

Bursaries - Frequently Asked Questions

Donating to Bursaries

1. How will my gift be used?

Your donation forms part of the College Development Account and is ring-fenced for Bursaries. No matter what size your donation is, every gift towards Bursaries goes directly to fund them and cannot be used to pay for any other College costs.

2. Can I make a tax-effective gift?

Yes, our charitable giving operates under the Gift Aid Scheme in the UK. If you pay above the basic rate of tax in the UK, you can claim the difference between the rate you pay and the basic rate on your donation through your self-assessment tax return.

Overseas, the College is also registered as a charity with the British Schools and Universities Foundation in the USA and Charities Aid Foundation in Canada. The Development Office can provide you with tax-effective illustrations, but you should always seek professional advice from your accountant.

3. If I support Bursaries, may I meet the Bursary Scholar?

No, it is not usually possible to meet them whilst at the College. The identities of Bursary beneficiaries remain confidential and are only known to a handful of staff on a need-to-know basis. Their anonymity is protected so that they are given equal treatment on a par with their peers.

4. What is the proportion of pupils currently in receipt of a Bursary?

Between 8% and 10% of pupils in Senior School are funded by Bursaries. This can vary from 100% support, to less than 40% support, depending on circumstances.

5. Are Bursaries available to pupils in the Junior School?

Not routinely, but if an application is made by an outstanding pupil of Junior School age who shows early promise, then the earlier they are supported, the better.

6. What is the response to date?

Since the beginning of our private fundraising phase in 2018/19 gifts and pledges worth £1.4M have been donated towards Bursaries at the College. A small number of Legacies are included amongst the gifts received in support of Bursaries.

7. How do I include the College in my Will?

You can read [St Aloysius' College - In Your Footsteps booklet](#) to find out more.

Promotion of Bursaries and the Application Process

8. How are Bursaries promoted by the College?

We promote Bursaries at Open Evenings and publish information on our web site about how to make an application.

9. How much is awarded to applicants?

Each case is taken on its own merits, but proof is required of any family income and assets. Recipient families are means-tested on an annual basis. Almost all Bursary applicants receive a 100% award as this is what is needed for them to access a College education.

The Entrance Exam

10. What is the Entrance Exam like these days?

The entrance exam is based on verbal & non-verbal reasoning. There is no pass mark as such, but there is a raw score which is then adjusted depending on the age of the pupil. There is an interview with parent/s and child and the child also submits a “My Green Blazer story” about their hopes and ambitions for attending the College.

11. Do Bursary applicants sit the same exam as fee-paying applicants?

Yes, our Bursary applicants sit exactly the same entrance exam as every other applicant. For the last five years, Bursary applicants have scored the top mark.

Our Bursary Committee

12. Who decides how much and to whom the Bursaries will be awarded?

There is a Bursary Committee of three Governors, together with the Head Master and Bursar who consider the applications after the Entrance Examination has taken place.

What a Bursary covers

13. What else does a Bursary cover?

Where financial assistance is needed, the College can provide up to 75% of the cost of an educational trip once during a pupil's time at the College, and when possible, a full award can be made. The types of experiences this covers can include:

- Participation in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (well received on university applications)
- Subject-related visits, e.g., Cern (for Physics pupils)
- As retreats are intrinsic to our ethos, they are not regarded as trips. Assistance for retreats is given when parents ask for help and for as many of the annual retreats as the pupil wishes to attend.

Current Fees

14. How much are the fees?

The annual fees in Senior School currently vary between £ 14,715 and 14,976. Fee information can be found on the College web site at: [Fees · St Aloysius' College Independent School Glasgow](#)