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Dear Parents/Guardians

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Arden Academy Fund

If you already contribute to the Arden Academy Fund, then I'm writing to thank you for your support. If you don't yet contribute, I am writing to ask whether you would consider doing so?

We are proud of all that our students achieve during their time here, the young people they become and the difference they go on to make in the world. Central to this success is the depth and breadth of opportunities we offer our students across academic disciplines, sports and the creative and performing arts which allow them to explore and pursue their interests and develop their talents. Unfortunately, the continual pressure on school finances means that we are forced to rely on additional funding to support these activities.

Our aim is to raise £50,000 each year via your voluntary donations. In recent years, your donations have allowed us to purchase additional ICT equipment and rejuvenate the Astroturf area. Any contribution – however big or small – that you could make would help us to ensure we continue to provide the broadest and best possible education for all our students. An annual contribution of £35.00 per family (if you have one child at Arden) or £45.00 (if you have more than one) gets us close to our target.

I know that many of you already contribute on an annual basis but in recent years we have seen a drop off in numbers. At the same time the financial pressures on schools has increased significantly. So if you do not currently contribute would you be willing to start doing so? We recognise the current situation has created financial pressures for many families and so you may not be in a position to contribute; if, however, you are able to do so, any level of support you can offer now or in the future would be gratefully received.

Your donation can be made via your ParentPay account. However, if you are a UK tax payer we will be able to reclaim the income tax paid on any donation, meaning we receive £1.25 for every £1 donated.

Even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid form for the school, we would ask that you do so again to ensure our records are up to date. Please use the following link:

<https://forms.gle/TzoW2cTjqrPnNBct7>

Please note that completing this declaration does not commit you to making any donations now, or in the future.

If you prefer to complete a paper Gift Aid form, please contact the Finance Team at Arden.

Thank you in advance for any support you can give via the Academy Fund. I can assure you that whatever you contribute will be put to good use for the benefit of all our students.

With my best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin Carter
Chair of Governors

