



ButeHouse

Bursary Information

2023-24



Thank you very much for inquiring about bursary opportunities at Bute House Preparatory School at 7+ Entry. I hope that this document will give you all of the information you need about our School and how to join us. Further information can be downloaded from our website www.butehouse.co.uk / Admissions.

We welcome bursary applications; if you are interested in applying to the school the first step will be to register your daughter with us by completing our online Registration Form and submitting it with a copy of her birth certificate. Please indicate on the Registration Form

that you would like to apply for financial assistance, as bursary applicants are not required to pay the registration or assessment fees. You may register your daughter with us at any time until the deadline for registration, which is 31st October 2023 for 7+ Entry in 2024.

Please also note that the second step will be for you to complete the Bursary Application Form. This form must contain financial data for the period ending 31st August of the year before your daughter's entry. For example, if your daughter is registered for entry in September 2024 the financial data submitted on your Bursary Application must include the period up to 31st August 2023. The completed Bursary Application must also be received by 31st October 2023.

Ms Sian Bradshaw

Head

[Contact Us](#)

If you have any questions or would like further information about Bute House or our Bursary Scheme please contact:

Mrs Christine Kuiper

Registrar

Bute House Preparatory School for Girls

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Bursary Application Information (7+ 2024)

New pupils in Year 3

Bute House Preparatory School ("The School") is committed to broadening access to The School by offering eligible parents/guardians means-tested financial support with the payment of school fees. Such support is known as a bursary and bursaries may be awarded in the form of a discount of up to 100 per cent on tuition fees, payable together with a uniform allowance and support towards the cost of compulsory residential visits, depending on the financial circumstances of applicants.

The School aims to award bursaries to girls who join us in Year 3 and in the years above on occasional places and this information sheet covers the details of this Bursary Scheme. For information about financial support for existing pupils where a change in parents'/guardians' circumstances has resulted in difficulty in meeting tuition fees and may result in the child being withdrawn part way through a stage of education, please contact the Bursar of the School.

Who can apply?

Anyone can apply who feels that their financial circumstances would normally preclude them from being able to afford independent school fees.

The School welcomes applications from pupils of all ethnic and religious backgrounds and from those with disabilities.

Bursary awards will be offered for pupils on entry:

- who meet the School's normal entry requirements and
- whose parents have demonstrated their inability to afford a full fee-paying place
- **Please see the Bursary Fund Principles agreed by our Bursary Committee for further details.**



BUTE HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

BURSARY FUND PRINCIPLES

The following set of Bursary Principles have been agreed by the Bursary Committee

“We recognise that circumstances differ so we do not set strict thresholds or criteria but rather assess each application on a case-by-case basis, taking into account income and expenditure, assets and other factors which could affect the wealth and spending power of the household.

As a guide parents/guardians whose **combined gross income is less than £35,000** could be offered a 100% discount on the tuition fees, whilst those with a combined gross income of **over £100,000** are unlikely to qualify for assistance.

Alongside current earnings, other factors which will be considered in determining the necessary level of grant will be:-

- Opportunities to release any capital. Significant capital savings and investments would be expected to be used for the payment of school fees, as would significant, realisable equity value in houses.
- Contributions to household costs by other, wider, family members, any adults unrelated to the child or by outside sources.
- Where siblings are at other fee paying schools or places of education, it would be expected that applications for financial assistance had been made to those organisations.

How can I apply?

The Bursar is happy to answer enquiries at any time but the key dates and procedure for entry in September 2024 are set out below:

Registrations can be accepted up to 31 October 2023 **however, registrations may close before this date if the number of candidates exceeds 200.** Please register your daughter with us as early as possible by completing the online registration form and attaching a birth certificate. You do **not** need to wait until you have the completed Bursary Application before submitting the registration form.

31 October 2023 – Last day for submission of Bursary Application Form, including details of capital resources and income for the year ending 31 August 2023 along with the supporting evidence.

Thursday 4th or Friday 5th January 2024 – 7+ 2024 Assessment at Bute House

Mid January

Letters following assessment sent out.
Interviews will be offered to those who have been successful in the assessment.

