



SCHEDULE OF FEES –2024/2025

Senior School

Boarding Fee	IV Form and above	£14,520 per term
Day Fee	£10,530 per term

There is a premium for direct entry into the VI Form, equivalent to 5% of the Senior School Boarding or Day fee for each of the two VI Form years.

Junior School

Boarding Fee	II and III Form	£10,380 per term
Day Fee	£7,000 per term
Day Fee	J4 to I Form.....	£6,190 per term

Schools fees include tuition, 24-hour supervision and care, meals, laundry (excluding dry cleaning), travel for school matches and careers counselling.

Sport Academies

Tennis Academy	Elite Squad	£1,740 per annum
"	Development Squad.....	£840 per annum
Golf Academy	Elite Squad	£3,030 per annum
"	Development Squad.....	£1,650 per annum

Additional Charges

Occasional Boarding.....	£65 per night
English as an Additional Language	£11 per lesson

A comprehensive list of 'Extra Charges' is available from the Finance Manager.

Fee concessions are available as follows:

<i>Second Child</i>	<i>5%</i>
<i>Third Child.....</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Fourth Child</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>Boarding children of serving Service Personnel.....</i>	<i>10%</i>

In addition, Merchiston operates a joint fee scheme with Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn and St George's School for Girls, Edinburgh.

Please note that only one concession is available per pupil and does not extend to Additional or Extra Charges.

School Fees are billed in advance at the beginning of each term with Additional and Extra Charges billed in arrears. Payment is due on the first day of each term. Interest is charged at 1.5% over the Bank of England base rate per month on any outstanding fees; and monthly thereafter. UK domiciled parents have the option to join the School's Direct Debit Scheme.

Please see overleaf for Terms and Conditions and details of the Direct Debit Scheme.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Schools Fees, Sport Academy Fees and Additional Charges as stated are exclusive of VAT.
2. A refundable deposit of £800 for UK domiciled pupils and £5,000 for non-UK domiciled pupils is charged in advance of a child joining the school. This is to cover any extras owing at the end of a child's career at Merchiston and the balance will be returned when the child leaves.
3. A full term's notice in writing must be given to the Headmaster if it is intended to withdraw a child, or a term's fees paid in lieu thereof.
4. A full term's notice in writing must be given to the Headmaster if it is intended to change from boarding to day, or the fee differential for the full term paid in lieu thereof.
5. The School offers a Fees Refund Scheme, which facilitates the recovery of school fees through absence on account of illness; further information may be obtained from the Bursar.
6. Means-Tested Bursaries are available to suitable candidates; further information may be obtained from the Bursar.

The school tries at all times to keep the cost of education at Merchiston as low as possible; we also run a second-hand uniform shop. Parents should also note that in addition to Bursary support there are various Educational Trust Funds which can help in cases of need.

Any comments or requests for further financial information should be addressed to the Bursar.

DIRECT DEBIT SCHEME

1. School fees (and any associated fee concessions) will be divided into 4 equal instalments and collected on the 28th of each month:
 - Autumn term – August to November;
 - Spring term – December to March;
 - Summer term – April to July.
2. Additional and Extra Charges will be collected as a single payment:
 - Autumn term – 28th September;
 - Spring term – 28th January;
 - Summer term – 28th May.
3. The Scheme is offered interest free, however a £25 charge will be levied for every failed Direct Debit, and automatic removal from the Scheme after two consecutive failed Direct Debits (at which time any outstanding Fees, Additional and Extra Charges will become due in full).

Should you wish to join the Scheme, please contact the Bursar for further details.

EXTRA CHARGES

The School offers a wide range of trips and activities, some of which are included in School Fees whilst others are added as 'Extras'.

Extra Charges as stated are exclusive of VAT.

Parents will receive information (*and approximate cost*) in advance of any off-campus trips for which specific permission will be sought. Other charges may be routinely applied as below:

- One-Off Charges: e.g. Exam Fees, UCAS Fees etc.
- Compulsory Charges: e.g. Academic Supplies, Haircuts, Repairs / Damages etc.
- Optional Charges: e.g. Skiing, Tennis, Polo etc., and

Where a charge is optional, we assume that pupils have sought their parents' permission for the activity to be charged to their fee account.

One-Off Charges:

- Examination Fees (*V & VI Form only, variable*);
- Merchistonian Club Subscription (*optional, £225*);
- University & College Admission Service (UCAS) Fees (*UVI Form only, £28.50*).

Compulsory Charges:

- Art Equipment (*c. £5 to £15*);
- Calculators (*VI Form Mathematicians only, charged by the department*);
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF) (*boots, lost kit etc. £60+*);
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) (*£11 per lesson*);
- Haircuts (*£10*);
- IELTS English Language Test (*£205*);
- Interest on Late Fees / Failed Direct Debits (*variable*);
- Library Books (*charged by the department*);
- Medical Supplies (*variable*);
- Pipe Band Uniform & Supplies (*variable*);
- Pipe Band Membership (*£100 per term*);
- Repairs / Damages (*variable*);
- Text Books (*charged by the department*);
- The VIA Club (*VI Form only*);
- Taxis (*variable*).

Optional Charges:

- BE Uniform purchases (*variable*);
- Cinema (*c. £15 per trip*);
- Clay Pigeon Shooting (*c. £200-250 per term*);
- Dry Cleaning (*variable*);
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (*variable*);
- Entertainment (*incl. pizza nights and meals out*) (*variable*);
- Golf Academy Fees (*£550 to £1,010 per term*);
- Sports Activities (*golf, polo, tennis by arrangement*);
- House Expenses (*variable*);
- Mouthguards (*c. £50*);
- Music Exam Fees & Purchases (*variable*);
- Music Lessons (*£20 per lesson*);
- Off-campus Sports, Music, CCF, Field or Educational Trips (*as advised in advance*);
- Overnight Boarding (*£65 per night*);
- Physiotherapy (*£40 per session*);
- Pupil Insurances (*Please see details on the Parent Portal*);
- Rugby tickets (*variable*);
- School Transport (*variable*);
- Skiing (*c. £150-£250 per term*);
- Tennis Academy Fees (*£280 to £580 per term*);
- Theatre visits (*c. £25-£30 per trip*);
- Upper Sixth Leavers Ball, Leavers' kit, Leavers' book (*variable*).

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

25 June 2024