



St Albans High School
— for Girls —

2019/20 FINANCIAL FAQs – SENIOR SCHOOL

What are the School Fees and how often might they be increased?

Our school fees are currently £6,550 per term in the Senior School and Sixth Form. These are reviewed annually by the Governors.

Are there any Payment Plans on offer to help spread the costs?

School Fees can be paid in 10 monthly instalments. This arrangement is provided by an external company and takes the form of a credit agreement, at zero percent interest. The monthly amount paid is an estimated figure for the cost of the school fees and extras for the year. The final payment will then be adjusted to reflect the total of the invoices sent out during the year.

What is the Registration Fee?

This is a non-refundable one off payment of £100 when you register your daughter for a place in the school. This covers the administration costs of each application.

What is the Acceptance Deposit?

To accept an offer of a place, we ask parents to pay an acceptance deposit of £1,000 for the Senior School and £1,500 for Sixth Form. These amounts are held on account until your daughter leaves the School, and will then be deducted from your final bill.

Is there a sibling discount?

If you have three or more daughters in either the Prep, Senior or Sixth Form, you will be given a 25% discount for your oldest daughter.

Do scholarships come with any financial award?

Yes, scholarships can range upwards from 5% of fees, depending on the type of the award. Academic, Music and Sports Scholarships are offered for Year 7 applicants and these plus Art/DT, Drama & Theatre are available to Year 12 pupils. For more information visit our [Scholarships page](#).

What financial support is available?

We offer a comprehensive package of means-tested financial support up to 100% of school fees, to support families who may not consider our school because they cannot afford the fees. This may also include the costs of school trips, uniform and sports kit, school lunches, transport costs and weekly musical lessons. For more information visit our [Financial Support page](#).

How much does it cost to have school lunches?

Pupils have three choices for lunch: daily school lunches (£335 per term), casual lunch when they choose (£6.75 per day) or bring in their own packed lunches. There is also a snack shop available serving hot and cold snacks at break time.

How much does it cost to travel by coach?

Routes vary, and currently range from £585 to £710 per term. If you would like your daughter to travel on a casual basis (not daily), then the cost would be £7.35 per journey.

How much will the school uniform cost?

If you were to buy all the items on the school uniform list, then it would cost you approximately £700. However, we do have a second-hand uniform shop, where items can be bought at a fraction of the price.

Is there a charge for the Clubs and Activities on offer?

All 80 of the clubs and activities that we offer during lunchtime and after school are free of charge. The only exception to this is the Speech and Drama lessons (LAMDA) for which there is a charge.

Can my daughter take private music lessons?

Yes, the school has a large team of visiting music teachers who offer instrumental and singing music lessons. These take place during the course of the school day and for 10 individual lessons of 30 minutes duration, the cost is £210.

How much do school trips cost?

There are a wide range of school trips each year, which range from day trips into London, modern language exchange trips to foreign sport tours. Prices for day trips range from £3 - £60 and for residential trips, can range from £250 - £900, depending on the number of days and where they are going. Some subjects at GCSE have mandatory trips, such as Geography or Science field trips.

Will I have to pay for my daughter's books?

Text and exercise books are included in the school fees. However, occasional books for some GCSE and A Level subjects which will need to be annotated by your daughter (such as English texts), would be charged for as they would not be able to be returned.

What is the cost for sitting public exams?

The cost of any public exam that your daughter sits is payable by the parent. Costs will therefore be incurred for all GCSE exams and A levels. The average GCSE exam costs £39.50.