



For Boys and Girls
aged 4 to 18 years

From the Chair of Governors

1 April 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Governors to inform you that at our last meeting we agreed there will be a 3% increase in school fees for the next academic year, 2019/2020.

The Board of Governors is always very conscious of the sacrifices many of our families make to send their children to our Schools and so we do all we can to keep fee increases to a minimum. Our increase for 2019/20 is below the sector benchmark.

The decision to raise the fees by 3% for the next academic year has been influenced by a number of factors including some very significant increases imposed by changes in legislation.

The Board of Governors has sought to smooth the impact of these increases over a number of years and continue to ask the Executive Team to look at every area of expenditure in the schools to make economies where possible and ensure that our administrative and overhead costs are kept as low as possible so that our investment in resources to benefit all our pupils can be maintained.

In addition, we are committing to a programme of investment in the fabric of the schools. This has been long overdue. A number of projects will take place over the summer period, including refurbishment of the dining halls at the Senior Boys' and Senior Girls' Schools. I am pleased to say we will be announcing further investment over the coming months taking account of parental and pupil feedback and market research. The Board of Governors and the Heads of the schools are all committed to ensuring we offer the very best education to your sons and daughters. This is a very positive time in Merchant Taylors' Schools' prestigious history.

I have set out the fees for the academic year 2019/20 below.

Tuition Fees

Senior Boys and Girls £3,911 per term/£11,735 per year (this equates to an increase of £113 per term on the 2018/19 fees)

Junior Boys and Girls £2,924 per term/£8,772 per year (this equates to an increase of £85 per term on the 2018/19 fees)

Infants Boys and Girls £2,837 per term/ £8,512 per year (this equates to an increase of £82 per term on the 2018/19 fees)

Lunch Fees (which will be itemised separately on your fee invoice)

Senior Girls and Boys	£208 per term (5 day week)/£624 per year
Junior Boys and Girls	£208 per term (5 day week)/£624 per year
Infants	£182 per term (5 day week)/£546 per year

Please note that lunch fees are compulsory for pupils from Reception class to Year 11.

A charge for half a term's lunch fees will be available to those pupils in Year 11 and Upper Sixth Form sitting external examinations in the Summer Term.

I know you are aware that as set out in the Schools' Terms and Conditions, school fees must be paid on or before the first day of each term unless they are paid by direct debit or you have an alternative payment agreement in place. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the payment of school fees, please do not hesitate to contact Deana Smith - Fees/Credit Controller on 0151 949 9329 or email fees@merchanttaylors.com and she will be happy to assist.

I would also like to remind you that all our pupils benefit from Personal Accident Cover under an insurance arrangement with Marsh. Details of the cover can be found on the Schools' website. All pupils are automatically covered and the premiums are included in the Schools' tuition fees.

I hope this letter provides you with all the information you need and please may I thank you on behalf of the Board and all the staff at our schools for choosing Merchant Taylors' for your sons and daughters. We face an exciting year ahead as we move toward our 400th year in 2020 and I am confident that we will continue to build on our success.

With my kind regards

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverley Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs Beverley Bell CBE
Chair of Governors