



The honest guide to scholarships and bursaries at private schools

What's really on offer at top UK schools, who qualifies, and how to apply with confidence.

For many families, independent school fees feel out of reach before the conversation has even started.

Yet financial support in the form of scholarships and bursaries is a formal, funded part of how independent schools operate, and it is available to more families than you might think. As fees have risen, many schools have increased their commitment to ensuring cost is not the deciding factor.

This guide covers everything you need to know about scholarships and bursaries: what they are, which schools offer them, and how to apply. Both are straightforward processes that every family has the right to go through. The only thing standing between most families and an application is knowing where to start.

The scale of support available

1 in 3

private school
pupils receive fee
assistance



£547m

given in bursaries
annually by
Independent
Schools Council
(ISC) schools



£13,852

average means-
tested bursary per
year (2025)



100%

of fees can be
covered at many
schools



Part 1: Scholarship vs bursary – what is the difference?

These two words get used interchangeably, but they work in different ways.

Scholarship

Merit-based

Awarded for what your child can do and the talents they have developed. Schools offer them to recognise exceptional ability and potential, and are open to any child.

- Academic, music, sport, art, drama, DT
- Not linked to household income
- Typically worth 5 to 10% of fees
- Rarely covers a significant portion of fees alone
- Can be combined with a bursary on top

Bursary

Needs-based

Awarded based on what your family can afford. The school assesses your finances and determines the level of support it can provide.

- Fully means-tested (see definition below)
- Ranges from 5% to 100% of fees
- Can cover uniform, trips and lunches too
- Reviewed annually as circumstances change
- Does not need to be repaid

Definition: Means-tested

Means-tested simply means that the level of support is calculated based on your family's financial circumstances, including income, savings and assets. The school looks at what you can genuinely afford to pay, and the bursary covers the gap between that and the full school fees. The lower your income, the more support you receive.

With a scholarship covering a small percentage of fees, applying for a bursary alongside it can make the most significant difference to what your family actually pays. The two applications run completely separately, and at most schools both can be held at the same time.

A scholarship does not improve or reduce your chances of receiving a bursary, and vice versa.

What scholarships are available, and how does applying work? ---

Most senior independent schools offer scholarships across a range of areas.



Academic

Usually based on entrance exam performance. Schools look for strong potential and intellectual curiosity, not just top scores.



Music

Typically requires an audition and a minimum grade standard, usually around Grade 5 or above. Instrument tuition is sometimes included.



Sport

Often by invitation or trial. Schools want commitment and genuine ability in a sport, not necessarily at the county or national level.



Art and design

Usually involves a portfolio submission and an assessment day. Schools look for creativity and genuine engagement with the subject.



Drama

Involves an audition with prepared pieces and improvisation. Schools look for stage presence and enthusiasm as much as formal training.



All-rounder

Awarded to children who show strength across several areas. A good option if your child is strong in multiple subjects or activities.

Scholarship availability is school-specific, so it is always worth checking the admissions page of each school you are considering. If your child has a particular strength, there is likely a scholarship category worth exploring.

Do you have to apply separately, or will the school tell you? ---

In most cases, you need to take the first step. Schools will not automatically flag scholarship opportunities to every applicant, so it is your responsibility to find out what each school offers and to apply within their stated deadlines.

Academic scholarships are sometimes considered automatically as part of the entrance exam process, meaning your child may be assessed for one without a separate application. This varies by school, so it is always worth checking.

For music, sport, art and drama scholarships, a separate application is almost always required. This typically involves registering your interest with the admissions team, after which your child will be invited to an audition, trial or portfolio review.

Scholarship deadlines are usually set separately from the main admissions deadline, and often fall earlier in the autumn term of Year 6.

Always check the admissions section of each school's website well before the year your child is applying, and contact the admissions team directly if anything is unclear. Schools are always happy to help with these enquiries.

Worth knowing: a standalone scholarship is rarely enough to make fees affordable on its own. A King's Scholarship at Eton, one of the most prestigious academic awards in the country, covers just 10% of fees. Think of a scholarship as opening the door. A bursary is what makes it possible to walk through it.

