



**Inspiring The Women  
of the Future**



## What are Assisted Places?

Our school aims to offer an exceptional education to the brightest girls in Birmingham, irrespective of their parents' ability to pay fees. The Assisted Places scheme reduces the fees for those girls who are accepted onto the programme to a level that is affordable for their particular family circumstances.

Over the years, funding has come from public sources, local or central government, but in recent years, this funding has been withdrawn and replaced by a substantial grant from the Governors of the King Edward Foundation and donations from Old Edwardians.

The presence of a significant proportion of able and well motivated girls from a wide range of family backgrounds is a key part of the ethos of the school and benefits the whole community.

## What is the difference between an Assisted Place and a Scholarship?

An Assisted Place is awarded on academic merit based on the School's own 11+ Admissions Examination in January. It is means tested and is based on family income and assets. Families with income below £20,000 will pay no fees, and there is a sliding scale which provides a fee reduction for families with income up to £72,000. The scale is included with the school prospectus and is available on the website. Demand for Assisted Places far exceeds the funds currently available; we will not be able to offer Assisted Places to all eligible girls.

Parents should indicate on their application form, that they wish their daughter to be considered for an Assisted Place.

A scholarship is awarded for academic merit, based on the school's own 11+ entrance examination in October. Scholarships are not means tested and range in size from 10% to a maximum of 50%. It is possible to receive a joint award of a scholarship and an Assisted Place.



# How does the scheme work?

## Application Process:

Assisted Places are available at KEHS on the following basis:

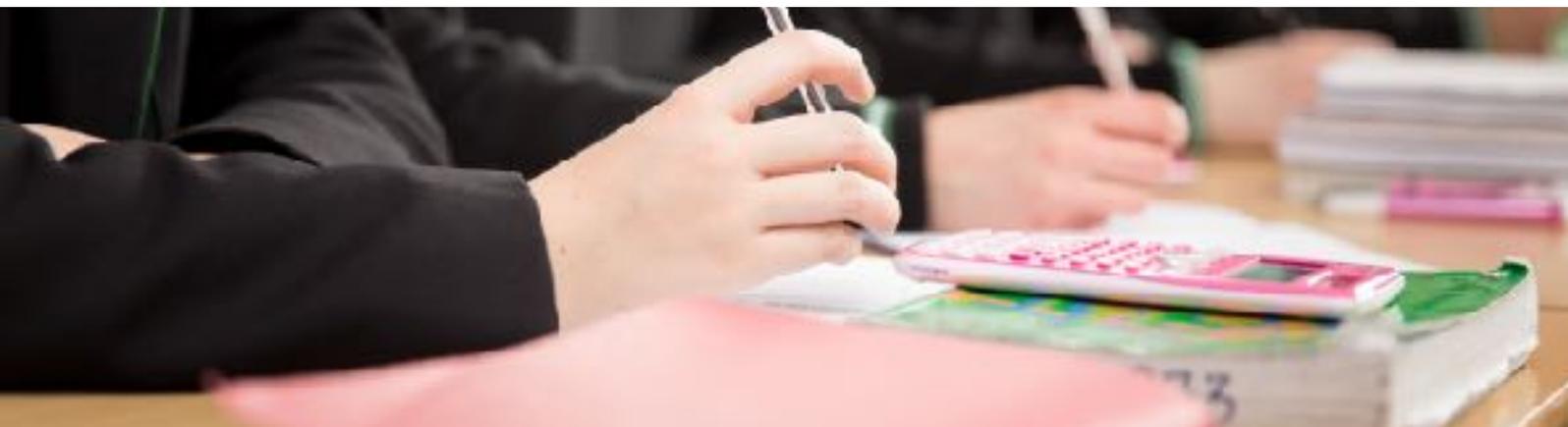
Assisted Places are awarded upon entering Year 7, or on direct entry into the Sixth Form.

Parents need to tick the box on the application form to apply for an Assisted Place. Subsequently, the Admissions Registrar will send out Form 1, requesting information about your financial position. This form helps the Finance team work out how much financial assistance each family would require. Form 1 must be completed and returned before the Entrance Examination in October. Late applications cannot be considered.

If a girl performs well in the examination, she may be invited to the school for an interview as part of the selection process. On this occasion, parents will meet with a member of the Finance team to review the information provided in Form 1 and will have the opportunity to ask questions about the scheme on an individual basis. Some girls who are called for interview may not receive funding, as the school does not have sufficient funds to support all applicants.

