



Bursaries and Financial Aid Policy

(This policy relates to the whole College including EYFS)

Responsible person: Bursar
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In keeping with the founding spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, the College offers means-tested bursaries to provide financial support for families who would not otherwise be able to afford to take up a place in their senior years at the College. All requests for bursarial funding are considered by a panel consisting of the Dean of the College, the Bursar and a representative of the Finance Department. Additional panel members may also include the Headmaster or members of the Governing Body.

Whilst we would wish to offer a similar level of experience to all our pupils it would be inappropriate for pupils whose parents are in receipt of bursary funding to attend an expensive optional trip (i.e. sports tour or other like residential trips). Day and residential trips related to the curriculum are included and will be discounted by the same percentage level of any bursarial award.

All bursarial awards are reviewed annually, and the value of a bursary may be adjusted following the review. The College must be informed of any changes in family income or circumstances immediately which may result in the value of the award being adjusted accordingly. The College reserves the right to carry out further financial reviews during the student's time at the College to ensure that bursary criteria continues to be met, and this review may involve the services of an independent third party. All information provided by applicants will be treated in the strictest confidence.

A bursary award will be withdrawn, and the value of any amount previously credited against your son or daughter's fees account will become repayable to the College forthwith, if you had fraudulently, knowingly or recklessly provided false information in relation to the award of the Grant.

The 1821 Bursary

Taking its name from the year in which the Brothers of the Sacred Heart were founded, the 1821 Bursary is a means-tested bursary available to pupils in the Senior School who are of academic scholarship level on entry to the College. This bursary provides financial support up to 100% and may also include "extras" required for the delivery of the standard education programme.

Coindre Bursaries

These bursaries are given in memory of Father Andre Coindre, the founder of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Coindre Bursaries are means-tested and open to practising Roman Catholic students in the Senior School who have passed the entrance tests and who show exceptional academic promise. Qualifying candidates are selected in consultation with neighbouring parish authorities. Coindre bursaries provide financial support (up to 100%) and may also include "extras" required for the delivery of the standard education programme.

Means Tested Bursaries

A limited number of means tested bursaries are available to all pupils in the Senior School who reach the academic level for entry to the Senior School. These bursaries provide financial support up to 100% and may also include “extras” required for the delivery of the standard education programme.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is a hardship fund administered by the Bursar in consultation with the Headmaster and, where relevant, the Head of the Prep School. Funds are available only for the parents of students already in the College whose circumstances change for the worse during the course of their son or daughter’s progress through the College. The fund attempts to ensure that a student can complete a particular educational phase. Priority is given to those who have embarked on GCSE or A Level study. The level of Financial Aid is means-assessed and may be awarded for one or more terms and is subject to termly review. The College reserves the right to remove it at a time it feels is appropriate.

The award or renewal of Financial Aid is governed by the following factors which are taken into account, including family income and other circumstances; the stage of education; the number of siblings in the College; other fee reductions already received; and payment history.

In addition, a judgement is made about fitness for an award, based on the Student’s:

- personal profile and commitment to the ethos of the College;
- contribution to the College and extra-curricular activities;
- potential for involvement in leadership roles in the College; and
- academic performance, effort and conduct.

The value of an award will be deducted on a termly basis from the full fee.

Please note that the College does not have unlimited funds available for bursaries and financial aid. The allocation of funds made available to support scholarships, bursaries and financial aid is set annually by the Board of Governors.

For further details on any Bursary please contact the Admissions Registrar. To discuss Bursary related issues or Financial Aid, please contact the College Bursar.