Part 2: The real scale of financial support available

The financial support available at independent schools is far more substantial than most families realise, and is available to more families than you may think.

Independent Schools Council member schools collectively give away £547 million per year in fee assistance.

This is not a discretionary charity pot; it is a planned, budgeted part of every charitable school's legal obligations. The Charity Commission requires independent schools to demonstrate public benefit, and means-tested bursaries are one of the primary ways they fulfil that.

- Over a third of pupils at ISC schools receive some form of fee assistance.
- Around 7% of all pupils receive a means-tested bursary specifically, with the average award worth £13,852 per year in 2025.
- That figure rose by 7.3% year on year, as schools increased their commitment to widening access in response to rising fee costs following the introduction of VAT on independent school fees in January 2025.

What income level might qualify?

Bursaries are means-tested, which means the level of support is directly linked to what your family can genuinely afford.

The table on the next page gives a broad indication of how support typically scales across different income levels. Every school sets its own thresholds and assesses each family individually, so these figures are illustrative rather than fixed.

The lower your household income, the higher the level of support available, but families across a wider income range than most people expect can qualify for some level of assistance.

Household income (gross)	Typical bursary level	What this means in practice
Below £20,000	Up to 100%	Full free places are likely at many schools
£20,000 to £40,000	70 to 100%	Substantial support very likely
£40,000 to £70,000	30 to 70%	Meaningful reduction in fees
£70,000 to £100,000	10 to 30%	Partial support at many schools
£100,000 to £144,000	5 to 15%	Possible at some schools
Above £150,000	Unlikely at most schools	Research individual school policies

Never assume you do not qualify before you have checked. Income thresholds vary considerably from school to school, and some of the most prestigious schools in the country have surprisingly high ones.



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The starting point should always be to read each school's bursary page. If you are unsure, contact the admissions team directly. Schools are used to these conversations and actively encourage families to ask.

Income is only part of the picture

When schools assess a bursary application, they look at the full financial picture, not just your salary. This is actually good news for many families, because it means the assessment can reflect your real situation rather than just a headline income figure. Alongside income, assessors consider:



Your outgoings and commitments

Mortgage or rent payments, the number of dependent children, caring responsibilities and significant ongoing costs all factor in. A family with a high income but substantial financial commitments may qualify for more support than their salary alone suggests.



Your primary home

Your family home is treated as an allowable asset and is not counted against you. You will not be penalised for owning the house you live in.



Savings and assets

Larger savings, a second property or business assets will be part of the assessment. Schools are not looking to exclude families for having some savings; they are building an accurate picture of affordability.



Your full household income

This includes income from all sources, not just salaries. If wider family members regularly contribute financially, that will be asked about too.

The goal of the assessment is not to find reasons to reduce your award. Families who engage honestly and give a complete account of their circumstances consistently find the process fairer than they expected.

Part 3: School profiles – bursaries and scholarships in

Below is a selection of some of the top independent schools in the UK, included here to show how accessible even the most prestigious schools can be when bursaries and scholarships are part of the conversation.

All figures are for 2025 to 2026 unless otherwise stated.

Every school in this guide sits at the top of the UK's independent school rankings. Every one of them has a bursary programme, and every one of them has pupils attending on significantly reduced fees or for free.

The schools at the top of the rankings are the same schools investing the most in making sure their doors are open to more families.

St Paul's School

West London (Hammersmith) | Boys | Day and Boarding

National ranking

No. 1 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£11,949 (day)

Bursary range available

5% to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

Around 1 in 10 pupils (10%), approx. 150 students

Scholarships available

Academic and sport awards

Annual bursary spend

Over £8 million

[The Founder's Awards programme](#) covers more than just tuition fees. The same level of support applies to uniform, sports kit, textbooks, exam fees, music lessons and school trips, meaning families are supported across the real cost of attending the school, not just the headline figure. Families earning below £78,000 may qualify for 100% of fees. A bursary calculator on the school website helps families get a sense of eligibility before applying.

