

Bursaries

Financial support with fees (ranging from 10% - 100%) is available to both Junior and Senior School pupils

Who Can Apply?

Awards are available to all new applicants for both the **Junior** and **Senior** Schools.

A limited number of awards are granted to existing pupils at the School, which are determined by the availability of bursary funds at the time. These are intended to assist existing pupils where there has been a significant change in financial circumstances, such as a loss of income, which threatens the pupil's continued attendance at Kelvinside.

The Bursary Committee is made up of 3 members of the Board of Governors who are advised by the Rector and Bursar on the educational and financial circumstances of the applicants. Their process for reviewing bursary applications is designed to be consistent, fair and straightforward.

Eligibility

In all cases, the level of bursary is determined by the extent of financial need. To allow this to be assessed, a Bursary Application Form – which provides information on the family and documents total income and capital assets – must be completed. Key to the review is the establishment of the net resources of parent(s)/guardian(s) which can be defined as total income from all sources (including investment income). It is also a requirement to provide copies of supporting documentation such as P60's and recent payslips. Capital assets such as stocks, shares and property are also taken into consideration.

Once net resources have been confirmed the Awards Committee will decide the level of assistance to be granted.

The test of net resources is carried out annually and bursary award adjustments are made in line with any significant changes in financial circumstances.

Parents may also wish to have a short meeting with the Bursar so that eligibility can be fully explained.

Application Process

If your child is not currently attending Kelvinside, an application for admission is required in the first instance.

When making an admission application, parents are automatically forwarded a Bursary Application Form. Both forms should be completed and returned to the Registrar.

The academic criteria for bursary candidates are the same as other entrants to the school. prospective pupils are expected to demonstrate their potential through the assessment process and show commitment to the ethos of Kelvinside Academy.

Parents may apply for enrolment of their child on the basis that acceptance will be conditional upon receiving bursary support. The main round of bursary considerations takes place in January. Awards are identified and notified in early February, together with the offer of a place, in good time for parents to consider the level of financial assistance offered when deciding whether or not to accept a place at the school in the new academic session which begins in August.

Parents of prospective pupils must advise the school if they wish to take up the offer of a place and bursary within two weeks of receiving an offer.

Applications from prospective parents may be submitted after this date but awards may be limited and will be dependent upon the residual availability of bursary funds.

Awards

Following assessment of the information provided in the Bursary Application Form, the Bursary Committee will decide whether support is appropriate and upon the level of such support.

Unsuccessful cases are usually the result of either a lack of evidence of financial need or insufficient availability of bursary funds. There is no course of appeal following the award decision but unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in subsequent years.

Where the number of applications received creates the possibility of bursary funds being oversubscribed, account will be taken of the degree to which individual pupils will benefit from the opportunities available at Kelvinside Academy.

The formal offer will be made by letter to the parents and must be accepted in writing.

Bursary awards are deducted from the tuition fees and this is shown on the fee note which is sent out by the School. No actual payment is made to the parent.

All bursaries are reviewed annually by the Awards Committee and assume the continuing hard work and commitment by the recipient.

How much financial help can you expect?

Most bursaries will be awarded to pupils from families with a total income of less than £30,000 per year and with no capital assets other than their home. It is unlikely that a bursary would be awarded to a family whose gross income is more than £45,000 other than in exceptional circumstances.

Awards are in the range of 10% to 100% of the tuition fee and are available throughout the Junior and Senior School.