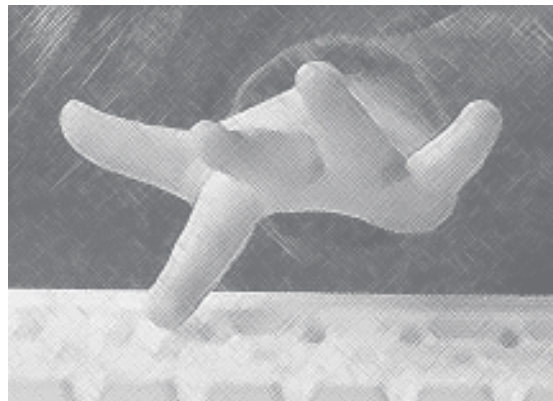


# Financial Assistance: What are the options?



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Did you know that on the ISC website [www.isc.co.uk](http://www.isc.co.uk) you can search for appropriate schools in your area based on the criteria you enter?

Each school has an information page with contact details, inspection report links as well as school fees.

Fees are quoted per term, and the majority of ISC schools have three terms.



*Question: Why do the fees differ from school to school?*

Fees differ from school to school depending on the type of school, whether it's day or full boarding, junior or senior. Some schools charge for extra-curricular activities where as others have an all-inclusive fee. It is best to check directly with the school for more specific details of what's included.

## Help from the school

Many schools have scholarships or means-tested bursaries that you may qualify for.

Bursaries tend to be means-assessed on a financial basis and will require the parent or guardian to fill out a declaration to establish whether the student meets the necessary criteria. Scholarships are also available for pupils who are particularly strong in an area. Do be aware that more recently the majority of funding has shifted towards means-tested bursaries.

The Head and/or Bursar of the school will be able to provide information about any such bursaries/scholarships and eligibility.

*Question: Are bursaries and scholarships available for all students?*

The majority of financial awards from schools tend to be for pupils entering senior schools. However, there may be a small amount of financial support available for younger pupils. It is advisable to contact schools directly for more details.

## Charitable Trusts

There are a number of grant giving organisations and charitable trusts that also offer financial assistance.

Do be aware that charitable trusts and grant giving organisations have strict criteria and usually require social need to be the contributing factor to the application for funds rather than simply financial need.

ISC does not provide assistance with funding directly but you may wish to contact the following:

- **ISC's Educational Grants Advice Service (grants information and advice):** 05601 503 524 (9am-11am, Monday - Friday)
- **Charities Commission:** 0845 3000 218 (holds a list of charitable trusts who may be able to provide financial assistance)
- **Educational Trusts' Forum:** [www.educational-grants.org](http://www.educational-grants.org) (offers advice on possible funding)



The Directory of Grant Making Trusts provides details of UK trusts and should be available from local libraries. If not, the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) publishes it. Their address is:

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## **JET**

One example of a charity that offers financial assistance to students is JET [www.jetcharity.org](http://www.jetcharity.org). The Joint Educational Trust (usually known as JET) is a UK charity which helps children who have suffered seriously at home or at school, or are at risk in some way. JET enables these children to attend independent boarding or day schools, or state boarding schools, where they have a real chance of making a new start.

JET children must:

- be between 7 and 13 years old
- have suffered recent tragedy or trauma or be at risk in some way
- be from families who cannot meet the cost of such education unaided

If you would like to be considered for assistance, please visit the website or contact JET directly on 020 3217 1110.

## Financial Planning

Some parents might find a financial planning company a useful way to cost effectively pay for their child's school fees. SFIA ([www.sfia.co.uk](http://www.sfia.co.uk)) aim to:

- Reduce the cost of educating your children
- Take out a tax efficient plan
- Plan for the cost of future school fees
- Arrange funds to fall back on as a form of safety net
- Spread the cost of current and future school fees
- Protect school fees in the event of illness
- Invest tax-efficiently to fund school fees

They can be contacted directly on 0845 458 3690.



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