



STREATHAM  
& CLAPHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL

GDST  
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

# Help with Fees

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# Bursaries

Nearly 20% of girls at GDST senior schools receive a bursary or scholarship to help towards their fees. A bursary takes into account academic ability, but its value (up to 100%) is directly related to family financial resources.

As a charity, the GDST supports girls for whom our education would be a life-changing prospect.

Our motto is *ad sapientiam sine metu* which means 'towards wisdom unafraid'. We believe neither fear nor lack of resources should restrict the pursuit of learning.



*“I was able to reach new heights  
and completely exceed  
my own expectations”*

Emily G, 2010-2012

### **What is a bursary?**

A bursary is an award of financial help to families. This award is means-tested, so you will need to provide proof of your income, financial resources and family assets to the GDST. The GDST then assesses whether you meet the criteria to be eligible for assistance with Strettham & Clapham High School fees.

### **How much is a bursary worth?**

Depending on your financial circumstances, you may be eligible for the maximum bursary of 100% which covers all school fees plus provides help with other expenses, such as school uniform and travel.

Families who do not meet the criteria for a 100% bursary may still be awarded a bursary ranging from 30% to 95%. If you do not qualify for a 100% bursary, you would need to pay the remainder of your daughter's school fees and for her uniform and expenses.



### **Is my daughter eligible for a bursary?**

Most higher-value bursaries are awarded to girls from families with a total income of less than £41,000 who have no capital assets other than their home. You must be UK/EU citizens and have been resident in the UK/EU for at least two years. If you choose to apply you will have to fill in a specific form with details of all your family finances. The GDST then makes its assessment. Your daughter will also have to pass the school's entrance exam.

Please visit the Scholarships & Bursaries section of our website for full information of the GDST bursary.

### **How long does the bursary last?**

It is anticipated that bursary awards will last for the duration of your daughter's time at school. We re-assess every year to take account of significant changes in family income and circumstances. A bursary may go up or down to reflect these. This ensures those most in need receive our support.

Could a bursary or scholarship be withdrawn?

Very rarely, the school may withdraw a bursary or scholarship if, for example, you provide inaccurate information, or your child's behaviour or work is unsatisfactory.

### **Are bursary candidates assessed differently?**

No. We assess all girls in the same way and all must achieve the same academic standard in order to be offered a place.

### **Are bursary girls treated differently?**

No. All girls are treated with the same respect and dignity. Our teaching staff are not told which girls are benefit from bursaries.



## *“Life-changing: from a single-parent home on a council estate to an LSE masters graduate.”*

Laura J, 2001-2008

### **How does a bursary differ from a scholarship?**

Scholarships are awarded as part of the 11+ admissions process. None of our scholarships are means-tested, therefore, families do not need to provide financial information when applying for a scholarship. We have two kinds of scholarships: **specialty subjects** and **academic**. Specialty scholarships are offered in art, drama, music and sport and enable us to recognise and celebrate girls with exceptional talent and promise in these fields. Academic scholarships are awarded to girls who perform extremely well on the entrance examination. For specialty scholarships, please see the application forms on the Admissions page of our website. As all girls sit the entrance examination, you do not need to make a special application for an academic scholarship.

All scholarships are worth between 5 and 20%, at the discretion of the Head Master.

### **Can my daughter apply for a specialty scholarship as well as a bursary?**

Yes you may. Please see the information on the Admission page of our website for the application criteria for Art, Drama, Music and Sport. Applications for specialty scholarships must be completed in addition to the Streatham & Clapham High School online application form.



*“Inspiring teachers who helped me to achieve the results I needed to take up a place at Cambridge to read medicine.”*

Victoria N, 1997–2003

**If we are applying for a bursary, do we have to pay the registration fee?**

If you are receiving benefits (such that your daughter currently receives free school meals) please contact our registrar, [j.funsch2@schs.gdst.net](mailto:j.funsch2@schs.gdst.net), at the time of registration or phone her on 0203 123 9102 to arrange for the registration fee to be waived or discounted.

If the registration fee has been waived, we will ask for evidence that a bursary application has subsequently been submitted on the GDST website. Otherwise you will have to pay the registration fee before your daughter attends her interview in November.



## How do you apply for a bursary?

1. Complete a school application form to register your daughter indicating that you would like to apply for financial assistance. You will be required to supply a valid email address.
2. The school will provide you with log-in details to enable you to access the online 'Declaration of Income & Assets' form, which you should complete and submit before the closing date advised. You will need to provide proof of your income and assets, such as P60s, payslips, HMRC self-assessment forms, mortgage statements, council tax bills, or recent benefits paperwork. Original documents are required in the first year of application.
3. You should send the declaration and supporting documents well in advance of the school's entrance examination.
4. Please send to:

**GDST Bursary Department  
100 Rochester Row  
London SW1P 1JP**

and not to us.

5. Please ensure you use the correct postage, and send it 'signed for', giving you proof of safe delivery.
6. The GDST will assess your eligibility for a bursary. GDST staff may also make an appointment to visit you at home. The GDST then lets the school know whether you qualify and the maximum amount of financial assistance we can offer you. For example:
  - If your family's assessable income and resources are below £86,000 a year (£91,000 for London schools), you may be eligible for some support
  - If your family's annual income is less than £36,000 (or £41,000 for London schools), you may be offered a full bursary.
  - For families whose annual income is between these levels, a sliding scale determines the amount of assistance you may be offered.
  - Your daughter's performance on the entrance exam and overall academic ability will be of key consideration when the school is deciding whether or not to award a bursary.
  - If you are eligible for a bursary and the school feels your daughter would thrive here, we will send you details of the bursary we can offer at the same time we offer your daughter a place at the school.



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