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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Donors,

As we reflect on another remarkable year in Island Academy's story, our campus and wider community is filled with gratitude and affection for all who support our unique and very special school. Next year marks Island Academy's 25th anniversary – not just a milestone, but a celebration of your belief in what education in Antigua can achieve.

Our theme, *Your Gift. Their Journey. Our Future.*, really captures the shared purpose that binds our students, families, staff and you, our donors together. Our International Baccalaureate Diploma students made us proud again this year with a 100% pass rate. Every donation to the bursary programme, every classroom you help build, every act of support – these are the threads that weave the fabric of Island Academy. Because of you, nearly half of our students, from Kindergarten to the IB Programme, can access a world-class education right here in Antigua. Your kindness is transforming lives, one student at a time.

We now look forward to the next chapter – celebrating alumni at world-renowned universities and opening our new building next year. Our motto, *Unity in Diversity*, continues to inspire pride within our community and across Antigua as our graduates return as the nation builders of the future.

On behalf of the Board, our staff, families, and the hundreds of students whose futures shine brighter because of you – thank you. Your loyalty, generosity, and friendship remind us that Island Academy's story is truly our story

With love and respect,



Bernadette Sherman
Founder & Board Chair



Portia Moursy
Director

YOUR GIFTS IMPACT

Your generosity transforms lives and builds community. Here are some of the highlights your gifts made possible throughout the year.

SCHOOL PLAY

In March this year, the stage came alive with an original production - Alice in Wadadli celebrating Antiguan culture. Over 80 students from Grades 2-13 collaborated as actors, musicians, and backstage crew. The transformation extended beyond opening night –particularly for our lead actress, a bursary recipient who blossomed in confidence despite personal hardship. Your gifts created a space where resilience met artistry, and many students discovered strength they never knew existed.



CAREERS WEEK

This May, your support connected our students with their future selves. Alumni professionals in various sectors, many former bursary recipients returned to share their journeys through virtual and in-person sessions. Watching IA graduates tell current students "I was exactly where you are once" embodied the full circle of impact. Your gifts don't just fund education; they build bridges between dreams and reality.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Your investment in our ceramics studio ripples far beyond our campus. This year, students from a special needs school, a local primary school, and adult community members shaped clay alongside our students in one of our school's most unique offerings.



We also welcomed neighboring secondary schools for friendly football matches and outdoor activities on our field. This has been positive for all students involved.



Your gifts foster inclusion, creativity, and connections that strengthen the entire community.



CAMPUS EXPANSION

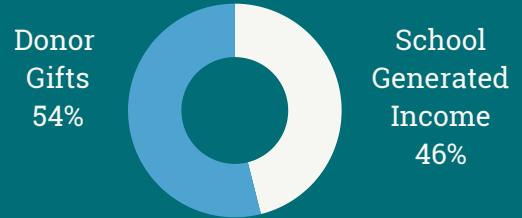
The Sir Roland and Lady Nina Franklin building rises steadily toward completion, thanks to your continued support. This multipurpose facility represents more than construction, more than additional school space to house our growing student body.

It is the physical manifestation of our collective vision. With the finish line in sight for the 2025-2026 school year, it stands as a testament to what we build together: spaces where student and community stories will unfold and our future takes shape.



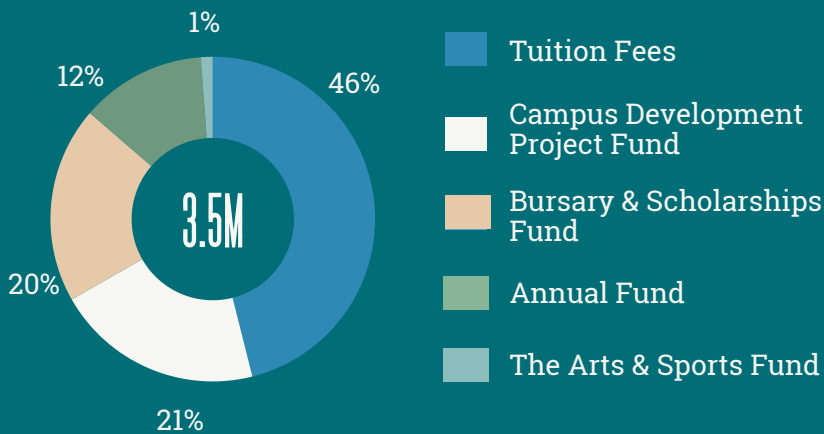
FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your contributions to Island Academy. Collectively your gifts to various funds totalled **1,889,621.00USD**.