[View bursaries and scholarships at St Paul's School →](#)

Brighton College

Brighton, East Sussex | Co-ed | Day and Boarding

National ranking

No. 2 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£8,000 to £10,970 (day)

Bursary range available

Up to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

Not publicly disclosed

Scholarships available

Academic, music and sport

Annual bursary spend

Not publicly disclosed

Means-tested bursaries are available up to 100% of fees, and scholarships in academic subjects, music and sport can all be combined with bursary support. Named Sunday Times Parent Power School of the Decade and Independent School of the Year for Academic Excellence in 2025.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Brighton College →](#)

North London Collegiate School (NLCS)

North West London (Edgware) | Girls | Day

National ranking

No. 3 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£9,917

Bursary range available

Up to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

78 students currently

Scholarships available

Handel music scholarship and Sophie Bryant all-round scholarship, at 11+

Annual bursary spend

Not publicly disclosed

NLCS publishes clear income guidance: those earning below £40,000 with limited assets are likely to receive 100% support, and those earning above £150,000 are unlikely to qualify. Bursary support can also cover lunches, 50% off coach transport, uniform, curriculum materials, exam fees and compulsory trips. Entry points are 11+ and 16+.

[View bursaries and scholarships at NLCS →](#)

Godolphin and Latymer School

West London (Hammersmith) | Girls | Day

National ranking

No. 4 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£11,226 to £11,698

Bursary range available

10% to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

10% of students, 48 on full awards

Scholarships available

Music and art worth up to 30% of fees, at 11+ and 16+

Not publicly disclosed

Means-tested bursaries run from 10% to 100% at 11+ and 16+ entry. Music and art scholarships are worth up to 30% of fees, which is more generous than most London schools. The school is a member of the London Fee Assistance Consortium, and scholarships and bursaries can be considered in combination.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Godolphin and Latymer →](#)

St Paul's Girls' School

West London (Hammersmith) | Girls | Day

National ranking

No. 6 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£12,414 to £13,409

Bursary range available

Up to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

Around 1 in 9 pupils (11%), target of 20%

Scholarships available

Music at 11+

Annual bursary spend

Not publicly disclosed

Consistently in the UK's top 10 independent schools. The bursary programme is available to families with a gross household income below £140,000, a notably high threshold. Many families who might assume they do not qualify actually do. Music scholarships are available for 11+ applicants.

[View bursaries and scholarships at St Paul's Girls' School →](#)

King's College School, Wimbledon

South West London | Boys & mixed Sixth Form | Day

National ranking

No. 7 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£10,410 to £11,404

Bursary range available

Up to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

Not publicly disclosed

Scholarships available

Academic, music, sport, drama and art at 11+, 13+ and 16+

Annual bursary spend

Over £1.3 million

KCS actively reaches out to local state primary schools rather than waiting for applications to arrive. Bursaries up to 100% of fees are available alongside academic and music scholarships. If you are a family in South West London who would not typically consider a school like KCS, that is exactly the family the school is trying to reach.

[View bursaries and scholarships at KCS Wimbledon →](#)

Westminster School

Central London | Co-ed | Day and Boarding

National ranking

No. 8 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£15,451 to £16,650 (day)

Bursary range available

Up to 100% of day fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

60 pupils across Westminster School and Westminster Under School

Scholarships available

King's Scholarships (academic), music awards and the Henry Purcell Organ Scholarship

Annual bursary spend

~£2 million

Full bursaries of up to 100% of day fees are available at 13+ and 16+. A full award also covers uniform, equipment and compulsory trips. Westminster is a member of the [London Fee Assistance Consortium \(LFAC\)](#), giving families access to information about fee assistance across 33 London schools in one place.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Westminster School →](#)

Latymer Upper School

London (Hammersmith) | Co-ed | Day

National ranking

No. 10 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

£10,365

Bursary range available

25% to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

1 in 4 students (25% of the school)

