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Field	Description
Date	1845 – 2019
Extent	18 linear metres of physical material Approximately 58GB of born digital material
Creator(s)	The Glasgow Academy The Glasgow Academy Company Ltd. Glasgow Academicals' War Memorial Trust Glasgow Academical Club Atholl Preparatory School Dairsie House School Westbourne School for Girls
Admin/Biographical History	<p>The Glasgow Academy is an independent day school for pupils aged 3–18. Founded in 1845, it is the oldest continuously independent school in the city of Glasgow. The Academy relocated to Colebrooke Street in Kelvinbridge in the west end in 1878, having previously been based at Elmbank Street in the Charing Cross area of the city. The Academy expanded on its Kelvinbridge site with a new Science block in 1903, the gradual purchase of the former residential homes which form Colebrooke Terrace from 1924, the construction of various new buildings, including the Cargill Hall (1957), Music School (1994), a new Prep School (2008) and the science and technology building, The Saunders Centre (2015).</p> <p>In 1920 The Glasgow Academicals' War Memorial Trust was set up as a memorial to the 327 former pupils of the Academy who gave their lives during the 1914-1918 war. The trust became a shareholder in the Glasgow Academy Company Ltd. before taking over the running of the school in 1922.</p> <p>In 1991, Glasgow Academy merged with Westbourne School for Girls and became fully co-educational. The Academy is principally located at Kelvinbridge but also runs</p>

	<p>two satellite schools for Nursery, Kindergarten and P1-4 pupils in Milngavie and Newlands.</p> <p>Among notable former pupils are J.M. Barrie, author of Peter Pan; James Bridie, founder of the Citizens Theatre in Glasgow; Niall Ferguson, historian; Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum; and John Reith, founder of the BBC.</p>
Archival History	<p>The collection has been consolidated from records owned by the school and its various predecessor bodies and added to by former pupils and staff.</p>
Scope & Content	<p>The physical collection consists of Minutes, Governance and Administrative Records; Admission Registers; Financial records; Records of Clubs and Societies; School magazines and publications including the Chronicle; Prospectuses; School calendars; Roll books; Officer Training Corps records; miscellaneous historical papers; newspaper cuttings; school prizes (approximately 9 linear metres).</p> <p>There are also records relating to Glasgow Academicals Club; Westbourne Girls School; Dairsie House School; Atholl Preparatory School; all catalogued under separate sub-fonds (approximately 2 linear metres).</p> <p>Photographic collection: 5 linear metres of photographs and 1 linear metre of framed and outsize photographs.</p> <p>Digital collection: approximately 50gb of born digital photographs and approximately 8 gb of mixed format files.</p> <p>Small number of physical objects including mixed media (16mm film, reel to reel tape and video cassettes) and other objects including uniforms, sports paraphernalia, plaques and awards.</p>
Appraisal, Destruction	<p>Material to be held in the permanent collection of the receiving institution.</p>
Accruals	<p>Further material will emerge from within the Glasgow Academy and possibly from former pupils and staff on a continuing basis.</p>

System of Arrangement	<p>The records have been arranged according to record type for the core administration records; such as governance, financial and admissions records.</p> <p>The photographs had been arranged thematically and this order has been maintained.</p> <p>Series TGA/15 had been arranged into categories by school staff and that order has been maintained.</p> <p>The records of bodies affiliated to or subsumed by The Glasgow Academy are catalogued under separate sub-fonds.</p> <p>Digital material has been arranged into chronological logical order.</p>
Access and Reproduction Conditions	<p>Access can be arranged by appointment.</p> <p>Access requires permission of the Academy and is consistent with the Freedom of Information Act and current Data Protection legislation.</p> <p>Reproduction or reuse of material requires permission of the Academy.</p>
Rules or Conventions	<p>Description based on the International Standard Archival Description (General) [ISAD(G)], and International Standard Archival Authority Record for Corporate Bodies, Persons and Families [ISAAR(CPF)].</p>
Existence and location of original material	<p>Further records are held in administrative areas of the Academy estate.</p>
Existence and location of copies	<p>Digitised copies of the school magazines are available online.</p>
Date of Descriptions	<p>22nd October 2019</p>