

November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Board of Governors to confirm the School fees that will take effect from the 1st January 2025, following the recent Budget announcement on the 30th October 2024.

The Board of Governors have carefully considered the impact of this change and have done our best to minimise the increase in fees as we are mindful of the significant consequence this will have on the overall cost of education for many families. However, we are also committed to maintaining the high quality of education that we provide, recognising that this is why you have chosen to send your children to Bede's.

As per our letter of 20th September 2024 we have reduced the tuition and boarding fees for the Spring and Summer terms 2025. With the Government's requirement to add VAT at 20%, this will represent a total, overall increase of 16%.

The adjustments to the base fee and the overall impact will be as follows:

- **3.3%** reduction in the 2024-25 base fee from January 2025
- **16%** effective fee increase from January 2025, following the 20% VAT implementation

Year Group	Termly fee September 2024	Revised Termly fee from January 2025	Rate of reduction to fee	VAT Payable	Revised fee inclusive of VAT: January 2025	Effective VAT impact
R, 1 & 2	£3,835	£3,708	3.3%	£742	£4,450	16%
3 & 4	£5,550	£5,367	3.3%	£1,073	£6,440	16%
5 & 6	£6,500	£6,283	3.3%	£1,257	£7,540	16%
7 & 8	£6,790	£6,563	3.3%	£1,313	£7,875	16%
Boarding Supplement	£3,230	£3,121	3.4%	£624	£3,745	16%

Please note that from the 1st January 2025, the fees for all 'extras', such as music lessons, drama, etc, with the exception of Transport, will also attract VAT. Extras are generally charged in arrears, therefore, the charges on your Spring term bill will be for extras incurred during the Autumn term 2024 which are not yet subject to VAT.

The main items of other charges from the 1st January 2025 for the Prep School are as follows:

Daily Transport (no VAT)

Charge Zone A	£540 per term
Charge Zone B	£625 per term
Charge Zone C	£695 per term

Tennis Lessons	Fee per term	VAT (20%)	Total per term
Group coaching	£115	£23	£138
Early morning team	£130	£26	£156
Individual coaching	£260	£52	£312

LAMDA	Fee per term	VAT (20%)	Total per term
Group sessions	£185	£37	£222
One to one sessions	£300	£60	£360

Music Lessons	Fee per term	VAT (20%)	Total per term
One instrument (Reception - Year 4)	£300	£60	£360
Each additional instrument (Reception - Year 4)	£245	£49	£294
Shared lesson (Reception - Year 4)	£185	£37	£222
One instrument (Years 5 - 8)	£320	£64	£384
Each additional instrument (Years 5 - 8)	£280	£56	£336
Shared lesson (Years 5 - 8)	£195	£39	£234

Dance	Fee per term	VAT (20%)	Total per term
One club / discipline (Reception - Year 2)	£80	£16	£96
Two clubs / disciplines (Reception - Year 2)	£125	£25	£150
One club / discipline (Years 3 - 8)	£135	£27	£162
Two clubs / disciplines (Years 3 - 8)	£190	£38	£228

Learning Enhancement and English as an Additional Language

Parents will be advised where extra teaching is recommended. From the 1st January 2025 charges for Learning Enhancement and English as an Additional Language will be as follows:

Learning Enhancement	Fee per term	VAT (20%)	Total per term
One to one teaching (short weekly sessions)	£360	£72	£432
One to one teaching (long weekly sessions)	£670	£134	£804

English as an Additional Language	Fee per term	VAT (20%)	Total per term
One to one teaching (weekly sessions)	£395	£79	£474

A full term's notice in writing is required for withdrawal from the School or any of the optional extras mentioned above.

An updated Trust Fee Structure booklet will be available on the website during the Spring Term, www.bedes.org. From the 1st January 2025 activities which incur a charge will also be liable to VAT.

We value the trust and support of our parent community and understand that this is a challenging time for many families. We are grateful for your continued partnership, please be assured of our support for you and your children through this transition.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to Bede's.

Yours faithfully,



Nicholas Mercer
Chair of Governors