



Senior School Fees and Financial Matters

Fees

A termly fee invoice is sent prior to the start of each term and fees are due for payment on the first day of term. Details of how to make payment are sent with each invoice. Parents living in the UK should pay fees by direct debit. Overseas parents should pay by bank transfer. Interest is charged on late payments.

There is no remission or rebate of fees. This means that full fees are expected at all times. This is for all absences including public examinations when students may be revising at home or when students have finished their exams in their final term and are allowed to leave. Contracts can only be terminated by giving a full term's notice in writing to the Principal, or by paying a term's fees in lieu of notice.

All enquiries about fees should be referred to the Fees Administrator on 044 (0)1343 837914 or email fees@gordonstoun.org.uk

Medical Insurances

The school does not offer a private medical insurance plan but parents may arrange their own, if they so wish.

Personal Possessions and Insurance of Possessions

The School does not insure students' possessions. You are advised to ensure that valuable items of equipment and clothing, which should only be brought to School if necessary, are covered in your personal insurance policies. Musical instruments, laptops and mobile phones are particularly relevant under this heading.

It is very important for all students to take care of their own property and the property of others. All personal items - uniform, casual clothes, possessions - should be named. We try to discourage borrowing and lending personal items.

Your HP will be able to give advice on personal items that are useful and provide comfort and practicality in everyday life, particularly concerned with the equipping of a student's room.

- Please note that toasters, kettles and electric heaters of any sort are not allowed. All electrical items will be subject to testing in school.
- For safety reasons, only LED lamps with cool light bulbs are allowed as bedside or desk-top lighting.

Pocket Money

Boarding students should bring sufficient pocket money with them to last the term. There are organised opportunities to shop in Elgin (Elgin Leave) and students are permitted to visit the Duffus Post Office (DPO). House shops, an avenue for raising funds for projects, are open at specified times and, on a Sunday night, it is not uncommon for the students to order a takeout. A maximum of £15 per week is more than enough for students to enjoy a treat; for safekeeping we would recommend that students bring cash with them which can then be deposited in the House Bank which is operated by House Staff.



Some students have bank, building society or post office accounts, together with cash cards, and we encourage this. However, it is important that, where this is the case, they have a modest monthly allowance rather than large sums on deposit.

Authorisation for Expenditure

Although boarders will have some pocket money, it may not be enough to cover expenditure on books, stationery or other exceptional purchases (such as House hoodies or t-shirts) or trips. To avoid confusion and to ease administration, authorisation in advance from parents permitting expenditure up to a set amount will save unnecessary telephone calls.

For any purchase or trip, over the value of £30, parental authorisation will be sought for these costs to be added to the school bill. Control over expenditure will be maintained and only essential purchases will be authorised. We shall assume you authorise such smaller items of expenditure. **If you do not wish to authorise expenditure up to £30 please inform the HP before the start of the Term.**

Chargeable Extras

These chargeable extras may be subject to an inflationary increase for the academic year 2022-23

- Music charges for the current year are £834.00 per annum for half hour lessons and £1,467.00 for hourly lessons. The music charges will increase by a fee percentage each year.
- Overnight stays in school £55.00 per night.
- Leave out weekend – nights in school charged at £80.00 per night.
- Guardianship - £500.00 per term. Daily charge £70.00 per night.
- Rustication – Daily charge £70.00 (full rustication). Daily charge (local rustication) £50.00
There is an administration fee of £75.00 per rustication.
- There is a 15% administration fee applied to all travel booked through the school including taxi's and flights.
- School transport is provided in the morning via two routes to Aberlour or Forres - A contribution towards the transport costs is charged at £5.85 per journey. This will be added to the school bill termly in arrears.
- MOSA charge - All Gordonstoun boarders are registered with Maryhill GP Practice in Elgin who provide the students various medical services when required. The practice must be a member of the Medical Officers of Schools Association and are governed by this association. The fee is levied for each registered boarder per term. This is a termly charge which is currently £27.34.