Scholarships available

Academic and music at 11+ (music up to 40% fee reduction), music, art, drama and sport at 16+

Annual bursary spend

Not publicly disclosed

One of the most extensive bursary programmes in the country, with 1 in 4 students receiving means-tested support and average fee remission of over 80%. Bursaries are available at 11+ and 16+, and can be combined with scholarships in academic, music, drama, sport and art.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Latymer Upper →](#)

Eton College

Windsor, Berkshire | Boys | Full Boarding

National ranking

No. 14 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per year

£52,749 (boarding)

Bursary range available

Up to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

Around 1 in 5 boys (20%)

Scholarships available

King's Scholarships (academic, 14 places per year), art, music and sport

Annual bursary spend

Not publicly disclosed

Around 20% of boys receive means-tested bursary support, including full free places. King's Scholarships cover 10% of fees and can be combined with a bursary to cover fees in full. Registration must happen before a boy turns 10, with assessment at 11 and final selection at 13, so early planning is essential.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Eton College →](#)

Sevenoaks School

Sevenoaks, Kent | Co-ed | Day and Boarding

National ranking

No. 15 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

~£10,000 (day)

Bursary range available

Up to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

74 students currently

Scholarships available

Academic, art, music, sport and drama

Annual bursary spend

Not publicly disclosed

Sevenoaks is ranked among the top 20 independent schools in the UK and has a long tradition of financial assistance dating back to its foundation in 1432. The school actively seeks applications from families who could only take up a place with support, and has a dedicated Head of Financial Assistance on hand to guide families through the process. Bursaries can cover fees in full and may extend to uniform, trips and other extras.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Sevenoaks School →](#)

Dulwich College

South London | Boys | Day and Boarding

National ranking

No. 46 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per term

~£8,500 (day, senior)

Bursary range available

10% to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

222 bursary awards, 125 boys on full free places

Scholarships available

Academic, music, art and sport at 11+, 13+ and 16+

Annual bursary spend

£5.5 million

Dulwich publishes one of the most transparent income guides of any school: £35,000 or below likely qualifies for a full free place, with support scaling down from there. 222 bursary awards were made in 2025 to 2026. Assessment is managed by Bursary Assessment Associates, with a home visit or online meeting as part of the process.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Dulwich College →](#)

Harrow School

North West London | Boys | Full Boarding

National ranking

No. 63 (Times Parent Power 2026)

Fees per year

~£50,000 (boarding)

Bursary range available

5% to 100% of fees

Number of pupils on bursaries

Around 1 in 10 pupils (10%)

