



Notting Hill & Ealing High School GDST

Bursaries for entry at 11+ (Year 7)

As a charity, the Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) believes that the largest possible number of talented girls should be able to benefit from the excellent education that GDST schools offer. A number of means-tested bursaries are offered every year based on academic merit, as shown by performance in the 11+ entrance test, and family financial circumstances.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for a bursary?

There is a box on the Notting Hill & Ealing High School registration form that you need to tick to indicate that you wish to apply for a bursary.

Is there a bursary application form to fill in?

All bursary applications are now made online. When you register your daughter for Notting Hill & Ealing High School and indicate that you are seeking a bursary, you will receive an email from the Girls' Day School Trust, containing log-in details and a password. You can then access the bursary application site and complete the online form.

Is there a deadline for applying for a bursary?

You should complete the online application form as soon as possible and by the closing date of 30th November at the latest. Do NOT wait until you know whether your daughter has been offered a place to send in the bursary application. Applications received after the end of December will probably be too late to be considered.

Do I need to send any documents in for the bursary application?

Yes, when you have completed the online form, you will receive an email acknowledging that your on-line application has been made. The email will give you a list of original documents to send in to the GDST, along with a form to print out and sign and return with your documents. We strongly advise that you send all documents by recorded delivery for security.

What happens next?

All bursary applications are assessed by the GDST, not by the school. If the GDST require any further information or documentation from you, they will contact you directly. You will be able to log in to the bursary site to check on the progress of your application. Once your application has been assessed, Notting Hill & Ealing High School will be notified of the outcome and whether you are eligible for bursary funding.

When will I find out whether my daughter has been offered a bursary?

Offers of places at Notting Hill & Ealing High School will be posted on 11th February 2016. The letter you receive will advise you whether we are able to offer your daughter a place and if you have applied for a bursary, the letter will also tell you whether we are able to offer you a bursary and for what percentage of the fees.

If my daughter is offered a bursary, will she receive this for the full 7 years of Senior school?

If we are able to offer you a bursary, it is offered for the full 7 years. If you accept the place, we will then ask you to complete a bursary renewal form every year, to ensure that your bursary award remains up to date. If there is any significant change in income, this may affect the value of your award.

What if my daughter has been offered a place but is on the bursary waiting list?

We have far more bursary applicants than we have funding available so we do place a small number of girls on a bursary waiting list. This means that you are eligible for a bursary and we may be able to offer you one if any of our initial bursary offers are declined. In our experience, we do normally offer at least one bursary to girls on the bursary waiting list so being on that waiting list is a positive thing!

What does it mean if my daughter is offered a place and I am told my bursary application is above scale?

If we are not able to offer a bursary because your financial circumstances put you above the threshold for any assistance with fees, we will then offer you a fee-paying place for your daughter. All offers of places are made based on academic merit.

Do you offer help with any additional expenses, on top of the bursary?

All students in receipt of 100% bursaries at Notting Hill & Ealing High School are also eligible for the following:

- Uniform expenses - £300 on entry to the school and a further £100 in each subsequent year
- Free school lunch
- Music tuition fees for one instrument and instrument hire, if appropriate
- Contribution to the cost of curriculum-related school trips
- University visits in the Sixth Form (maximum 3)

Students in receipt of a 95% bursary may also be offered financial assistance with some or all of these expenses, at the Head's discretion.

If you have any further questions about applying for a bursary, please do contact me and I will be happy to help.

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