



SOLIHULL

May 2019

Dear Parents,

I am writing to confirm that the Governing Body has met to approve the tuition fees and other charges for the next Academic Year. Attached is the summary of the agreed charges, which will be effective from 1st September 2019.

You will see that the gradual implementation of the revised policy for the recovery of public examination entry fees is now nearing completion. This has resulted in two levels of fee within the Senior School, one for year groups which will not be charged exam fees on a lump sum basis (Thirds, Shells, Fourths and the two Sixth Form year groups) and one for year groups where this charge remains in place (Upper and Lower Fifth).

The current economic and political landscape continues to be dominated by issues not directly related to education. However, we remain acutely aware of the pressure for independent schools to continue to engage with the maintained sector and the wider community in order to protect their charitable status and we remain proud of our record in this area. Other political challenges are also a consideration, not least the discussions of imposing VAT on school fees which, were it to arise, would be a real "game changer" for the independent school sector as a whole. We continue to monitor all political developments whilst taking advice from a variety of school associations.

We remain cognisant of the sacrifices made by parents when funding their children's education. Cost pressures on schools like Solihull continue to grow, both those directly within our control and those stemming from wider market and political dynamics. We have to meet these challenges whilst also ensuring that the staff have the resources to effectively deliver our wide ranging curricular and co-curricular activities. It is a tricky balance.

Within this environment, we will continue to invest in the school where appropriate. Over the last twelve months we have completed a number of projects, including enhancements to our site security, development of a second food technology facility, installation of solar panels and continued investment in classroom technology. Over the coming year, the main focus will be on the exciting redevelopment of the kitchen and refectory facilities to meet both current and future demands and legislation. The last year has also seen the launch of the new Wellbeing and Personal Development department and we have been pleased to hear the overwhelming positive feedback that this has received.

As a Governing Body, we said farewell and thanks to Mr. Apollo Mulira, who retired from the Board at the end of 2018. Apollo had been a governor for 13 years, taking specific responsibilities at various times for Safeguarding and SEND provision whilst also volunteering to help our Buildings Sub-Committee on a number of projects. Apollo has been a parent to three former pupils and served as President of the Parents'

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Association in 2000/2001. He was also the medical officer on a number of overseas sports tours, trips I know live long in his and the pupils' memories. His contribution to our debates and counsel on many issues has been hugely valuable.

I trust that you, like we do, enjoy attending the many events that take place at the School. The breadth and depth of these continues to impress and we hope that all pupils try new things both inside and outside of the classroom, learning as they do so.

I would like, on behalf of the Board, to thank you for your ongoing support to the School. Making the choice to send your children to Solihull is a significant decision and the best outcomes for any child will ensue when the School and parents work together effectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils well in this year's public examinations and also every success for the future to our 2019 leavers who join the ranks of Old Silhillians and will we hope, continue to stay in touch with the School.

Finally, I would, once again, like to recognise the dedication and expertise of the school staff, both teaching and non-teaching, ably led by the Headmaster. He and they continue to receive our thanks and full support.

With best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hopton', written in a cursive style.

Mark Hopton,
Chairman of Governors

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SOLIHULL

FEES AND CHARGES - SEPTEMBER 2019

REGISTRATION FEE £75.00

DEPOSIT £400.00

Acceptance of a place in the school must always be accompanied by the Deposit. This is not refunded when an accepted place is later relinquished. The Deposit is credited to parents at the end of a pupil's last term at the school.

TUITION FEE

Junior School	J1 / J2	per term	£3,672
		per annum	£11,016
	J3 / J4	per term	£3,840
		per annum	£11,520
Senior School	Third, Shell, Fourth, Lower VI and Upper VI Forms	per term	£4,526
		per annum	£13,578
	Lower V and Upper V Forms	per term	£4,492
		per annum	£13,476

The tuition fee includes tuition, text books and stationery. For pupils in the Third, Shell, Fourth, Lower VI and Upper VI Forms, the tuition fee includes an increment for public examination entry fees. For pupils in the Lower V and Upper V Forms, public examination entry fees will be charged when these examinations are taken.

A tuition fee sibling discount of 25% is available for the third and subsequent child concurrently attending the school from the same immediate family.

A late payment surcharge of 2% per month will be added to bills not paid on time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dining Charge	Junior School	£3.60 per meal
	Senior School	£4.05 per meal

There is no reduction in termly charge for fewer than five consecutive absences. Sixth Formers may opt out of lunch. Parents should confirm this to the Bursary in writing by the end of the first week of the relevant term.

The School Bus Service timetable and charges are listed on the school website.

Combined Cadet Force Subscription	per annum	£50.00
Snowdonia School (Shell Forms only) (charges in equal amounts on Easter and Summer Term accounts).	per annum	£120.00
Private Instrumental Music Lessons 10 Lessons per term (all pupils).	termly charge	£198.50
Instrument hire charge	termly charge	£25.00

Pupils are fined for wilful damage to School property, loss of books etc.

Tuition and bus fees are payable on or before the first day of term. All other charges (e.g. CCF, music fees, lunches) are payable in arrears.