Scholarships available

Academic, art, music and sport, each worth 5 to 10% of fees

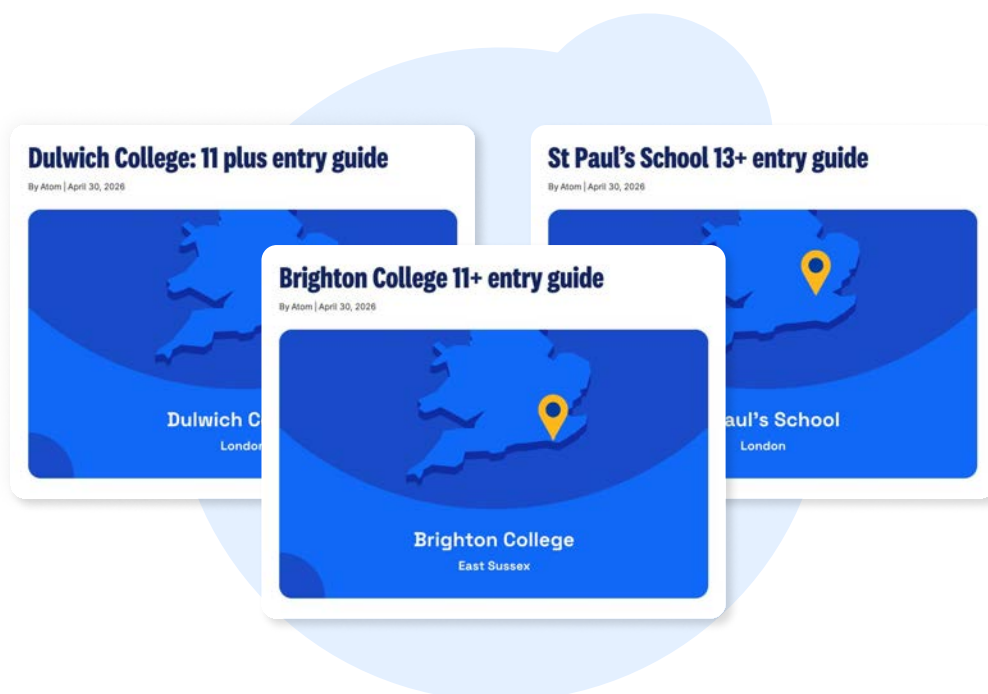
Annual bursary spend

£7 million

Harrow commits £7 million annually to bursaries and offers scholarships in academic subjects, art, music and sport, each worth 5 to 10% of fees. Bursary decisions are made separately from admissions and all awards are reviewed annually, with a full reassessment at Sixth Form entry.

[View bursaries and scholarships at Harrow School →](#)

For more information about individual schools, head to [Atom Learning's blog](#) where you can find hundreds of school guides with all the information you need!



Part 4: The bursary application process

Every school runs its own bursary process, and the finer details, including deadlines, documents required and how the assessment is conducted, will vary. What does not vary is the broad timeline.

The stages below reflect what most families experience, and knowing them in advance means nothing comes as a surprise.

1. Year 4 - start your research

This is the right time to begin identifying the schools you are interested in. Read their bursary pages carefully: look at income thresholds, what the bursary covers, and the application deadline.

It is also the ideal time to think about [entrance exam preparation](#) for your target schools. With two full years ahead, your child can build knowledge and confidence steadily, with no pressure and no rush.

2. Summer of Year 5 – confirm your school list and check deadlines

By the end of Year 5, you should have a settled shortlist. Revisit each school's bursary page with fresh eyes: deadlines and thresholds can change year on year. Note which schools require early registration and whether any scholarship deadlines fall in the autumn term of Year 6, as these often arrive before families expect them.

This is also the point at which exam preparation starts to feel more focused. The schools are real, the timeline is visible, and the work your child has been doing is starting to build into something tangible.

3. Autumn of Year 6 – register and request the bursary form

When you register with your target schools, you will usually see a box to tick to indicate that you wish to apply for a bursary. Tick it, and the school will send you a separate bursary application form or direct you to one on their website.

It is worth knowing that indicating you intend to apply for a bursary has no bearing on your child's academic assessment. The admissions process and the bursary process are entirely separate, and one does not influence the other.

If the form is not immediately available, the admissions team will be happy to help, and there is a template email later in this guide to make that first contact straightforward.

4. October to December of Year 6 – gather your documents and submit the bursary form

This stage involves the most paperwork, but families who approach it early find it far less daunting than expected. The required documents cover income, savings, assets, and outgoings, and in most cases, you will already have most of what is needed.

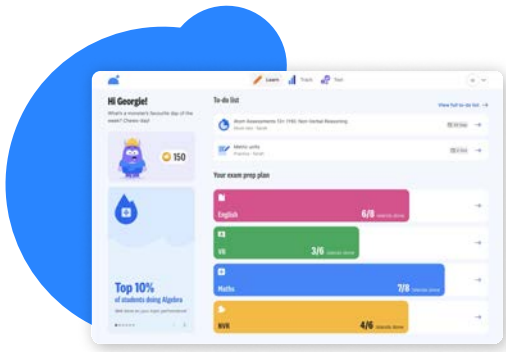
Use the checklist later in this guide to work through it at your own pace, and keep an eye on the school's bursary deadline, which sometimes falls ahead of the main admissions deadline. Once you have submitted, the school will confirm receipt and let you know what to expect next.

