



# Financial Planning

Trent College & The Elms

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*(Fees are subject to review from Lent Term 2021)*



# Investing in your child's education

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## Academic Outcomes

- 45% of GCSE entries graded at grade 7 or above and 25% at grade 8 or above.
- Over a quarter of all A Level entries gaining the highest A\* and A grades (28%).

## Specialist teaching

- Modern Languages, Music, PE, Art, Design & Technology, Drama and Sciences all available from Reception through to A Level.
- A culture of excellence and ambition with a breadth of experienced staff with expertise in their subjects
- 'Excellent subject knowledge and classroom management' (ISI report 2016)

## Mental wellbeing

- Continued investment in pastoral care
- Nurturing confidence and inquisitive minds, the mindset to question and challenge

## Co-curricular opportunities

- A huge variety of activities and opportunities embedded into our timetable
- Finding enjoyment through excellence from music, arts, sports, debating, Duke of Edinburgh and more

## Skills and careers support

- Preparation for successful lives beyond school
  - Helping pupils to make informed choices for the future
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# Attending Trent College & The Elms

At Trent College and The Elms we are confident our school fees offer excellent value, especially as, unlike many other schools, our fees are fully inclusive of:

- three course hot lunches, plus teas
- examination entry fees
- all school activities within the school day
- any required fieldwork trips during term time
- textbooks up to Year 11
- any travel associated with school matches
- supervision after school until 5:40pm (Trent) or 4:00pm (The Elms)
- two after-school clubs per week (The Elms Juniors)
- most extra curricular activities (Trent College)
- Saturday school from Year 9

In addition to school fees, there will be some other costs for parents to take in to consideration:

- School uniform – between £200-£500, available from the on site school shop and ‘as new shop’
- School bus – costs vary depending on distance and frequency of use; detailed information is available at [www.trentcollege.vectare.co.uk](http://www.trentcollege.vectare.co.uk)
- The Elms Junior School optional residential trips – between £250 and £500
- Optional trips and tours at Trent College –between £200 and £3,000 from Year 7 to Year 13
- Learning support, LAMDA and individual music lessons (see fee sheet)

## Trent College Fees per Term

Year Group	Day Fees	3 Night Flexi Boarding Fees	Weekly Boarding Fees	Full Boarding Fees
Years 7 - 8	£4,804	£6,879	£7,571	£11,070
Year 9	£5,529	£7,481	£8,131	£11,375
Years 10 - 13	£5,994	£7,597	£8,131	£11,375

## The Elms Fees per Term

Stage	Term Fees
Reception - Year 2	£3,420
Years 3 - 6	£3,766



# Planning for the payment of fees

We appreciate families make a significant financial commitment in choosing independent education so offer several options to make fee payments more manageable.

**Option One:  
Termly invoice**

School fees invoiced three times per year, before the start of each term; August, December and April. School fees and bus charges are payable termly in advance; extras such as music lessons are payable termly in arrears.

**Option Two:  
Direct Debit**

Direct Debit with a choice of two payment arrangements - three instalments to be claimed the day before the first day of each term (September, January and April) or ten monthly instalments claimed on or about the 10th day of each month from September to June inclusive where agreed in advance. There is no surcharge for the ten monthly payment option (subject to approval by the Bursar).

**Option Three:  
Lump sum**

A lump sum payment to cover part or all of estimated future fees. The fees in advance scheme is designed to provide you with certainty regarding the cost of future school fees, and carries a discount. Once paid, the cost to you remains the same regardless of what happens to the level of school fees in the future. Minimum one year payment applies (further details can be obtained from the Bursar).

# Financial Assistance

33% of all pupils in ISC schools receive help with their fees, whether that be directly from the school or from other sources.

It is always worth investigating whether support with paying fees could be available for you. Whether it is a relatively small sibling discount or a large means-tested reduction, it could make all the difference.

## Fee discounts provided from external sources

There are a number of educational and charitable trusts that provide assistance with tuition fees. A detailed list, including links to specific websites, is available online at: [www.educational-grants.org](http://www.educational-grants.org). These include, amongst others:

**Buttle UK** - help with fees for children and young people who have a boarding need.

**Royal Medical Foundation** - assist GMC registered doctors and their families who have a proven financial need.

**Royal National Children's Springboard Foundation** - considers applications for children with one or no parents, and whose home circumstances are seriously prejudicial to the child's normal development.

