

24th March 2025



Dear parents and guardians

I am writing to you to confirm the school's fees for the 25/26 academic year.

A reminder of our approach so far

Parents will recall that as part of our response to the application of VAT on school fees (from January 2025), we *reduced* our (previously published) 24/25 fees, to which VAT was then applied. As a reminder, here is a breakdown of our revised 24/25 fees:

Junior School	Fee	VAT	Total
Autumn	£4,825	£0	£4,825
Spring*	£4,343	£869	£5,212
Summer*	£4,343	£869	£5,212
	£13,511	£1,738	£15,249

Senior School	Fee	VAT	Total
Autumn	£5,728	£0	£5,728
Spring*	£5,155	£1,031	£6,186
Summer*	£5,155	£1,031	£6,186
	£16,038	£2,062	£18,100

*reduced fee.

Looking ahead

For the 25/26 academic year, the Governors have decided to apply a 4% increase to the **net** fee. Once VAT is then applied, this has the overall effect of an additional **10%** to be paid by parents, from August 2025.

For clarity, the termly fees for 25/26 will be:

Junior School	Fee	VAT	Total	Increase for parents
Autumn	£4,684	£937	£5,621	
Spring	£4,684	£937	£5,621	
Summer	£4,684	£937	£5,621	
	£14,052	£2,811	£16,863	£1,614

Senior School	VAT	Total	Increase for parents
Autumn	£1,112	£6,672	
Spring	£1,112	£6,672	
Summer	£1,112	£6,672	
	£3,336	£20,016	£1,916

Our school fees continue to include our vast array of co-curricular clubs, as well as before and after school supervision (7.45am to 5.45pm).

Governors accept that this will be mixed news, however it is clearly not as significant as some parents may have anticipated, given that many schools have passed on the full impact of VAT.

As an additional measure to support parents, from 25/26 we are changing the arrangements for parents who pay monthly, **which will now spread the cost of school fees over 11 months** (previously 10 months) from 15 August 2025 to 15 June 2026 inclusive.

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Future years

As we have consistently communicated, our decisions remain based on these principles:

- A core belief that the welfare of our students is paramount, which includes the continuity of their education.
- That we prioritise (by keeping the school fees as accessible as possible and by providing bursaries) the socially diverse culture which we have carefully nurtured and from which all our students benefit.
- That we must protect the ongoing financial viability of the school.

We will of course refer to these principles as we manage the ongoing consequences for the school's budget, while maintaining our standards.

We remind you that now, more than ever, we need the support of the RGS community; we will continue to fundraise for RGS Bursaries and RGS Partnerships, plus various items of equipment and capital projects which will enhance our children's experience.

Overall, we are grateful that the scale and financial stability of RGS means that we are in a position to continue to share the VAT burden with parents. We hope that by continuing to pull together we can maintain the diverse, accessible, academically outstanding and financially robust school of which we are all guardians and will one day pass to the next generation.

Best wishes

Alan Fletcher
Chair of Governors

Geoffrey Stanford
Headmaster#