



13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you with regard to school fees and the charging of VAT. The Governing Body met last night to review the most recent proposals from the Budget, and to decide on fees from January 2025 to August 2025. It had been hoped that the Government would listen to all constructive suggestions to delay any tax increases until the beginning of a school year, but as we all know this is not the case.

The Governing Body is fully aware of the affordability of fees, and the difficulties for parents absorbing a significant tax increase. However, the School does not have major reserves to fall back on. It is, though, looking at all costs in detail to ensure that some of the burden is absorbed by the School.

### **Additional tax charges**

From January VAT at 20% will have to be charged on all tuition fees, as well as various extras, such as music, learning support and clubs. Fees for Nursery are exempt from VAT.

The removal of Business Rates Relief from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 will have a negative effect of around 1.6% on our costs.

The increase in Employers National Insurance from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 15% will also add around 1% to our costs.

The school will be able to reclaim VAT on non-salary related purchases, which will reduce the 20% by around 3%.

We realise that parents cannot be expected to incur the full impact.

### **Fees per term 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 (Spring and Summer Terms)**

After careful consideration we have chosen to reduce current tuition and music fees (excluding Nursery) by around **5%** for the Spring and Summer terms of this academic year. Mandatory VAT of 20% will then be added to the reduced fee, resulting in a total increased cost to parents of **14%** and not a full 20%. There will be no change to Nursery fees for the next two terms. This is set out in the table for tuition fees below.

Per Term	Current Fees	New Fees	Add VAT	Fees incl. VAT
Year Group	No VAT	Excl. VAT	20%	Net increase 14%
Years 6 – 8	7,410	7,038	1,408	8,446
Year 5	7,365	6,995	1,399	8,394
Year 4	6,385	6,066	1,213	7,279
Year 3	6,270	5,958	1,192	7,150
Years 1 – 2	5,560	5,283	1,057	6,340
Reception	5,535	5,258	1,052	6,310

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## **Additional Considerations**

The School very much regrets having to amend fees mid-year, however, this is a tax on education imposed by the new government. There will be a continued focus on costs to see if further cost reductions and efficiencies can be made, while we continue to provide a quality all round education.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

David Williams  
**Interim Chair of Governors**

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