



**EDGBASTON**  
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## **Scholarships & Bursaries Information Booklet**



### **Bursaries at EHS:**

The school governors provide a bursary fund to offer able girls the opportunity to benefit from an excellent education, regardless of their parents' ability to pay full fees.

Each year, EHS has the equivalent of two free places available for Year 7 entry through bursary funding, although a decision is usually taken to apportion this funding into smaller denominations to benefit a higher number of applicants; we are generally unable to award means tested bursaries to the value of 100%. We can also offer bursaries on entry to the Sixth Form.

### **What is the difference between a bursary and a scholarship?**

A scholarship is awarded in recognition of a girl's academic ability and potential, assessed through the entrance examination and performance at interview. It is awarded irrespective of the financial means of the girl's family.

At entry to Year 7 EHS offers four named scholarships each year, one of which is a music award. In addition, the school is able to offer several EHS Scholarships, also awarded on academic merit. Scholarships can be up to a 50% remission of fees. There are a number of academic scholarships awarded annually to girls entering the Sixth Form.

A bursary award is means tested meaning that the value of the bursary is related to income and financial resources of a girl's family. To be awarded a means tested bursary a girl must first pass the school's entrance examination to a good standard. Bursaries are 'index linked' in that they are awarded as a percentage of the fees.

All Scholarships can be combined with bursaries in cases of need.

### **Eligibility:**

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in the entrance examination. All girls who sit the entrance examination are eligible for an academic scholarship and any award is made irrespective of a family's ability to pay fees.

Bursary awards are considered for parents with a gross income of less than £60,000. An element of assets over £300,000 is included in our assessment of income. A £2000 allowance is made for each dependent child. Bursaries are awarded to girls entering Year 7 or Sixth Form only.

### **Application Process:**

All girls who register to sit the Year 7 entrance examination will be automatically considered for an academic scholarship - there is no need to apply separately.

Anyone interested in applying for the Music Scholarship may request an application form at the time of registering. The application must be completed and returned by the stated deadline. The Music Scholarship examinations takes place in October, following the main entrance examination, and parents are advised of these arrangements under separate cover.

Girls entering the Sixth Form can apply to sit the Academic Scholarship examination which takes place in January. The Sixth Form Music Scholarship exam also takes place in January.

Parents can request an application form to apply for a bursary on the Registration (application) Form. When the Registration Form is received by the school, a Bursary Application Form asking for financial information is sent to the family to be completed and returned by the stated deadline. Deadlines for the return of the Bursary Application Form are published on the School website. Please note that parents are required to

supply documentary evidence to support their application and that we will be unable to assess or process an incomplete application. The form and supporting documents are forwarded to the Headmistress.

Parents are advised of whether the school is able to offer any financial support by post, dispatched in a formal offer letter at the beginning of December, along with the outcome of their daughter's entrance examination. Please note that bursary awards are offered subject to a home visit, the timing of which parents will be advised.

#### **Withdrawal of Bursaries:**

In the event of unsatisfactory work, poor conduct or failure to adhere to the terms of the Parent Contract EHS reserves the right to withdraw bursaries at the discretion of the Headmistress.

#### **Review of Bursary Award:**

Means tested bursaries are index-linked, that is, they are awarded as a percentage of the fees.

A bursary will continue for each year in which your daughter remains in the school however, as bursaries are means tested, parents are required to complete a further financial assessment annually. Any award can be adjusted in value upwards or downwards as a family's income changes.

EHS reserves the right to withdraw a bursary or reclaim past payment if provided with false information relating to income or assets.

#### **Unforeseen Financial Difficulties:**

Outside of the key entry points of Year 7 and Sixth Form, we do have a small amount of bursary funding available for families of our current pupils who find themselves in unexpected financial difficulty eg. due to loss of employment, serious illness or bereavement. As funding is limited we can only grant consideration to girls in Year 9 upwards.

Naturally, the school makes every effort to take a flexible approach and will deal with each case on an individual basis.

#### **Sixth Form Bursaries:**

Girls applying for the Sixth Form can apply for a scholarship, the assessments for which take place in January. Girls who do not wish to apply for a scholarship but who wish to apply for a bursary funded place should apply by the stated deadline. The application process for means tested bursaries is the same as at 11+ and again, funding is limited. Deadlines for the return of the Bursary Application Form are published on the School website.

#### **How to Apply:**

Requests for Registration, Music and Bursary application forms should be directed to the Admissions Office on 0121 454 5831 or [admissions@edgbastonhigh.co.uk](mailto:admissions@edgbastonhigh.co.uk). Dates for the completion and return of these application forms can be found on the school website [www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk](http://www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk). All bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Headmistress and **there is no appeal process.**