

# Friends of Dromore High

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108516

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-04-20
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The purpose of the Association (the Purposes) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school; Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Education/training

**Who the charity helps:** Carers, Parents, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,768	£2,502	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Deirdre Murray		
Mr Dean Mcdowell		
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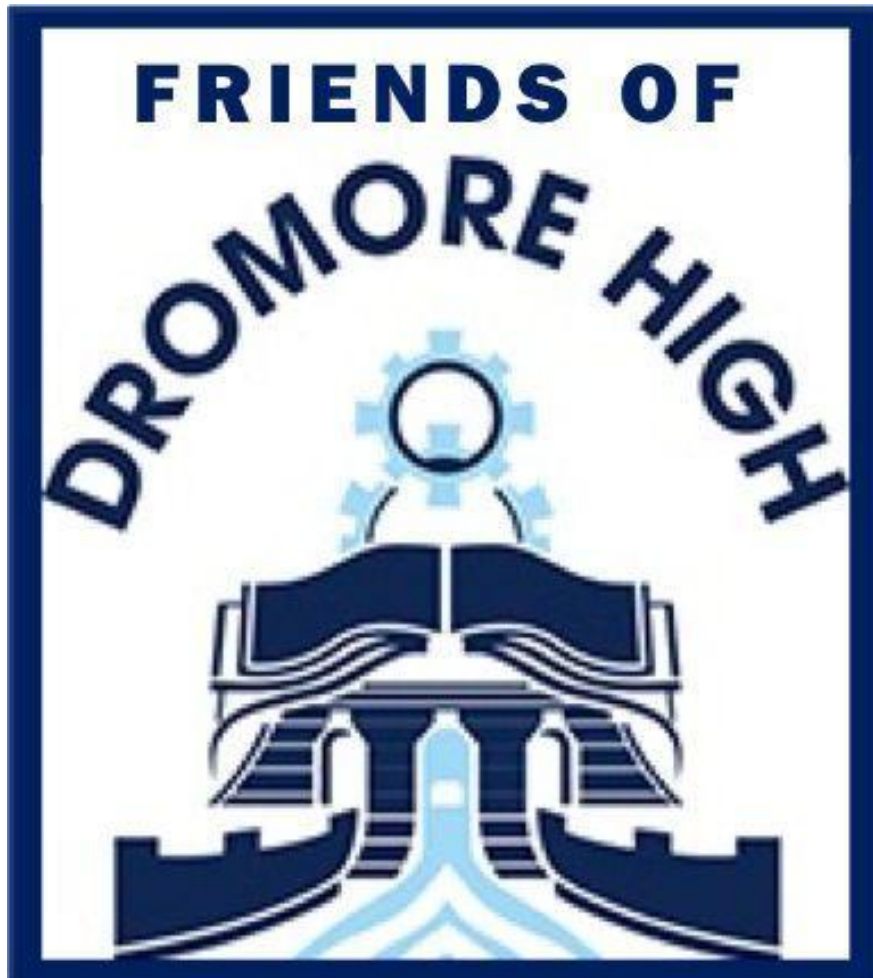
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The Sixth Form common room was in need of redecoration, which was undertaken by the students. To support the students in their endeavours FoDH provided a donation to support the purchase of new seating. (PICTURE?)

A Chilli night was held as a fundraising event and also provided an opportunity for parents, teachers and the community to gather. Members of the committee, teachers and parents competed in a chilli cook-off with the best chilli on the night judged by all attendees. The event was supported by local businesses and a tombola provided an additional fundraising opportunity

(PICTURE?)

The school obtained funding for an outdoor classroom. This came as a flat-pack and required assembly. Members gave up their time over a number of weekends to construct the classroom in the eco-garden. Following this another local charity Higher Ground worked alongside pupils planting flowers and shrubs in the garden. To assist with the works to the garden FoDH provided a short term loan to Higher Ground to get the project underway.

(PICTURE?)

**Finances:**

The committee applied to HMRC to register for Gift Aid and are awaiting a response.

**Future Plans:**

Further fundraising events are planned including a Speed-Quiz and a Gala Ball. It is hoped that the Gala Ball will provide a platform to engage with former pupils and facilitate the formation of an Alumini Society.

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The committee recognise that students are at the heart of the efforts of the group and are looking to engage directly with students. It is hoped that this engagement could be facilitated through School Prefects.

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The committee will continue to support the school at events throughout the year.

