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BURSARIES POLICY

General
The Governors of Merchant Taylors’ School (MTS) are committed to broadening access to the School
by offering to eligible parents/guardians means-tested financial support with the payment of Schools
fees. Such support is known as a ‘Bursary’ and this may be awarded depending on the financial
circumstances of applicants.
The School welcomes applications for boys whose parents cannot afford the fees in full or in part.

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Criteria

The award of a Bursary is subject to satisfactory performance in the Entrance Examination. If demand
for Bursaries exceeds the number available, Bursaries will be awarded with reference to the extent of
need as well as to performance in the entrance assessment; potential will be considered, as well as
academic achievement. Each pupil to whom support is offered must, in the opinion of the Head
Master, be likely to make sound academic progress following admission and possess the potential to
develop the quality of his work, and benefit from participation in the wider, extra-curricular activities
on offer at the School.

Due to the pressure on bursary funding, families who made unsuccessful bursary applications at the
point of entrance are not eligible for hardship bursary support until two years after their son’s
admission to MTS. We recommend that all families ensure that they can meet the financial cost of
independent education before they commit to send their son to MTS.

The continued tenure of a Bursary is subject to satisfactory academic performance, good conduct and
adherence to the School’s Terms and Conditions.

Bursary Administration Limited (BAL)

BAL provides independent and professional scrutiny of MTS bursary applications and their services
and are employed by many independent schools to support a fair and robust application process. Your
application pack will be shared with BAL, who will arrange an interview with you to discuss your
circumstances in more detail. Interviews may take place during home visits, online video conferencing
or telephone calls.

Value of Bursaries

The amount of the Bursary is assessed before an offer of a place is made. The value of a Bursary is
related to an applicant’s circumstances and may be up to 100% of tuition fees and reasonable school
related expenditure.

Review
All Bursary awards are subject to regular testing of parental means and may be varied upwards or
downwards depending on parental circumstances. For those in receipt of Bursaries, the School reserves
the right to reduce or withdraw an award not only where a pupil’s progress, attitude or behaviour has
been unsatisfactory but also in the event of the late payment of any contribution parents/guardians are
making to the fees.
Confidentiality
The School respects the confidentiality of Bursary awards made to families and recipients are expected
to do likewise.
Note
Home visits will normally be conducted by Bursary Administration Limited. A deposit of £99 will be
paid in advance by parents for this service, which is refunded where there is evidence of genuine financial
need.