



MERCHANT
TAYLORS'
SCHOOLS

For Boys and Girls
aged 4 to 18 years

Financial Support & Scholarships

Information Guide

Bursaries

Merchant Taylors' Schools are able to provide financial assistance with fees for pupils whose parents/guardians could not otherwise afford a place at the Senior Schools. The provision of means-tested bursaries is a central part of the purpose of the Schools' aim to assist academically able boys and girls, whatever their financial circumstances and to broaden access to our Schools.

We do not receive any Government funding for our bursary programme; instead it is funded through the generosity of donors and through the Schools' investments. Our donors come from many walks of life and from all over the world, yet they all have a Merchant Taylors' connection in common.

The number of bursary places available each year depends entirely on the generosity of our donors, and any amount given, large or small, contributes to creating opportunities for our pupils.

Bursaries are awarded up to 100% of fees, depending on the family's financial circumstances. There are bursaries available for entry into our Senior Schools at Year 7 and into the Sixth Form at Year 12.

All bursaries are means-tested and are underpinned by a rigorous review process. The Schools utilise an external company to conduct independent financial reviews of successful applications. This will involve each family having a *compulsory* home visit to review financial circumstances and will result in a confidential report to the Schools with a recommendation on the level of award.

A bursary application will only be successful if both of these criteria are met:

- The child has strong academic ability/potential, as demonstrated by their performance in the Year 7 Entrance Examination/interview process for entry into our Senior Schools or for Sixth Form entry (Year 12) based on their GCSE grades and interview process.
- The Schools are satisfied that the family meets the Schools' criteria for financial assistance.

Given the value of bursary awards, all awards are subject to annual review to ensure continued eligibility. However, the Schools do have a number of awards which are offered for the duration of the child's education whether that be at Year 7 or Year 12 entry. This will be explicit within the offer made.

Applying for a Bursary

- Register your son/daughter for a place at Merchant Taylors' Schools.
- The Closing date for applications for a Year 7 place for September 2020 is 25th October 2019.
- Complete the confidential means-testing Bursary application form we send you. To be considered for assistance, gross income from all sources must be £60,000 or less

per year. Full details can be found in our Financial Assistance Policy which is available through the website.

- Following the Year 7 Entrance Exam and interview process, or Sixth Form interview, you will be notified if your application for financial assistance has been successful. The next stage of the process is a home visit and independent financial review which will then result in a recommendation to the School on whether you meet the financial criteria for award and the level of Bursary which should be offered.
- The final stage of the process involves the review of each recommendation/report by a sub- Committee of the School's Board called the 'Fees and Agreements Group'.

The Bursary Application Form asks for information about the following:

- Income (Salary, Pension, Benefits etc.)
- Outgoings (Tax, NI, Pension contributions, Mortgage repayments etc.)
- Capital Assets (Savings, ISAs etc.)
- Capital Liabilities (Mortgage etc.)
- Net Assets

You will also be asked to provide:

- 3 months' payslips
- Mortgage statement
- Most recent P60
- Latest audited accounts (if appropriate)

Scholarships

Scholarships are the highest awards offered by Merchant Taylors' Schools and are granted at the discretion of the Headmaster/mistress.

The tenure of a scholarship is intended to be for the duration of the holder's education at Merchant Taylor's Schools, provided that the holder's academic progress and general conduct remain satisfactory and that the holder continues enthusiastically to fulfil the obligations associated with the scholarship, evidenced in an annual review of progress and contributions. All external scholarship candidates need to have registered for a place at Merchant Taylors' Schools.

Scholarships are available for academic excellence, music and sport. In addition, there is also the Harrison Scholarships, available to students entering Sixth Form. The amount of scholarship awarded is decided by the Headmaster/mistress and is typically up to the value of 10% of tuition fees. There is no annual means testing of scholarship awards.

Application forms for Scholarships are available from the Admissions Team.

The closing date for return of Year 7 Scholarship applications is 25th October with auditions and sports assessments taking place during the week commencing 4th November.

The closing date for return of Sixth Form Scholarship applications is 14th February 2020 with auditions and sports assessments taking place during the week commencing 24th February 2020.

Academic Scholarships

Candidates achieving commendable entrance assessment results in the Year 7 entrance assessment will be invited to attend an interview with the Headmaster/mistress, and school reports will play an important part in the award process. Most of these scholarships will be awarded at 11+, but awards may also be made to outstanding candidates at 16+ and, very occasionally, to pupils who join in other Year groups. These scholarships are awarded purely on academic merit and potential.

