



EDGBASTON  
HIGH SCHOOL

# FEE REMISSION INFORMATION BOOKLET



ADMISSIONS YEAR 2026-27

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SCHOLARSHIP AND A BURSARY?

A **scholarship** is awarded in recognition of a pupil's academic ability and potential, assessed through the entrance examination and performance at interview. It is awarded irrespective of the financial means of the pupil's family. Scholarships can be awarded up to a 50% remission of fees. Scholarships can be awarded in conjunction with bursaries.

A **bursary** is means-tested e.g. the value of the bursary is related to income and financial resources of a pupil's family. To be awarded a means-tested bursary a prospective pupil must first pass the school's entrance examination. Bursaries can be awarded up to a 50% remission of fees.

## SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS (16+)

Sixth Form Scholarships are available to existing and external students. Students can apply for an academic, sports, creative arts or music scholarship. An individual award will not exceed 25% of the full tuition fee.

### Academic Scholarship

Awarded to recognise outstanding achievement.

Pupils must:

- Demonstrate exceptional performance in GCSE's. This would typically mean to be on track to achieve high GCSE grades (9-7).
- Have a proven commitment to academic excellence and intellectual curiosity.
- Be prepared to take an assessment to gauge critical thinking and subject passion.

### Sports Scholarship

Awarded to support pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent and commitment in sport.

Pupils must:

- Have a proven track record in school or external sports competitions.
- Show commitment to representing the school in sports teams.
- Have evidence of sporting achievements and progress.
- Be prepared to interview or trial to assess skills and attitude.

### Creative Arts Scholarship

Awarded to encourage and support pupils with outstanding talent in visual arts and drama.

Pupils must:

- Demonstrate excellence and commitment in one or more of the creative art disciplines.
- Be able to showcase creative skills via a portfolio or audition.
- Show commitment to contributing to the school's creative arts activities.
- Be prepared to discuss artistic vision and goals in an interview.

### Music Scholarship

Awarded to recognise and nurture exceptional music talent in performance.

Pupils must:

- Have reached a minimum standard of Grade 7 on their principal study instrument.
- Show commitment to contributing to the school's musical life.
- Attend a practical music audition conducted by the Music School to qualify. These practical tests will include a performance of one piece on each instrument or voice they are offering for assessment, sight reading, sight singing and aural tetests.
- Undertake a written examination, which will be similar to Grade 5 theory, with additional challenging questions.

Girls are encouraged to bring their own accompanist but if this is not possible, one will be provided.

**All scholars are expected to participate in school life such as leading rehearsals, representing the school at all public occasions, and continuing with their commitment to sport, creative arts, music and academic studies.**

## **YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS (11+)**

Each year the following named scholarships can be awarded to pupils on entry to Year 7 (age 11).

**The Chamberlain Scholar.** Up to 50% tuition fees - this scholarship is awarded to a girl entering Year 7 in Senior School from our Preparatory School.

**The Dixon Scholar.** Up to 50% tuition fees – this scholarship is awarded to a pupil entering Year 7 in Senior School as an external candidate from the state sector.

**The Anthea Cadbury Scholar.** Up to 50% tuition fees – this scholarship is open to all pupils entering Senior School at Year 7.

**The Martineau Scholar.** Up to 50% tuition fees awarded for Music - open to all pupils entering Senior School at Year 7. There is much competition for the Martineau Music Scholarship and we expect pupils to have reached a minimum standard of Grade 5 on at least one instrument. Girls will need to attend a music audition conducted by the Music School to qualify. Applicants undertake a listening examination, which will include listening tests, theory questions and a short essay about their music making activities and concerts they have attended. This written paper is followed by practical tests to include a performance of one piece on each instrument or voice they are offering for assessment, sight reading, sight singing and aural tests. Pupils are encouraged to bring their own accompanist but if this is not possible one will be provided. In this case, the necessary music for the school's accompanist must be brought on the day of the main Entrance Examination to allow the school accompanist time to prepare.

### **Academic Merit**

‘EHS Scholarships’ up to the value of 4 full tuition fees are available for Year 7 entrants. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

**All girls who sit the Senior School Entrance Examination are automatically considered for an academic scholarship so there is no need to register for this separately. The Martineau Music Scholarship must be applied for separately; if you wish for your daughter to be considered for this then please note your interest on the Registration Form at the time of registering.**

All EHS Scholarships are awarded until the completion of Year 13, conditional on the satisfactory progress and behaviour of the pupil. Please see page 6 of the Scholarship Policy Appendix and Parent Contract for further details.

## **YEAR 3 SCHOLARSHIPS (7+)**

These scholarships are offered to both external and internal candidates and are awarded for the benefit of individual pupils to encourage excellence across a range of academic and co-curricular activities in keeping with the aims of the school.