**The School Fees Charitable Trust** - assist parents who, having selected private education with reasonable expectations of being able to meet the costs, are unable to pay as a result of hardship, arising from an unforeseen change of circumstances. (Support available at GCSE & A Level)

**The Risley Educational Trust** - grants are available for people under the age of 24 who live in the parishes of Breaston, Church Wilne, and Dale Abbey and are in need. The foundation may give grants to help with further education, buying books or equipment, paying for educational travel, help in study of music and other arts and promoting social and physical training.

More information can be found at [www.grants-search.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.grants-search.turn2us.org.uk)





# Financial Assistance

## Jargon Buster

<b>sibling discount</b>	A fee discount applied where three or more siblings are at school together
<b>military discount</b>	A fee discount from full boarding fees where parents are currently serving in the British Armed Forces
<b>means-testing</b>	An assessment of your household income, savings, assets, investments and personal financial situation to determine eligibility for a bursary
<b>bursary</b>	A fee discount given based on means testing
<b>scholarship</b>	An award given to a pupil in recognition of excellence and potential for development in Academia, Art, Choral, Drama, Music or Sport
<b>scholarship discount</b>	A fee discount given as a result of a pupil being awarded a scholarship
<b>Bursar</b>	Equivalent of the Chief Financial Officer in a public company, responsible for managing the School's financial affairs
<b>Bursary Committee</b>	Trustees of the charitable bursary fund who make decisions about bursary awards

## Sibling Discount

A sibling discount of 10% will be applied to fees for families with three or more children attending the school at the same time, 15% for four or more siblings. This discount applies from Reception at The Elms through to Year 13 at Trent College.

Where families are in receipt of a bursary, the sibling discount will be incorporated into the bursary offer.

## Military Discount

The MoD provides a Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) to qualifying service personnel who choose full boarding for their children. Trent College & The Elms provide a 10% discount from full boarding fees to parents who are currently serving in the British Armed Forces.

This discount is also extended to parents working for the Foreign Office.

## Bursary

The bursary scheme takes the form of a means-tested financial discount.

The value of the discount is dependent on household income, savings, assets, investments and personal financial situation. It is not conditional on a child's ability.

A means-tested bursary can provide up to 50% discount from the day fees.

## Applying for a Bursary

You are eligible to apply for a bursary if:

- Your child is joining school in any year group from Reception at The Elms up to Year 13 at Trent College.
- Your child is already at the school and you are experiencing financial difficulties or a change in circumstances.

The Bursary Committee will consider the following:

- Do you have a household income of less than £72k per annum?
- Can you improve your financial position or earning power?
- Do you have net realisable assets of less than £150k?
- Can you release any equity or capital from property or savings/investments?

The application for financial assistance runs concurrently with your application for a place at school and is entirely confidential. Bursaries are subject to an annual review.

- Step One:** Request an application pack from the Bursar's Executive Assistant  
**Step Two:** Complete a bursary application form and return with supporting documents  
**Step Three:** Meet with the Bursar to discuss your application and personal circumstances  
**Step Four:** Notification of bursary award

*This table provides an example of the fees payable, over 10 months, if a bursary is awarded:*

Day Fees	10 Monthly Payments 25% Discount	10 Monthly Payments 50% Discount
<b>Year Group</b>		
Reception - Year 2	£769	£513
Year 3 - Year 6	£847	£565
Year 7 - Year 8	£1,080	£720
Year 9	£1,244	£829
Year 10 - Year 13	£1,348	£899



## Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to recognise excellence and potential for development in Academia, Art, Choral, Drama, Music or Sport. Scholarships are awarded to pupils at the top of their peer group from Year 7 through to Year 12. To apply for a scholarship please speak to the Admissions Manager when making your application and we will provide relevant details regarding criteria and the assessment process.

Scholarships awarded at entry in Year 7 will normally be tenable until the end of Year 11. Higher expectations are placed on scholars upon entry to Sixth Form; the applicable criteria will be available during Year 11.

Scholarships awarded on entry to Trent College typically attract a 10% discount off the day fees. Where families are in receipt of a bursary, the scholarship discount will be incorporated into the bursary offer.

## Contact Us

Please get in touch to discuss how we can assist in making an education at Trent College and The Elms a possibility for your child.

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