



# **BRENTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

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LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

## **Charging and Remissions Policy**

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The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, visits and residential experiences can make towards a student's personal and social education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the students of the school and as additional optional activities.

1. Instrumental tuition incurs a subsidised charge and parents may be required to pay the cost of hiring instruments;
2. Parents may be invited to contribute in cash or kind for ingredients, materials, equipment etc needed or practical subjects such as Food Technology and CDT where there is a finished product to be taken home.

Children of parents who do not contribute will not be disadvantaged in any way.

3. The parents of students participating in a residential experience that is extra-curricular, such as a ski trip, will be asked to pay for board and lodging.

Parents of students entitled to Free School Meals may be able to access financial support from the school.

4. When school visits are arranged which:
  - a. Fulfil any requirements specified in the syllabus for a prescribed public examination, or:
  - b. Are specifically to fulfil statutory duties relative to the National Curriculum, or:
  - c. Are specifically to fulfil statutory dates related to religious education, no charges will be made, however voluntary contributions may be requested.

Parents will be invited to make voluntary contributions to the cost of visits and journeys arranged in school time. Students will not be discriminated against if their parents are unwilling to contribute to their cost, however if voluntary contributions do not cover a sufficient percentage of the cost of a visit, the visit may be cancelled. Every effort will be made to contribute to the cost for children who are eligible for Free School Meals.

5. Visits and journeys arranged outside the school day, which do not fall within the categories of a), b) or c), are optional and parents will be required to pay the actual cost of the visit or journey, and costs incurred through supervision.
6. Parents of students eligible for Free School Meals, who wish their child to participate in an optional extra-curricular activity, but are unable to pay the full amount, should apply to the school for consideration for financial support.

7. Parents will not be charged for entry to any prescribed public examination, unless a student is retaking an examination against the advice provided by the school.
8. If a student fails to complete the examination requirements for any public examination for which she/he has been entered, the parents shall be asked to repay the cost of entry. The provision of a medical certificate for the student would exempt the parent from payment.
9. The Governors may require that the parents of students who break, damage, lose or fail to return school property, be required to pay replacement costs.
10. All payments should be made online via the ParentPay portal.

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activities for which a charge may be made.

Nothing in the policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing education for students.