Mid January

The process for applicants **not** offered an interview is terminated at this point and notification is sent out

Mid to Late January 2024 – Interviews following assessment take place.

The interview forms part of the assessment process. Not all applicants offered interviews will be offered places.

End of January 2024 – Home visits. The parents of Bursary applicants who are invited for interview will be contacted to arrange a home visit by the School's Financial Consultant (Bursary Administration Ltd) to discuss financial, welfare and pastoral issues.

Early February 2024 – Offers of places and Bursary Awards are sent out. If your daughter is offered a place you will at the same time be notified as to whether she will receive a Bursary Award and for what amount.

Please note that registrations accompanied by a bursary application are not required to pay either the £100 registration fee or the £125 exam fee.

When should I apply?

The first step of the process is to register your daughter with us for our 7+ assessment. This can be done by submitting an online registration form and a copy of your daughter's birth certificate at any time before the closing date e.g. for 7+ 2024 entry the closing date is 31st October 2023. (Please note we may close applications early if we reach our limit of 200 applicants). If you register early, you will be asked to reconfirm your daughter as a candidate nearer the closing date. The Bursary application is a separate process that runs in parallel to the 7+ Assessment. Please send your completed Bursary Application for 7+2024 (Bursary Application Form and supporting evidence) between **1st September and 31st October** as we require the Bursary Application to contain financial data for the year ending 31st August 2023.

How much assistance will be awarded?

The level of financial assistance available will be different for each applicant and will range from a part bursary to a full award of school fees (0-100% of fees)

Other Bursary Benefits:

- £500 uniform allowance, every 2 years, for all bursary pupils
- Essential books and book bags are provided free
- School meals are included within the fees
- Obligatory school outings and residential trips

Bursary Awards Reviews

Each year we reassess bursaries. Parents will be required to submit an annual declaration of income and assets and further home visits may be required. Each year parents will be required to submit a Bursary Review Form by 31st October containing financial data for the year ending 31st August. Subject to that reassessment process, the bursary will continue for every year in which the pupil remains at The School.

If we are unable to offer an applicant a bursary, please be aware that a full fee-paying place is a commitment for up to four years.

Terms and conditions of bursary awards

- Parents who apply for bursaries do so on the full understanding that awards are discretionary, and that there is no right of appeal against The School's decision.
- The School requires parents to complete a Financial Assessment Form for each year of their daughter's participation in the scheme. This must be submitted by 31st October each year and contain financial data for the year ending 31st August. We may adjust bursaries up or down in value as the family's income or assets change.
- The School will withdraw financial support if the pupil leaves the school for any reason.
- The School may withdraw a bursary and/or reclaim past payment if we are knowingly or recklessly provided with false information about income or assets.

Confidentiality

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

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE BURSARY APPLICATION

Please read these carefully before completing the Application Form. If you need further help, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Christine Kuiper on 020 7603 7381, Ext 202

The numbers below refer to the same numbers on the application form. If you pay tax in any way, please include the appropriate reference number. If any of your assets are held abroad please convert the value to pounds sterling.

2. Parents /Applicants

Anyone with care and control of a child can apply for assistance. This person could be:

- the natural parents of a child where they live together
- the natural parents of a child and their new partner
- the child's appointed Guardian (appointed by a Court)
- the person with whom a child resides and has care and control of the child as a result of a court order or other legal agreement
- the person with whom a child resides and has care and control of the child as a result of an informal agreement

Please note:- Foster Parents acting under a Full Care Order will be regarded as having no income.

Please note: - If the natural parents are separated and/or divorced both will be required to provide financial information and sign the Application Form.

3. Income

a) The gross annual amount of income **FROM ANY SOURCE** for the current or latest financial year up to and including 31st August of the year.

b) Profits from a business or profession – the gross amount agreed for taxation purposes. Deductions should only be made in respect of capital allowances, losses and stock relief. Please include the latest set of accounts.

d) All investment income, including building society interest, should be shown as gross

e) Gross income from letting or sub-letting of property

f) Please list on a separate sheet if necessary all social security benefits, naming their type and how long each has been received for.