5. January to February of Year 6 – entrance exam and bursary assessment

Your child sits the [entrance exam](#). The bursary assessment continues in parallel. At this stage, many schools will arrange a home visit or a video call with a bursary assessor. Families who know what to expect consistently find it a straightforward conversation rather than an intimidating one. More details on what to expect and how to prepare are in the next section of this guide.

6. February to March – offers and bursary decisions arrive

The school notifies you of the academic outcome and the bursary decision at the same time, or within a short window. If a bursary is awarded, the details will be set out in the offer letter. The award is reviewed each year. If your circumstances improve significantly, the level of support may reduce. If they worsen, it can increase.



When preparing for your target school's entrance exam, [Atom Learning](#) offers targeted practice built specifically for independent entrance exams.

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Find out more at atomlearning.com/independent-school.

Your document checklist

Every school has its own list, and the application form will tell you exactly what is needed. Use the checklist below to track what you have gathered.

INCOME

- Last 3 months' payslips for both parents or guardians
- Last 2 years' P60s
- SA302 form or full tax return (if self-employed)
- Evidence of any other income sources (rental, freelance, dividends)
- Pension statements
- Details of any regular financial support from wider family members

PROPERTY

- Most recent mortgage statement showing outstanding balance
- Rental agreement (if renting your home)
- Details of any second properties owned
- Estimated current value of your home

ASSETS AND LIFESTYLE

- Home contents insurance schedule (shows value of possessions)
- Car details including make, model and estimated value
- Car insurance documents
- Details of any business ownership or self-employed assets
- Details of any outstanding loans or debts
- Details of any other significant financial commitments

BANKING AND SAVINGS

- 3 to 6 months' bank statements for all accounts
- Savings and ISA account statements
- Investment account statements
- Premium bonds or shares documentation

Understanding the home visit

Many schools, or the third-party assessors they work with, will arrange a home visit or video call as part of the bursary process. This comes as a surprise to most families the first time they hear about it, but it is nothing to worry about.

It is simply a conversation, an opportunity for the assessor to understand your circumstances fully, and for you to make sure your situation is properly represented.

Anything that is difficult to capture on a form, such as a recent change in employment, a caring responsibility or an unusual financial commitment, can be explained in person, and that context can make a real difference to the outcome.

How to prepare for the home visit:

- **Have your documents to hand.**

The assessor may want to clarify specific figures during the conversation. Having your financial paperwork accessible means nothing slows the discussion down.

- **Be ready to explain your situation in context.**

If anything has changed recently — a job move, a change in caring responsibilities, an unusual outgoing — this is the opportunity to say so. Context that is hard to capture in writing can make a real difference to the assessment.

- **Be open and accurate.**

Assessors are experienced at having these conversations. They are there to understand your situation, not to judge it. Families who come prepared and speak honestly consistently find the process fairer than they expected.

- **Ask about a video call if the in-person visit feels difficult.**

Many schools now offer this as an alternative. If logistics are a barrier, it is always worth asking the school whether a call can be arranged instead.

Assessors approach every case individually, and the process is designed to understand your situation, not to find reasons to exclude you. Families who go in openly and honestly almost always find it a more straightforward experience than they anticipated.

Part 5: How to ask for a bursary application form

Many parents find this the part they most want to avoid. Asking about financial support can feel uncomfortable, particularly when it is a school you really want your child to attend.

It is worth remembering that schools expect these conversations and welcome them.

Every enquiry about financial support is handled with care, and admissions teams are there to help families understand what is available to them.

To make that first step as straightforward as possible, here is a template you can use.

Subject: Bursary application enquiry: [Child's name], [Year of entry] entry

Dear Admissions Team,

I am writing to enquire about the bursary application process at [School name]. My [son/daughter], [Child's name], is currently in [Year group] and we are planning to apply for [11+ /13+ / 16+] entry in [year].

We are very interested in [School name] and believe it would be a wonderful fit for [Child's name]. Having looked into the school's approach to financial assistance, I would like to understand whether our family's circumstances might qualify us for a means-tested bursary and explore what might be available to us.

