

EXTRAS ON SCHOOL FEES 2019 - 2020

The School offers a wide range of outings and activities every year. Some of these are included in the fees and some are added as extras. In addition there are various items of games clothing and kit that are available through the School. When a pupil is invited to travel on a special trip or tour, parents will receive a letter to invite them to authorise their son's participation.

Parents will receive information (including the likely charge) in advance, usually from the member of staff in charge of the activity. Parents may be asked to authorise expenditure in any of the following areas:

- Any sports, music, CCF, field study, language exchange or educational tour involving nights spent away from school
- Purchases from the School Shop (eg School uniform, stationery)
- Major new items of uniform (eg blazers)
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Pipe Band kit
- Rugby kit for 1XV sold through the School Shop
- Sailing, tennis and golf activities
- School Christmas cards
- Upper Sixth Leavers Ball, Leavers' shirt, Leavers' book, etc

In addition, the following list represents items which may or will be added to school fees **either** routinely **or** with permission. Some are one-off payments made only at certain points in a pupil's school career (eg Cambridge Occupational Analysts for Careers Guidance), many are optional (eg Tennis coaching or Fencing coaching), and some are obligatory (eg haircut, damage repair). Where a charge is optional, we ask staff to check with pupils that they have their parents' permission for this item to go on the bill. Whilst this is not a foolproof system it does mean that parents do not receive large numbers of individual notifications from the School.

If parents DO NOT wish their sons to incur ANY of the expenses listed they should notify their son's Housemaster in advance.

For further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Bursar (Finance)

Charging Information for Parents

(c. = approximate)

- Art Equipment (c. £5-£15)
- Book charge (charged by department)
- Calculators – Sixth Form Mathematicians only (£50 from the School Shop)
- Careers Department Psychometric (Cambridge Occupational Analysts) Test– Fifth Form only (£185)
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF) – lost kit; boots (£60+)
- Cinema – by Houses (c. £15 per trip)
- Cookery Club (c. £30-40)
- Dry cleaning (variable)
- Edinburgh Reading Test – all new Merchiston Junior entrants and all Fourth Form
- Electronic dictionary – Third, Fourth & Shell Forms for all boys who need one (c. £35 – from School Shop)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages– ESOL (£190 per term)
- English Speaking Board Exams (c. £30)
- Entertainment: special meals, etc (variable)
- Examination Fees (variable) (Fifth and Sixth Form only)
- Haircuts in School (£9)
- House expenses (variable)
- Insurances (variable) (Please see leaflets elsewhere in this Information Pack)
- Magazine subscriptions for Senior Physics and Geography students (c. £10 per term)
- Merchistonian Club fees (£15 per term) – see separate letter
- Daily Newspaper (c. £5 per term – whole House shares)
- School Photographs (variable, via Internet) (see separate entry on online ordering system)
- Rugby International tickets (variable, but usually £20-£30)
- Special purchases: tour ties, fleece jackets, etc (variable – from the School Shop)
- Special damage repairs
- Clay Pigeon Shooting Club (c. £30 per term + £20-£30 per trip)
- Skiing (Senior or Junior option) (c. £80-150 per term)
- Electronic Spellchecker (£9 – from the School Shop)
- Tennis Coaching (c. £50+ per term for non Tennis Academy members)
- Theatre visits (c. £20-£25 per trip)
- Sixth Form Tie (from the School Shop)
- Middle School tie (from the School Shop)
- Scholars / Award holders / Sport Colours ties (from the School Shop)
- Travel: escorts to appointments, some coach journeys for socials, authorised taxi journeys, end of term (special) arrangements (variable)
- Special Tuition for extra ESOL (by arrangement with parents)
- University & College Admission Service (UCAS) registration fee (Upper Sixth Form only) (c. £23)
- VIA Club