At the beginning of December, parents will be informed if their daughter has been successful in gaining a place on the Assisted Places programme. Parents whose daughters have been successful in gaining a place on the Assisted Places programme, will be issued with Form 2, which asks for further detailed financial information and invited to make an appointment with the Fees Officer to review Form 2. Once this interview has taken place and the amount of Assisted Places funding has been confirmed, parents are asked to either accept or decline the offer of a place.

If your daughter is not awarded an Assisted Place, but has passed the entrance examination, you may be offered a full fee place. Before we make a full fee offer to a family which has requested financial assistance through the Assisted Places programme, they will be asked to make an appointment to meet the Bursar, to review whether full fees will be affordable in the long term based on the financial information provided on Form 1. If so, then they can go ahead and accept the place, bearing in mind that it is a significant financial commitment for any family.



### Process:

All Assisted Places are “index linked”: they are awarded as a percentage of the published fees, so that when the fees increase, the award automatically increases.

Because Assisted Places are means tested, parents are required to complete a financial assessment Form 2 every year. The award may be adjusted in value up or down as the family’s income or assets change. An award may be withdrawn or past payment reclaimed if KEHS is knowingly or recklessly provided with false information on income/assets.

The Fees Officer, based at the Foundation Office, who assesses family finances for support, is always willing to talk to parents on an individual basis.

KEHS reserves the right to conduct any appropriate credit checks or arrange externally organised investigations.



# How are Assisted Places funds distributed?

Each year the school receives a grant to use on Assisted Places, and has a fixed sum to award to girls entering the school. Girls are ranked in order based on their performance in the Entrance Exam and on the outcome of the interview. Funding is then applied to each individual girl in order, based on the calculations performed by the Fees Officer, until the funding runs out. We do not have a fixed number of Assisted Places, as this will depend each year on the financial needs of the girls at the top of the merit order.

## How much financial help can parents expect?

Parents with family income under £20,000 can expect to pay no fees. Parents with family income between £20,000 and £72,000 can expect to pay a reduced level of fees; the scale is available on the school website. If a family also has significant 'capital assets', for example, a house without mortgage, or significant savings or investment in a family business, we will also take this into account when calculating the fees.

Some families may have unusual financial circumstances, which mean that, although their annual income is low and on paper they are eligible for assistance, they are able to enjoy a very comfortable lifestyle, such as expensive holidays, extravagant birthday gifts such as cars and, 'buy to let' property, whether through family connections, employment in a family business or sophisticated financial planning. The underlying ethos of the Assisted Places programme is to support the brightest children in Birmingham who could not otherwise afford to come to KEHS, so should it become obvious that a pupil's lifestyle is inconsistent with the level of Assisted Places award provided, the school reserves the right to investigate further and to use other alternative methods to assess affordability of fees.

Families with gross assets over £500,000 are not eligible for this scheme.

### Funding for additional Costs

Girls with a full Assisted Place will receive assistance with the cost of school uniforms, travel to and from the school and for residential trips relating to the examination courses. They may also receive free school meals.

### Who Should Apply?

If the family income is under £72,000, and your daughter is doing very well in her junior school, do consider applying. However, remember, not everyone who does well enough in the Admission Examinations, and is eligible financially, will be awarded an Assisted Place. There are only a limited number each year, but the school is working hard to increase the number it can offer.

## Sixth Form

Girls applying for the Sixth Form at KEHS apply as at 11+. Admissions interviews are held during January and February. Assisted Places are assessed in the same way as at 11+.

### Old Edwardians' Sixth Form Scholarships

The Old Edwardians have an Assisted Place fund for Sixth Form entrants administered by the school on the same basis as 11+ awards. These are awarded to girls previously educated in the state sector.

One Old Edwardian Sixth Form Scholarship has been awarded by Jennifer Wall, in memory of her mother, Margaret Wall.

## How do parents apply?

Enquiries about Assisted Places and application form requests should be directed to the Registrar – telephone number 0121 415 2195; email: [admissions@kehsmail.co.uk](mailto:admissions@kehsmail.co.uk) All Assisted Places are awarded at the discretion of the King Edward Foundation.

The Fees Officer is pleased to see parents at a mutually convenient time to discuss personal circumstances.

The school actively seeks, and warmly welcomes, applications for its Assisted Places scheme.





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