Chapel & Tuck

FOR PARENTS · INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

School Costs Checklist

Fees are only part of the bill. Use this checklist to note which extras apply to your child, what you expect them to cost, and what you actually pay.

School name	Child and year group	Fees per term
		£

Applies to us
Tick if the cost applies to your child.

Usually charged
How schools tend to bill it, to help you work out a year.

Estimate a year
Your best guess for the whole school year.

Actually paid
Fill in as the bills arrive, to see how close you were.

01 Joining and leaving

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Registration fee	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£
Acceptance deposit	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£
Entrance or joining fee	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£
Leavers' events and gifts	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£

02 Uniform and equipment

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Initial uniform	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£
Sports kit	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£
Shoes and bags	☐ Applies	Per year	£	£
Replacement and growing out	☐ Applies	Per year	£	£
Name tapes	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£

03 Trips and experiences

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Day trips	☐ Applies	Per year	£	£
Residential trips	☐ Applies	Per trip	£	£
Overseas trips	☐ Applies	Per trip	£	£
Subject-specific visits	☐ Applies	Per year	£	£

04 Transport and meals

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
School transport	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Daily commuting	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Lunches	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Breakfast and after-school care	☐ Applies	Per session	£	£

05 Boarding

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Flexi or occasional nights	☐ Applies	Per night	£	£
Laundry and linen	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
House fund or subscription	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Pocket money and tuck	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Travel home at exeats and half term	☐ Applies	Per trip	£	£
Storage over the holidays	☐ Applies	Per holiday	£	£

06 Lessons and activities

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Music tuition	☐ Applies	Per lesson	£	£
Instrument hire	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Drama or LAMDA lessons	☐ Applies	Per lesson	£	£
Sports coaching	☐ Applies	Per lesson	£	£
Clubs and activities (CCF, DofE)	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Art and DT materials	☐ Applies	Per year	£	£

07 Exams

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
GCSE and A level entries	☐ Applies	Per subject	£	£
Music exams (ABRSM, Trinity)	☐ Applies	Per exam	£	£
Drama exams (LAMDA)	☐ Applies	Per exam	£	£
Exam access assessment	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£

08 Learning and technology

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Learning support	☐ Applies	Per lesson	£	£
English as an additional language	☐ Applies	Per lesson	£	£
Laptop or tablet	☐ Applies	One-off	£	£
Textbooks and stationery	☐ Applies	Per year	£	£

09 Insurance

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Fee protection	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Personal accident or health cover	☐ Applies	Per year	£	£

10 Discounts (enter as a minus)

Item	Applies to us	Usually charged	Estimate a year	Actually paid
Sibling discount	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Bursary or scholarship	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£
Forces or other discount	☐ Applies	Per term	£	£

11 Notes

Fees for the year	Extras: estimate	Extras: actually paid
£	£	£

Worth asking the school

- Is there a full list of extra charges, and which extras are compulsory?
- Are exam entry fees billed to parents, and in which term?
- Do visiting music and drama teachers bill you directly?
- Which trips are expected in each year group, and roughly what do they cost?
- How much notice do you need to give to stop a lesson or activity?

WORKED EXAMPLE

Sherborne Boys (Sherborne, Dorset)

Fifth Form (Year 11), full boarder, 2026/27. Our example pupil learns one instrument (his own), takes Art GCSE and does CCF. Prices are the school's own 2026/27 figures, including VAT, unless marked as our estimate.

£58,050
Fees for the year (£19,350 a term)

£2,520
Extras we could price for this pupil, on top of fees

9 gaps
Trips, device, books, insurance and music exams aren't published

Item	Applies	Basis	Estimate a year	Source
Joining and leaving				
Registration fee	No	£300 one-off, paid when registering		Published
Acceptance deposit	No	£2,000, non-refundable, paid on accepting a place		Published
Entrance or joining fee	No	None listed		Published
Leavers' events and gifts	No	Not published		Not published
Uniform and equipment				
Initial uniform	No	About £844 for the core list from the School Shop if joining now		Our estimate
Sports kit	No	Included in the initial uniform figure		Our estimate
Shoes and bags	No	Shoes £55 a pair; counted under replacement		Published
Replacement and growing out	Yes	Our allowance: shoes, a jumper, shirts, trousers, rugby shorts	£200	Our estimate
Name tapes	No	Not published		Not published
Trips and experiences				
Day trips	Yes	Not published: ask the school	?	Not published
Residential trips	Yes	Not published: ask the school	?	Not published
Overseas trips	Yes	Not published: ask the school	?	Not published
Subject-specific visits	Yes	Not published: ask the school	?	Not published
Transport and meals				
School transport	No	Not needed for a full boarder		Published
Daily commuting	No	Not needed for a full boarder		Published
Lunches	No	Day pupils pay £550 a term for daytime meals; we assume boarders' meals are in the fee		Published
Breakfast and after-school care	No	Not needed for a full boarder		Published

Item	Applies	Basis	Estimate a year	Source
Boarding				
Flexi or occasional nights	No	£75 a night, for day boarders only		Published
Laundry and linen	No	Linen £144 one-off in the first term only		Published
House fund or subscription	Yes	£34.50 a term	£103.50	Published
Pocket money and tuck	Yes	Up to you	?	Your choice
Travel home at exeats and half term	Yes	Depends where you live	?	Your choice
Storage over the holidays	No	£43.80 a holiday, overseas boarders only		Published
Lessons and activities				
Music tuition	Yes	£49.80 per 35-min lesson; we assume 10 lessons a term	£1,494	Our estimate
Instrument hire	No	£75 a term if you hire		Published
Drama or LAMDA lessons	No	£594 per 10-week block of individual lessons		Published
Sports coaching	No	Tennis £57.60 an individual lesson; sailing £300 a term		Published
Clubs and activities (CCF, DofE)	Yes	CCF £36 a term in the Fifth Form	£108	Published
Art and DT materials	Yes	Art materials, Fifth Form, £94.80 a year (if taking Art)	£94.80	Published
Exams				
GCSE and A level entries	Yes	10 GCSEs at about £52 each (board fees, 2026)	£520	Our estimate
Music exams (ABRSM, Trinity)	Yes	Set by ABRSM each year: not checked	?	Not published
Drama exams (LAMDA)	No	LAMDA Grade 5 solo £79 (2025/26)		Published
Exam access assessment	No	£420 with a specialist assessor		Published
Learning and technology				
Learning support	No	£62.40 per individual 45-min lesson		Published
English as an additional language	No	£60 per individual 45-min lesson		Published
Laptop or tablet	Yes	Not published: ask the school	?	Not published
Textbooks and stationery	Yes	Not published: ask the school	?	Not published
Insurance				
Fee protection	Yes	Not in the extras list: ask the school	?	Not published
Personal accident or health cover	Yes	Not in the extras list: ask the school	?	Not published
Discounts (enter as a minus)				
Sibling discount	No	5% off for a second child at a group school		Published
Bursary or scholarship	No	Means-tested; see the school's fees page		Published
Forces or other discount	No	Ask the school		Not published

Sources, checked 12 November 2026: Sherborne Boys fees, 2026/27 · Sherborne Boys extra charges, 2026/27 · Sherborne Boys uniform list, Third to Fifth Form 2026 · Sherborne School Shop prices · GCSE entry fees, summer 2026 (example school list) · LAMDA fees 2025/26. Exam board fees rise each year, and schools may add an admin charge. Uniform prices are from the School Shop website and carry no date.