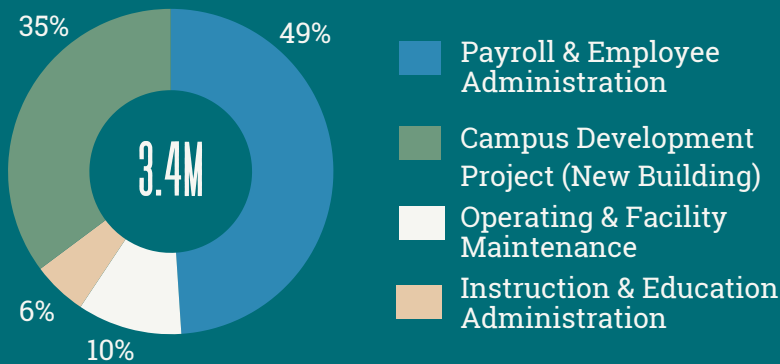
SCHOOL INCOME

Total Income: \$3,504,121



SCHOOL EXPENDITURE

Total expenses: \$3,409,805USD



All figures quoted in USD

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Your stories inspire action. Together, our community rallies to support our shared mission.

This year, students, parents, and staff united to raise funds through creative and joyful events. Spookapalooza brought Halloween festivities to students nationwide, while IA's annual Got Talent and newer University in Diversity Concert showcased the incredible abilities of our community. Traditional bake sales continued to sweeten our efforts, and

student led events allowed students to take charge of things that mattered to them proving that every contribution writes another chapter in our collective story.

These initiatives don't just raise funds; they strengthen bonds and demonstrate the power of community coming together for our future.



DONORS GIVING

Thank you to all those who have contributed to IA during the 2024-2025 financial year.

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THEIR JOURNEY

When William Henderson came to Island Academy for the IBDP during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, he thought he understood what hard work meant. He quickly discovered otherwise. "I thought I was working hard before during CXC, however I saw that was indeed not the case!" Both the pandemic and the IB challenged him in ways he never anticipated, teaching him not just to accept life's challenges, but to seek them out.

What began as his parents' decision to pursue top-tier education at Island Academy became William's own transformative journey. The rigorous programme sharpened his academic skills and welcomed him into what he calls "an academic fellowship", a community of learners who pushed each other toward excellence. The bonds formed with classmates and the critical thinking fostered by dedicated teachers became cornerstones of his now heightened ambitions.

At IA, William was multitalented - a lover of sports and music. Between classes, he'd play football or would play piano, his original compositions filling the school. In 2021, his passion earned him recognition as a finalist in the Commonwealth Music Composition Competition, a remarkable achievement that hinted at the path ahead.

Read about **William Henderson**, a 2022 International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme graduate's journey, made possible through your contributions.



Today, William is pursuing a Bachelor of Music in classical performance at a top tier university in Europe. His journey demonstrates how your gifts and hard work create space for students to believe in themselves. The analytical thinking and organizational skills developed through the IB continue to serve William both academically and artistically.

The Henderson family remain deeply grateful for the resources made available through donor support. "Their [donors'] financial support plays a substantial role in developing students and enriching their academic experience," just as he shares. Your gifts enabled his story, and his story shapes our future, one note at a time.

OUR FUTURE GOALS

Our future goals today, anchored by our core mission, lay the foundation for all the stories we hope to tell.

PROJECTS	DESCRIPTION
Spanish Language & Cultural Immersion Trip	Funded trip to Spanish speaking country for upper secondary and IB students to accelerate language proficiency and promote international mindedness
AI & Digital Education Training	Training on AI application in pedagogy and IB World Schools collaboration towards AI policy and deployment
Themed Gala Fundraiser	Fundraising event to secure donations to equip and outfit the Learning Resource Centre - a multi-functional & grade level classroom



GIVING TO IA

Your generosity empowers us to nurture a generation of young individuals who will create a brighter and better future for Antigua and Barbuda!
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Every gift shapes a story.
Every story builds our future. Your gift today becomes their story tomorrow, shaping our future together.

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Bursary & Scholarships Fund: to provide financial aid towards school costs to support families in need

Annual Fund: to sustain daily excellence in education instruction and general school operations

Campus Development: to support building of spaces where future stories will unfold

The Arts & Sports Fund: to enrich student life through creative and athletic opportunities

Paul Sudolski Endowment Fund: to support IA's financial sustainability for the future generation of students

WAYS TO GIVE



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