

Bursary News



Bursary updates from King Alfred School

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Bursary Lottery A Go

In April of this year, we asked you what you thought of a Bursary Lottery. Overwhelmingly those who responded were in favour. So we're going to have a Bursary Lottery next term. Before that, a few things...

The Need for Bursaries

Council wants the school to have bursaries for a variety of reasons: to keep a varied intake into the school; to meet the Charities Commission's public benefit requirements; and for the simple reason that the school shares the Commission's position that more children whose parents cannot afford the fees should benefit from our kind of education.

Current Bursaries

At the moment, the school provides for the equivalent of 4 full bursaries, all in the Sixth Form. This forms part of the budget. And, as of September 2010, the equivalent of up to two full bursaries will be offered at Year 7. There are plans afoot to introduce bursaries in Reception, but this is some way away still. But, over a period of time, there should be bursaries in every year group in the school – a wonderful achievement if we can manage it.

Allocation of Bursaries – How it all works – Stop Press

Following on from Tom B's article in the current *Snapshot*, we can announce that Bursaries are/will be allocated on a means-tested basis, considered for students in Years 7 or 12, in accordance with the school's usual criteria. Applications are welcome from all families – from those already in the school, as well as those applying from outside. All applications, of course, are kept confidential.

Please ask the Bursar – no pun intended – for a copy of the *Bursary and Financial Support Policy* as there is more information than we can fit here.

The KAS Bursary Fund

At the moment the fund stands at £95,000 and growing. This amount is going towards a larger fund to provide bursaries over time. This amount comes mainly from donations and we thank all those who have donated.

Contributors

Ice Cream! Popcorn!

Many of you will have seen Leyla selling popcorn, ice-cream and drinks outside the Main Hall. There are plans to expand this over the next year, with all profits going towards bursaries. More news later...

Bees for Bursaries

Read your *Snapshot* and you'll find out that the £800 raised by the beekeeping course run by Vaughan Thomas has been donated to the Bursary Fund. (Vaughan says Sheila and Jennie did all the leg work.)

Deposits

Parents, when leaving the school, sometimes donate part or the whole of their deposit to the Bursary Fund.

And even those who never become KAS parents are unwittingly contributing. From now on deposits made by parents who then choose another school for their children are being allocated to the Bursary Fund.

And so now to....

The Bursary Lottery

The first "Bursary Lottery" will be run in the Spring term of 2010 – next term. As a reminder, the prize in this Bursary Lottery is one term's fees. Tickets will be £20. All parents or Members of the KAS Society will be entitled to buy tickets and these will be sold at the school only. Tickets will not be transferable and the prize will be valid for 3 years only. Tickets will be available from the Reception Office and from the Bursary as well. On a few occasions, tickets will also be sold at Friday café and/or outside the Main Hall.

The draw will be made by Dawn on 19 March 2010. (Dawn is not allowed to buy any tickets.)

Winners can remain anonymous and, of course, any winner is more than welcome to donate the prize back to the school.

We will be making more announcements with additional information (and possibly a few changes) before the Lottery starts in earnest.