- g) All income from maintenance payments, separation allowances and Child Support maintenance must be declared. Arrears in any payments will not be taken into account.
- h) Where a parent is required by any Court or legal order to pay part of the school fees then only the part of the fee which is not covered by the order will be used to calculate any grant awarded. Arrears in any payments of part schools fees will not be taken into account.
- i) Include free benefits in kind that are agreed by the Inland Revenue as not being subject to tax
- j) Royalties and all other sources including entertainment and travel allowances

4. Outgoings

- a) Enter income tax and tax on unearned income **TOGETHER**
- c) Enter payments to pension schemes
- d) Enter capital as well as interest payment on a mortgage for the main residence
- e) Only complete this if repayment is affected by a full Endowment Policy
- j) Bank overdraft and other loan charges (please state the purpose of the loan)

5. Parents' / Applicants' Capital Assets

The following will be taken into account:

- a) Monies held on deposit at any bank or building society. The value of investments in stocks and shares at the time of application.
- c) The current market value of the main residence (please estimate)
- d) The current market value of any other properties (please estimate)
- f) If you run your own business or are partners in a business, then you should show the total net worth of the business. Shares in a company not listed on the Stock Exchange should be valued at your share of the net value of the company.

6. Parents' / Applicants' Capital Liabilities

Please detail all other monies owed, together with the lender's name on a separate sheet if necessary

7. Dependent Children

Use column 1 for the child for whom you are applying and columns 2 – 4 for any other dependents.

- e) Please refer to the current academic year
- h) (iii) Please state any other educational allowances received
 - (iv) If you have been able to claim under any policy, please declare the amount received under the policy for the current academic year
 - (v) If the child is in receipt of financial assistance from any other family members or income from a Trust Deed please declare the annual amount available
- i) Please enter the gross amount of any interest / share dividends received by the child

8. Other Dependents

Please provide details of any Carer's Allowance received and details of any other dependents, for example age, address, and condition

9. Any Other Relevant Information

Please enter, on a separate sheet if necessary, any details which may affect the assessment of the grant, for example a significant change in income or outgoings for the coming year, or any other relevant information about your family circumstances.

***YOU MAY WISH TO KEEP A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION
FORM FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS***



BUTE HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances

Please read the Guidance Notes before completing this form

1. CHILD	NOTES
a) Full Names	
b) Date of birth	
c) Term / year of entry	

2. PARENTS / APPLICANTS (see note 2)

	Parent 1	Parent 2
a) Names		
b) Title		
c) Address		
d) Daytime Tel		
Evening Tel		
Mobile		
E-mail		
e) Please indicate status of parents' relationship (married, divorced, separated, partners, deceased). Please state if parents are not living at the same home address.		
f) Relationship to child		
g) Occupation		
h) Employment Status	Retired Self-employed Employed; (Full Time or not) Unemployed Student	Retired Self-employed Employed; (Full time or not) Unemployed Student

	Intern Volunteer Full-time Part-time (please circle)	Intern Volunteer Full-time Part-time (please circle)
i) Employer details		
j) Are you a Director / Proprietor? (% share holding)	YES/NO	YES/NO

3. INCOME

(see note 3)

Please use annual amounts

	Parent 1 £	Parent 2 £	NOTES
a) Gross salary and other earnings			
b) Business or professional profits			
c) Gross pensions			
d) Gross investment income			
e) Gross rents received			
f) Benefits received			
g) Maintenance received			
h) Court order / separation agreement – school fees receivable			
i) Benefits in kind received free			
j) Any other income			
k) TOTAL			

4. OUTGOINGS

(see note 4)

Please use annual amounts

	Parent 1 £	Parent 2 £
a) Tax on incomes above		
b) NI contributions		
c) Pension contributions		
d) Mortgage payments on main residence		
e) Endowment payments		
f) Other insurances		
g) Rent - main residence		

- h) Rates and utilities
- i) Other interest payable
- j) Loan repayments
- k) Food and subsistence
- l) Clothing
- m) Vehicle costs
- n) Leisure
- o) Holidays

TOTAL

5. **CAPITAL ASSETS**

(see note 5)