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**Address:** 38 Ballygowan Road, Hillsborough, BT266EJ

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**Appendix A**

<b>INCOME</b>			<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
01.01.2024	Bank & petty cash	£ 9,550.45			
09.01.2024	Kildare trip	£975.00	15.01.2024	Bus (Rooney's) Kildare trip	£775.00
			15.01.2024	6th form commom room - rennovation	£300.00
			25.01.2024	Float - Chilli night	£100.00
05.02.2024	Chilli night (float + income)	£563.20	05.02.2024	Parentkind registration	£153.00
21.06.2024	Farmers market - tombola	£180.52			
21.10.2024	Pay Pal set up	£0.01			
09.12.2024	Kildare Trip	£ 1,025.00	19.11.2024	Google Workspace Registration	£71.99
31.12.2025	Online registration table quiz	£24.50	09.12.2024	Electric Piano - School	£707.00
			09.12.2024	Google workspace monthly subscription	£5.99
			10.12.2024	Donation to Eco-schools outdoor classroom development	£389.00
		£ 12,318.68			£2,501.98
31.12.2024	Bank and Petty cash	£ 9,816.70			

**Appendix B**

<b>Chilli night</b>	Tombola	£	105.00
	Drinks	£	128.90
	Entrance	£	229.30
	Total income	£	463.20
	<b>Profit</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>463.20</b>
<b>Kildare trip</b>	Income	£	1,025.00
	Cost of bus	£	775.00
	<b>Profit</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>250.00</b>

