



HELP WITH FEES

Bursaries and Scholarships

Bursaries: A **bursary** is **means-assessed financial assistance** given to help support a family who would not otherwise be able to afford some or all of the school fees. Bursaries at Christ's Hospital are available to applicants for boarding places only.

Scholarships: A **scholarship** rewards outstanding achievements and talent in, for example, academic work, music, sport, art or drama. Scholarships may be honorary or may provide a discount of **up to 20% of the assessed fee level**.*

Scholarships are awarded to students who are entering the school at Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 and to existing students who are moving into Year 9 and Year 12. Bursaries make places at Christ's Hospital affordable; scholarships are an additional bonus for a limited number of outstanding students.

Students may be awarded both a bursary and a scholarship at the same time.

We welcome fee paying day students who are within a commutable distance from the school. Should a day applicant be successful in receiving a scholarship we can occasionally, depending on individual circumstances, offer a small amount of additional fee assistance to support the scholar in taking up their place at the school.

Entry Process

Our selection process is designed to determine whether a child will flourish in a busy boarding school environment with a strong academic ethos, enjoying the wide range of opportunities on offer and feel at home at Christ's Hospital. Parents are advised to start the admissions process as early as possible and ideally 18 months before their child would be due to enter the school. Places are academically selective and are offered on the basis of Christ's Hospital's own assessment process.

** If a significant bursary is awarded, parents should not assume that a scholarship will provide additional financial support.*



How do I apply for a place?

The first step is to complete an application form, either a paper copy or online via our website, and pay the registration fee. This adds your child's name to our admissions register and we will then take you through the various stages of the application process, letting you know what is required at the different stages and keeping you fully informed of all the important dates for your diary. When you first complete the application form, kindly tick the box(es) asking about bursary support and/or scholarship awards. We will send you all the relevant information and forms. The bursary forms become increasingly detailed and require proof (e.g. in the form of bank statements etc.) as the applicant moves through our admissions process.

Head's Award

The Head Teacher has a discretionary award for all-round academic and broader curricular achievement and/or significant potential. This is awarded at the end of the assessment process, can be honorary or financial and can be awarded to a boarding student as well as to a day student.

Key Dates 2025 Entry

Year 7 and Year 9

Friday 13 September 2024

Deadline for 2025 bursary and scholarship applications

Friday 27 September 2024

Initial assessment invitations sent to candidates

12 and 19 October 2024

Initial assessment dates (candidates attend one of these)

W/C Monday 11 November 2024

Initial assessment results

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 January 2025

Residential assessment / scholarship assessment

W/C Monday 17 February 2025

Residential assessment results

Monday 17 March 2025

Deadline for acceptance

Sixth Form

Monday 28 October 2024

Deadline for 2025 bursary and scholarship applications

Saturday 16 November 2024

Initial assessment

W/C Monday 25 November 2024

Initial assessment results

Saturday 7 December 2024

Interviews for selected candidates

Saturday 7 December 2024

Scholarship assessments for selected candidates

W/C Monday 16 December 2024

Offers made

End of January 2025

Confirmation of scholarship awards

Friday 7 February 2025

Deadline for acceptance

Mid-August 2025

GCSE results to be confirmed

