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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re Bursaries available for high school – Year 5 need to apply soon

We would like to share important information about scholarship and bursary opportunities at two local independent schools, St Benedict's School and Notting Hill & Ealing High School (Girls only). This information and is particularly relevant for families of children currently in Year 5, as the application process begins now and opens during the summer term.

Both schools offer scholarships to recognise strengths and potential in areas such as academic achievement, music, sport, drama and art. In addition, they offer bursaries, which are designed to support families who may not otherwise be able to afford the fees.

Bursaries are means-tested, which means families must provide full financial information, including income, savings and supporting evidence, so that the school can assess the level of support required. In some cases, bursaries can cover up to 100% of school fees. Where full bursaries are awarded, schools may also provide additional support such as help with uniform, trips and other essential school costs. There may also be other eligibility criteria, including meeting the school's academic requirements and having the right for your child to attend school in the UK, so families should check each school's website carefully for full details.

At St Benedict's School, families must first apply for a place and then complete a separate scholarship application for the relevant area. This may involve assessments, auditions or submission of work, followed by an interview for shortlisted candidates. Bursary applications are completed separately and require detailed financial information.

At Notting Hill & Ealing High School, families apply for a place through the online registration process and indicate their interest in scholarships at that stage. Academic scholarships are awarded based on performance in the entrance assessment and interview, while music and sport scholarships require additional assessments or auditions. Bursary applications are also completed separately and are based on financial need.

The application process for these schools begins in Year 5, with registration typically opening in the summer term. Deadlines are usually in the autumn term of Year 6, with assessments taking place later in the year. Families should check each school's website regularly for the most up to date information and exact dates, as these can vary each year.

As your child is currently in Year 5, now is the time to explore these opportunities and begin considering whether this pathway may be suitable. We would encourage families not to assume that independent schools are





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unaffordable, as bursaries may make this a realistic option. Even if you have not previously considered this option, I would strongly encourage you to take a look at the website information, check whether you may be eligible and visit the schools to see if they could be the right fit for your child.

Further information can be found using the details below:

St Benedict's School

54 Eaton Rise, Ealing, London, W5 2ES

020 8862 2000

<https://www.stbenedicts.org.uk/scholarships>

Notting Hill & Ealing High School (GDST)

2 Cleveland Road, Ealing, London, W13 8AX

020 8799 8400

<https://nhehs.gdst.net/admissions/scholarships/>

If you would like any further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Kondo

Headteacher