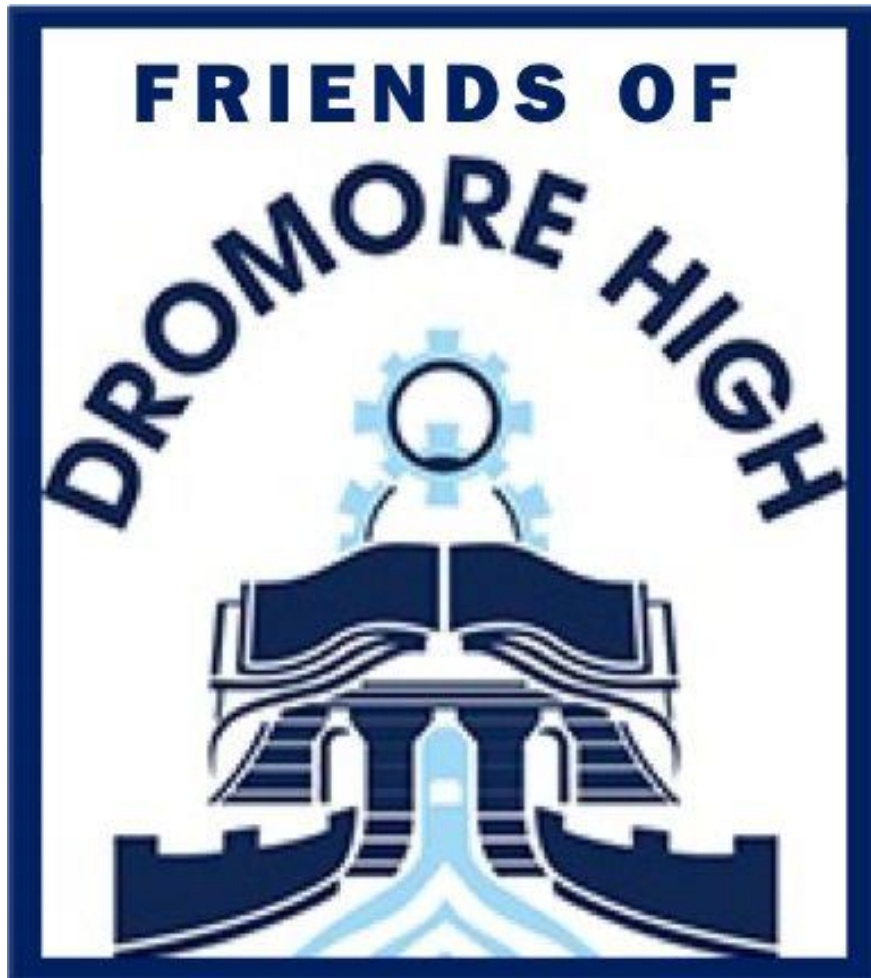
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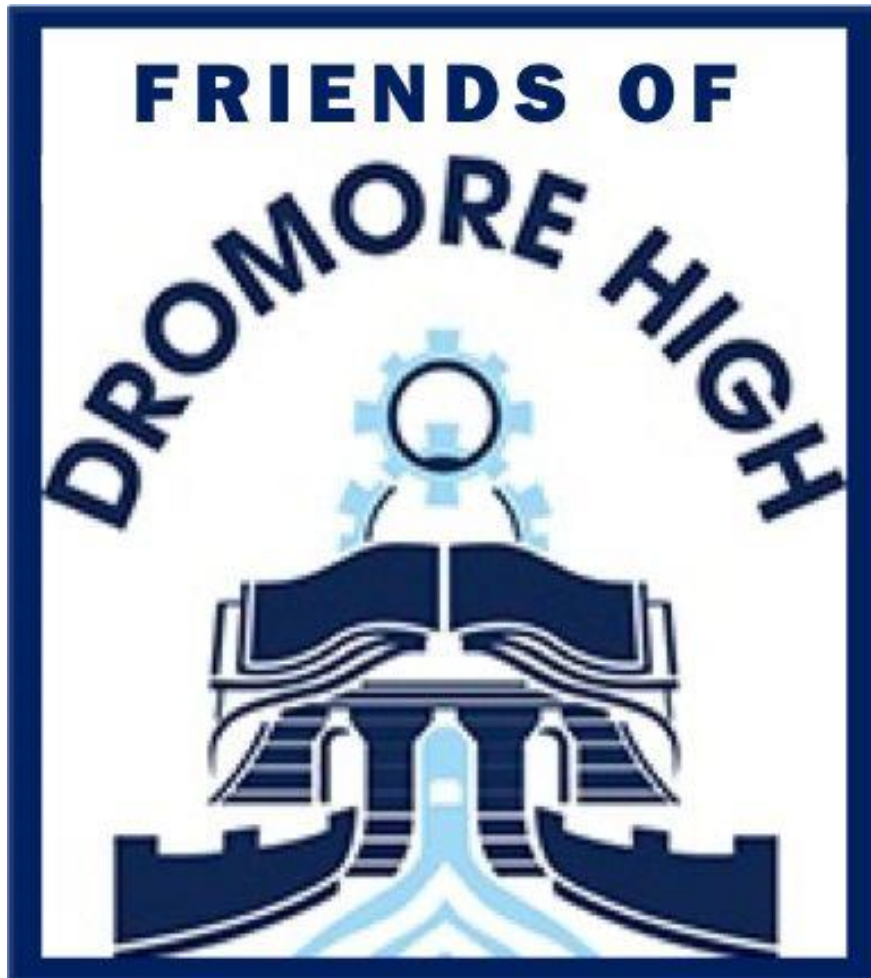
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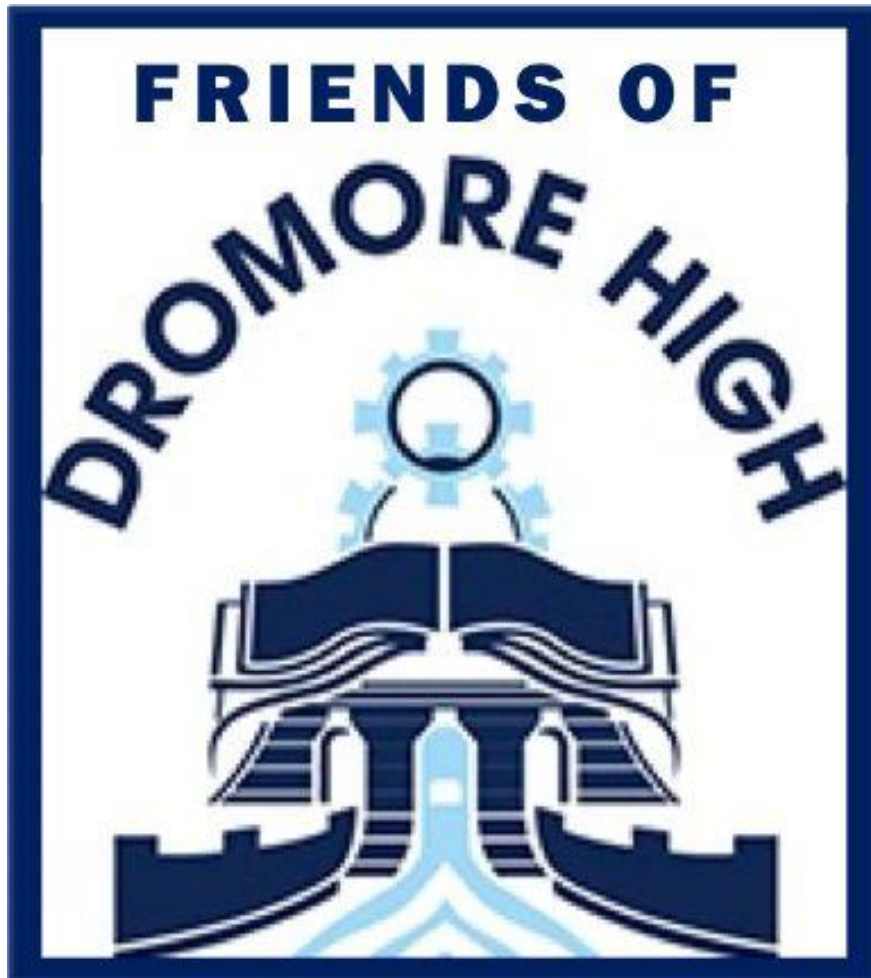
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