Approximate market value

Parent 1 £

Parent 2 £

NOTES

- a) i) Bank / building society balances
- ii) Equity / bond values
- iii) PEPs/ISAs/TESSAs
- b) Pension schemes
- c) Estimated value of main residence if owned
- d) Value of other properties
- e) Value of other possessions including house contents, vehicles,
- f) Net worth of business
- g) Redundancy or other employment settlements due
- h) Insurance settlements due
- i) Other assets not listed e.g. share option and trust interests held by 3rd

TOTAL

6. **CAPITAL LIABILITIES**

(see note 6)

Parent 1 £

Parent 2 £

- a) Mortgage amount outstanding
- Mortgage final payment date
- b) i) loans
- ii) credit cards

SUMMARY

Parent 2 £

Deduct Outgoings

TOTAL

Capital Assets

Deduct Capital Liabilities

TOTAL

Please indicate why net assets cannot be converted or used to pay school fees

7. DEPENDENT CHILDREN		(see note 7)				
		Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	NOTES
a)	Forename					
b)	DOB					
c)	Current school					
d)	Boarding or day					
e)	Annual fees					
f)	Compulsory extras					
g)	Uniforms					
	SUB TOTAL					
	(a-g)					
h)	Fees covered by:					
	i) School scholar- ships / bursaries / allowances					
	ii) Annual sum arising from Lump Sum Payment Scheme					
	iii) Educational al- lowances					

	iv) Educational insurances				
	v) Family assistance				
	vi) Other assistance				
i)	Child's income				
	SUB TOTAL				
	(h-i)				
	TOTAL (a-g)				
	LESS (h-i)				

8. OTHER DEPENDENTS (see note 8)

9. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION (see note 9)

10. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED

Please supply originals of the following documents:

Last 3 payslips

Last P60

Latest audited accounts (if appropriate)

Latest management accounts (if audited accounts are more than 9 months old)

Latest self-assessment tax calculation (if appropriate)

Schedule D self-employment income declaration (if appropriate)

3 months' bank statements

Proof of value of investments (may include internet valuation)

Latest pension and endowment valuation

Benefit letters (if appropriate)

Latest mortgage statement (on all properties if appropriate) / rent agreement

Latest loan statements

Contents insurance schedule

Legal financial agreements

Any other appropriate documents to support your application

ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE RETURNED SECURELY ONCE THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN PROCESSED

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THIS APPLICATION BY THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YOU TO THE SCHOOL, OR ITS AGENT, BURSARY ADMINISTRATION LIMITED, WILL BE HELD SECURELY AND PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DATA PROTECTION ACT. IT WILL NOT BE PASSED (INCLUDING SOLD) OR DISCLOSED TO THIRD PARTIES, SAVE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

11. DECLARATION

After having read the attached notes, the following declaration should be signed by both parents/applicants (or see below).

We/I have read the notes and have made a complete declaration of our/my income and assets.

We/I agree

to meet with a representative of the school and/or its agent at our home at a mutually convenient time to discuss this application

to provide the school or its agent with any additional documents or information requested in support of this application

We/I understand that we/I are/am applying for our/my child and accept a place for him/her at the school:

Our/my child's fees account with the school will be credited termly with the amount of the grant

We/I understand that any award or grant is subject to annual review and that we/I must complete an annual declaration of our/my financial circumstances on the forms sent to us/me by the school or its agent and supply all relevant supporting evidence by the return date indicated

We/I undertake to report immediately any material change in the financial position declared

The grant may be withdrawn or reduced, and in certain circumstances, past payment reclaimed if:

there is a breach of the school's Terms and Conditions to the acceptance of a place for our/my child at the school

we/I have knowingly and/or recklessly provided false information

we/I have failed to return the annual declaration of our/my financial circumstances by the return date indicated

we/I have failed to produce any additional information required by the school or its agent to evidence our/my financial circumstances

12. Please tell us where you first heard about the Bute House Bursary Scheme.

Signatures:

Parent 1 _____ Date_____

Parent 2 _____ Date_____

If the above declaration is signed by only one parent or applicant, please give reason below:

Please return this form and all documents to:

THE REGISTRAR , BUTE HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, LUXEMBURG GARDENS, LONDON, W6
7EA