Could you please send me the bursary application form, or direct me to where I can access it? I would also welcome any guidance on your timeline and the documents I should begin gathering.

I am happy to discuss our situation in confidence with your bursary team or bursar at a time that suits you.

Thank you very much for your time.

Kind regards,

[Your name]

[Phone number]

[Email address]

This email is direct, warm and confident. It signals that you have done your research, that your child is a genuine candidate for the school, and that you are approaching this thoughtfully. Schools receive enquiries like this regularly and are always glad to help families understand what is available.

Part 6: Other sources of funding worth knowing about

School bursaries are the most significant and accessible source of support, but they are not the only one:

London Fee Assistance Consortium (LFAC)

A group of 33 London independent schools has pooled resources to make fee assistance easier to access and understand. LFAC runs information events for families and has a shared website where you can learn about financial support across all member schools in one place.

Member schools include Westminster, King's College School Wimbledon, Godolphin and Latymer and several others featured in this guide.

[Find out more](#)

Royal Spring Board Foundation

A charity that provides fully funded bursary places at boarding schools for disadvantaged and vulnerable children. Royal SpringBoard works directly with schools to identify and fund transformational bursary places. If your child is in difficult home circumstances, or if you are a carer, social worker or professional supporting a young person in that situation, SpringBoard is a particularly valuable route to explore.

[Find out more](#)

Educational Grants Advisory Service (EGAS)

A free service that helps families identify charitable trusts and educational grants they may be eligible for, based on location, background or personal circumstances. There are grants for children of people who have worked in the motor trade, the textiles industry, the acting profession, the armed forces and more.

[Find out more](#)

Girls' Day School Trust (GDST)

The GDST network of 25 girls' schools runs bursary programmes across all member schools, including targeted support for girls with a strong interest in STEM. If you are considering any GDST school, their central bursary team can advise across the network rather than requiring you to approach each school individually.

[Find out more](#)

Will applying for a bursary affect my child's chances of getting a place?

No. The admissions process and the bursary assessment run entirely separately. Indicating an intention to apply for a bursary on the registration form has no bearing on the academic offer. Your child is assessed on academic merit, and your family is assessed on financial need. The two processes do not interact.

Can we apply to multiple schools at the same time?

Yes, and it is sensible to do so. There is no rule against applying for bursaries at several schools simultaneously. Given that bursary funds are limited and not every application will be successful, applying to three or four schools with strong bursary programmes gives your family the best chance of securing a supported place.

What if our circumstances change after we receive a bursary?

Bursaries are reviewed each year. If your income increases significantly, the level of support may reduce. If your circumstances worsen through redundancy, illness or bereavement, schools can and do increase support in exceptional cases. The relationship with the bursary team is an ongoing one throughout your child's time at the school.

Is bursary information kept confidential?

Yes. Schools handle bursary information with significant care. Staff do not share financial details with each other unless there is a direct need to, and other families will not know. Your child will not be identifiable to the school community as a bursary recipient.

What if we are self-employed or have a variable income?

Self-employed families should provide SA302 forms from HMRC and ideally two or three years of accounts or tax returns to show the pattern of income over time. Schools understand that self-employed income varies year to year and will typically look at averages. Be prepared to explain the nature of your business and any significant variation between years.

My child is already at the school and we are struggling. Can we apply now?

Yes. Many schools have internal bursary funds specifically for families who are already enrolled and whose circumstances have changed unexpectedly. Contact the bursar directly and in confidence as soon as a difficulty becomes apparent. Schools have a strong interest in retaining pupils whose families hit financial difficulty, and most will work hard to find a solution.

A bursary is not a favour, and a scholarship is not reserved for someone else's child.

The families who access this support are not a particular type of family. They come from all kinds of backgrounds and circumstances. What they have in common is that they found out what was available, went through the process, and applied. You now know what they know. The next step is simply to take it.

For any questions about entrance exam preparation or how Atom can support your child, get in touch at atomlearning.com/contact-us.



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