress Code

Our dress code is affordable, equitable, easy to purchase, and contributes to a sense of community. All new S1 students are given a tie and branded sweater or hoodie, S6 are given a preloved blazer, and all families can access our Dale Drop-In Shop when required.



### Access to Food and Transport

Our 'Ready for School' Breakfast Club is free and open to all. The canteen offers a range of healthy, affordable food, and a cashless system ensures those who are in receipt of FSM are not identified. Students are supported to apply for Young Scot cards for free travel.

### Learning and Our Curriculum

There are no additional costs for any aspect of our curriculum, including access to practical subjects such as HE and CDT. Study Support and Easter school are free and available to all students. All seniors receive a study pack to aid exam preparation.



### Extra-Curricular and Trips

All extra-curricular clubs at lunchtime and after school are free for all students. Our excursion policy ensures reasonable costs and a clear payment schedule for all trips, including a number of free/subsidised spaces. Activities Day has free activities within school and a number of free trips.

### Events and Charities

Dress down days are limited to once a term and any financial contribution is voluntary. Students may plan additional events to raise funds for school projects and charities. Participation and financial contribution is voluntary.



## GET IN TOUCH

Our student support team are always on hand to offer help or advice. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if there is a financial barrier, this will be handled sensitively.

Please call us on: 01506 282145