These scholarships are awarded based on their performance on the scholarship day plus the results of the CAT tests.

Pupils awarded an EHS Prep Scholarships will retain them throughout their time within the Preparatory School at Edgbaston High School for Girls, subject to good performance in *all* aspects of school life. Performance will be assessed at least annually, and parents will be notified if there is any danger of the award being withdrawn. One term's notice of the withdrawal of an award will always be given.

Awards are made on the understanding that a child will spend his or her entire career within the Preparatory School at Edgbaston High School for Girls, up to the end of Year Six. If, without agreement, a Scholar is withdrawn by his/her parents from the Preparatory School of Edgbaston High School for girls to attend another school, Edgbaston High School for Girls will be entitled to recover the total fee remission which has been received during the child's whole EHS career.

## **BURSARIES**

The School Governors are committed to offering children who meet the academic criteria for entry to Edgbaston High School access to the education on offer at Edgbaston High School by providing eligible parents the opportunity to apply for financial support through the school's bursary fund. This support is dependent upon the financial circumstances of parents and funding is offered towards tuition fees only. Bursaries can be awarded as follows:

- On entry to Year 3 – deadline **Friday 9 January 2026**
- On entry to Year 7 – deadline **Monday 22 September 2025**
- On entry to Sixth Form – deadline **Friday 30 January 2026**

Applications received after these dates are unlikely to be considered as the funding will have been allocated.

There are strict criteria for all applications for bursaries, and to ensure fairness it is necessary that these are adhered to:

1. Combined gross income of both parents must not exceed £80,000.
2. The Parent(s) with parental responsibility should be in paid employment or provide an adequate reason why they cannot be in paid employment.
3. Assets (including the market value of your house(s) must be under £450,000, irrespective of any mortgages held against the property. Families with gross assets over £450,000, are not eligible for a bursary.

Bursary applications must meet any published deadline for submission. Parents should request how to apply at time of registering. When the Registration Form is received by Edgbaston High School, a Bursary Application Form asking for financial information is sent to the family to be completed and returned by the published deadline. Parents are required to supply documentary evidence to support their application and incomplete applications will not be processed.

To complete the process, applicants that meet the criteria will have an interview with an independent reviewer. Parents are advised of the School's decision by post, dispatched in a formal offer letter, along with the outcome of their daughter's entrance examination.

Bursaries awarded are subject to an annual financial review, and any award can be adjusted in value upwards or downwards as a family's income changes. The School reserves the right to withdraw a bursary or reclaim past payment if provided with false information relating to income or assets. In the event of unsatisfactory work, poor conduct or failure to adhere to the terms of the Parent Contract, the School reserves the right to withdraw bursaries at the discretion of the Headmistress. Bursary awards are unlikely to exceed 50% for an individual applicant. This is to ensure that bursaries can be awarded to a larger number of pupils.

### Year 3

In Year 3, bursaries equivalent to 1.5 full fee places can be awarded annually to those entering the year group. Existing pupils and new entrants are eligible to apply for the bursaries if they meet the published criteria.

## Year 7

Bursaries equivalent to three full fee places can be awarded annually to pupils entering Year 7. These are not subject to academic ranking, but can be awarded in conjunction with a scholarship.

## Sixth Form

Bursaries equivalent to two full fee places can be awarded annually to pupils entering Sixth Form. They are normally reserved for pupils of The School whose parents have been full fee paying but due to their financial situation would benefit from support to allow their daughter to stay in the Sixth Form. These are not subject to academic ranking, but can be awarded in conjunction with a scholarship.

## Hardship Bursary

The purpose of the Hardship Bursary is to offer short term financial assistance when need arises which can be used to subsidise tuition fees. Such cases may involve a family tragedy or serious illness or a parent unexpectedly losing his/her job. Hardship Bursaries can be awarded by the Headmistress from the previous year's fee income. An income assessment is made before the award is made. Should there be more applications for Hardship Bursaries than funds allow, the matter will be referred to the Governing Body.

## **FEES REMISSION**

### Reciprocal Sibling Discount

Eligible families with children at both West House Preparatory School and Edgbaston High's Preparatory School will receive a 5% sibling discount on tuition fees for each (or all) siblings. The discount will apply to children who are in Reception class through to Year 6 and will end when a child moves to senior school. The discount will not be applied to children in either of the school's Early Years departments.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

All enquiries should be directed to Admissions via [admissions@edgbastonhigh.co.uk](mailto:admissions@edgbastonhigh.co.uk) or 0121 454 5831. Dates for the completion and return of application forms can be found on the school website [www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk](http://www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk). Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Headmistress and there is no appeals process. For further information please refer to the School's Bursary Policy.

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