

BURSARIES

The Governors of Kent College Pembury are committed to broadening access to the school by offering eligible parents/guardians means-tested financial support with the payment of schools fees.

Requests for financial support usually fall into two categories:

- New applicants to the school, where a place has been offered but parents/guardians are unable to fund the fees.
- Existing pupils where a change in parents/guardians' circumstances has resulted in difficulty in meeting fees and may result in the child being withdrawn part way through a stage of education.

New applicants to the school

Bursaries may be made available to parents/guardians of children entering any year group of Kent College. Parents/guardians seeking a bursary are required to complete an application form which seeks to establish the financial circumstances of the household. Applications are assessed individually and require supporting evidence of your financial situation. Each application is treated in confidence, taken on its own merit and there is no set criteria on which awards are made.

Existing pupils - Change in family circumstances

Within the Bursary, provision the School will also consider cases of sudden, unforeseen need or where applications meriting bursary assistance are received out of the normal calendar cycle for bursary submission, scrutiny and award.

Annual Review

All bursary awards are subject to repeat testing of parental means each year and may be increased or decreased depending on changes in circumstances.

Confidentiality

The School respects the confidentiality of bursary awards made to families and recipients are expected to do likewise.

Other sources of bursary assistance

Methodist Bursaries

There is a central Methodist Bursary Fund available for parents, whether living or deceased, is or at the time of death was a member of the Methodist Church. Please go to <http://www.methodisteducation.co.uk/bursary.htm> for further information.

In addition to the School's bursary Fund, there are a number of educational and charitable trusts which provide assistance with tuition fees. In the majority of cases, these are to assist children who are already attending a fee-paying school and due to a change of circumstances may be unable to remain. Kent College encourages parents/guardians to apply for support where it is felt a good case can be made for assistance. Further information on how to pursue such assistance may be obtained from the Bursary.