



FEE SUPPORT

In further recognition of the significant financial commitment undertaken by parents the school itself provides numerous financial contributions to assist with the payment of fees.

All bursaries and scholarships awarded are contingent on the balance of school fees being paid, in full, as they fall due. The school reserves the right to rescind any assistance provided if school fees are not paid as due and it is deemed inadequate co-operation has been received from parents in fulfilling their financial obligations.

- a) **The King's Hospital School Charter Bursary** – offers significant additional support to boarding students who are in receipt of an SEC Grant with an automatic top-up to the SEC Grant (on a sliding scale). The Bursary is reviewed regularly to ensure broadest support for students who wish to attend as boarders.
- b) **Entrance Bursaries** – Two bursaries are offered per annum and are carried forward for the duration of studies in the school. Applications are made at the time of the offer of a place for Day students only.
- c) **Governors' Bursary Funds** – are available on a discretionary basis, within the limits of available funds, to help families who are experiencing temporary difficulties in fulfilling their financial obligations with regard to their children's fees.
- d) **The King's Hospital School Past Pupils' Union Bursary Fund** – was founded particularly to offer support to families who may be experiencing temporary financial difficulties.
- e) **Paterson Bursaries** – offered to one or more girls per annum and are carried forward for the duration of studies in the school. These are awarded at entrance on the basis of serious parental need. The same application procedure applies as for the Entrance Bursary.
- f) **Children of Clergy of the Church of Ireland (Canon Gibson Bursary)** – offered to children of Church of Ireland clergy who automatically qualify for a discount which approximates to 33.3% of fees.
- g) **Scholarships** – are awarded annually to our incoming Form 1 students based on the results of the scholarship and entrance examination and are carried forward for the duration of studies in the school.
- h) **Family Discounts** – offered to families where there are two or more children of the same family concurrently at the school. The second child will qualify for a 5% discount, the third and fourth child qualify for a 10% discount and the fifth child qualifies for a 15% discount on the basic yearly fee.
- i) **Yearly Fees in Advance Discount** – is offered to families where payment of the full yearly basic school fee is received before the first day of term in August.
- j) **Capital Fees in Advance Discount** – is offered to families where payment is received of a number of full year's fees in advance.

School Bursaries

Under exceptional circumstances, the provision of a 'Governor's' or 'The King's Hospital School Past Pupils Union' bursary may be agreed for families experiencing temporary financial difficulties. This bursary is only available where an exceptional, unforeseen event has directly affected the fee account payer and caused considerable hardship, for example, long term illness, bereavement, loss of employment, etc. The bursary is subject to the limits of available funds and therefore the fulfilling of the eligibility criteria does not guarantee the awarding of a bursary.

School Bursaries

The school bursary is awarded for one school year only and will not be continued in following years even if the original circumstances do not change. The bursary is also contingent on the provision of full and complete information including financial and special circumstances and the remaining net fees being paid in full as they fall due. Failure to do so will result in the rescinding of any bursary awarded.

All such requests are treated in the strictest confidence.

Anyone wishing to apply for a 'Governor's' or 'The King's Hospital School Past Student's Union' bursary should complete the 'school bursary' form (available from Mrs Carly Lynch, Finance Department on request).

There are also other sources that may provide assistance with school fees. These include:

a) Secondary Education Grants

Families domiciled in the Republic of Ireland, where a child is a member of a Protestant denomination, may qualify for a means-tested grant, which will be paid directly to the school. The size of the grant varies according to means. Application is normally made not later than February in any year for the school year commencing the following September. The online registration form will be forwarded by the school to all new entrants when it becomes available from the SEC in October each year. The SEC will forward the registration form directly to all families who have previously applied for the grant. All queries regarding the application should be addressed to the SEC Office.

While parents are asked to make a full disclosure of their financial circumstances, this is confidential to the Grants Committee only. No other person has access to, or sees, this information. A fresh application must be made every year.

b) Local Grant Bodies

There are a number of Trust Funds that may also provide assistance with school fees. For example, Protestant Aid, Kirwan House, Presbytery of Munster, POS Education Fund, etc. Each of these associations will have their own set of criteria and parents should liaise directly with these associations in relation to applying for assistance.

Whilst the above details the considerable assistance available to parents from both the school and outside sources, the responsibility for the payment of fees ultimately lies with the parents. The school expects all parents to contribute to the fee obligations of their children.

The request for assistance from The King's Hospital School or outside sources does not negate the responsibility of parents to ensure all fee obligations are met when due.

We encourage parents seeking additional assistance from outside sources with payment of their fees to ensure their application is completed in full and returned to the appropriate association in a timely manner. This is to ensure that they have the best possible opportunity of receiving the assistance available to them.

For further information or clarification on fees or fee support please contact:

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