Music Scholarships

Merchant Taylors' Schools are keen to support and develop their excellence in music, therefore, there are funds available for one or two music scholarships each year in each school. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of both attainment in academic exams and an audition. Candidates must be able to play more than one instrument at Grade 3 level or above. An application form for a Music Scholarship can be submitted when registering for the 11+ exam. The award will be free music lessons for the pupil in one or two instruments.

Sports Scholarships

By nature, these awards are to be made to candidates who demonstrate significant skill and a very high level of proficiency and prowess in at least one of our major sports. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of attainment in academic examinations and an assessment of sporting ability. Preference will be given to those who can contribute to the School's major games – rugby, football and cricket for boys; hockey and netball for girls. Each application is reviewed individually on its merits and due consideration given to the contribution the candidate would make to the wider life of Merchant Taylors' Schools, as well as their ability or potential to perform at regional and/or national level in sport. Candidates should provide two references from professionals who have coached the candidate through clubs and/or school programmes along with clear evidence of sporting achievements. There are funds available for up to two sports scholarships each year in each school. An application form for a Sports Scholarship can be submitted when registering for the 11+ exam. The award will be up to 10% fee remission for the pupil.

Harrison Scholarships

In recognition of the Schools' Founder John Harrison, there are also scholarships which are awarded for excellent performance at GCSE level. Every year, students who achieve seven Grade 8 or above in their GCSE examinations in each school will be awarded a modest scholarship of £500 in the Spring Term for both years of Sixth Form.

Sibling Discounts

The Schools offers a sibling discount for children with a brother and/or sister already in the Schools. The discount applies to the tuition fee only and may be varied by the Schools at any time. The current sibling discount is 10% on a second and third child with the same Parents and a 20% discount on a fourth child and subsequent children

with the same Parents. Sibling discount does not apply to overseas students. If any pupil(s) within the family is in receipt of any other form of financial assistance (excluding Harrison Scholarships) then that pupil(s) will not be included within the scope of the Sibling Discount. For pupils in receipt of Academic or Sports Scholarships, who also qualify for a Sibling Discount; such discount will be awarded at the Head's absolute discretion.

General Information

Entrance Assessment and Offer

The Entrance Assessment for entry to Year 7 in September 2020 will take place on 11th November. Following receipt of your completed registration form, the Admissions Team will contact you with details of the arrangements for the day.

The Entrance Assessment comprises three areas:

- Mathematics
- English
- Verbal Reasoning

On receipt of your registration form, the Admissions Team will provide you with some sample papers for the Mathematics and English Assessments. Verbal Reasoning practice papers are available through most reputable book sellers/online.

During the assessment process, each child will be interviewed by the Headmaster/mistress or a member of the Senior Management Team. Appointments will be sent to families following the Entrance Assessment, in advance of the interview.

Families will be notified of the Entrance Assessment results approximately two weeks after the Assessment date.

If offered a place at the School, acceptances should be received by the Admissions Team on or before 1st March 2020 together with a deposit of £300 which can be paid either by bank transfer or bank card over the telephone. The acceptance deposit will be held on account by the School and returned by way of a credit against fees for the final term of the relevant year, provided that fees have been cleared in full and any outstanding School property has been returned to the School. Until credited the acceptance deposit will form part of the general funds of the School.

Lunch Charges

- Senior Schools lunch fees are £208 per term (5 day week)/£624 per year.
- Junior Boys and Girls lunch fees are £208 per term (5 day week)/£624 per year.
- Infants lunch fees are £182 per term (5 day week)/£546 per year.
- Sixth Form students are permitted to leave the School premises during the course of the day providing they meet their commitments with respect to attendance, punctuality and set work, and also sign in and out at reception. As a result, a large number of Sixth Form students prefer to make their own arrangements for lunch rather than using the School dining room. For pupils entering Sixth Form in

September who wish to make their own lunch arrangements, this will be agreed with the respective Head of Sixth Form once the timetables have been agreed.

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

School Busses

The School runs a comprehensive series of buses and coaches each morning and afternoon from a wide catchment area ranging from Wigan, Warrington, Widnes and South Liverpool up to Parbold, Ormskirk, Formby and Southport.

Please click the links below to access the details on our website:

<https://www.merchanttaylors.com/school-buses/>

School Uniform

The School Shop is situated at:
138 College Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 3DP

Telephone number: 0151 924 0975

You can also order from our online shop at Monkhouse.

General opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

These are subject to change during school holidays.

Current uniform prices can be obtained by calling the School Shop.

Out of Hours Care

Out of hours care is available to all Infants, Junior Boys and Junior Girls.

- Aftercare is £8 per session
- Breakfast Club is £5 per session
- Unless otherwise requested, fees are billed termly (in arrears) and will be included on your School fee invoice.