



JOHN LYON'S CHARITY



THE
BURSARY
FUND

Providing access
to excellence

John Lyon's Charity gives grants to benefit children and young people up to the age of 25 who live in the Charity's Beneficial Area which consists of nine boroughs in northwest London: Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and the Cities of London and Westminster.



John Lyon's Charity is part of John Lyon's Foundation (which incorporates the Charity, Harrow School and The John Lyon School). We are committed to helping independent schools in our Beneficial Area provide a first class educational experience to children and young people, irrespective of financial circumstance.

Each year, up to 15% of the Charity's expenditure is allocated as Bursary Awards: 5% each to The John Lyon School and Harrow School and 5% to independent girls' schools and other institutions.

What is a bursary?

A bursary is an amount of money given by an institution to enable an individual to study. Bursary Awards are based on financial need and not on academic merit.

What is the John Lyon Bursary Fund?

The John Lyon Bursary Fund helps children and young people from the Charity's Beneficial Area to attend high-quality independent schools that they could not otherwise afford. Awards are made to educational institutions, who then direct them to the right applicants.

Where are John Lyon Bursary Awards available?

Bursary Awards are available annually at the Foundation Schools:

- Harrow School
- The John Lyon School

Bursary Awards are also made available at certain independent girls' schools that are based in the Charity's Beneficial Area.

If you are an individual looking for bursary support to attend an independent girls' school, that school should contact the Charity to make an application to the Bursary Fund. We are only able to offer bursary support to boys wishing to attend either Harrow School or The John Lyon School.



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At thirteen years of age I entered an unknown world full of apprehension, as to be expected, but what I soon realised was that my talents belonged here and were of great value. I indeed had something to offer such an historic school, which in turn gave me an experience and a future I did not believe possible.



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I came from a single parent family and was fortunate to receive a funded place at a GDST School. I excelled at school, coming top in most exams and becoming the Trust Scholar for my year. This was in part due to the fantastic support from the teachers, particularly in biology, and I went on to study Medicine, I'm now a consultant.



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I was very grateful to have received the John Lyon Bursary from Harrow School – it helped dramatically with the financial cost involved in coming to the school. While there, I was able to realise my academic potential and was lucky enough to experience the amazing extra-curricular opportunities that Harrow has to offer.

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My education at a GDST School has provided me with the foundations for the rest of my life. I read Classics at Cambridge which, together with my time at school gave me the courage and resilience to survive in the male dominated world of the City. It gave me a breadth in intellectual perspective and a sense of independence of spirit that I will never lose.



What is covered by a John Lyon Bursary Award?

Awards can cover up to 100% of school fees for the entire duration of a pupil's school career (five years at Harrow School or seven years at The John Lyon School and at independent girls' schools).

The Charity may also award a separate grant to cover 'extras', so that Bursary Award holders can participate fully in the wide range of extra-curricular activities that the schools offer.

For applicants wishing to attend Harrow School, there is funding available in certain circumstances to support two years' at preparatory school prior to taking up a place at Harrow.

Who is eligible for a John Lyon Bursary Award?

Through the John Lyon Bursary Fund, we are looking to provide the opportunity for a child to attend a top independent school irrespective of social or economic background. We are not looking for the 'complete package' but rather a child who has the potential to thrive given the right environment and the right tools.

To be eligible for a bursary funded by John Lyon's Charity, young people must meet the following criteria:

- They must live in the Charity's Beneficial Area (see inside cover) and have done so for at least two years
- Their parents will be means tested and provide evidence that they cannot afford more than 25% of the school's fee. In cases where the Charity's award contributes less than 75% of the fee, other bursary resources must make up the difference.

How to access Bursary Awards from John Lyon's Charity

Harrow School Visit Admissions/Scholarships and Bursaries/Awards at Age 11 (Year 7) on www.harrowschool.org.uk for more information and to download a scholarship form.

The John Lyon School Visit Admissions/Bursaries and Scholarships on www.johnlyon.org for more information. Email admissions@johnlyon.org to request a Bursary application form.

Independent Girls' Schools can apply to the Charity for John Lyon Bursary Awards at their school. Schools should send a letter to the Charity with information about the school, details of their current bursary programme and the school's commitment to it, and an indication of the level of support you are requesting. You should also include details of how the school attracts candidates that meet the Charity's objectives. A member of the Grants Team will then contact you to take this forward.

Primary School Teachers should contact the independent schools that offer John Lyon Bursary Awards directly, to find out how they can help navigate the application process and options for securing bursary support for applicants from their schools.

For more information, and for a list of participating schools, please see the Charity's website www.jlc.london or call the Grants Team on 020 7591 3330

Academic Eligibility

Applicants do not need to meet any specific academic targets, but usually need to be at least Key Stage 2 attainment level 5 if they are in a state primary school or be capable of achieving at least 60% as an average pass mark at Common Entrance if they are already in a prep school.

For more specific information, please contact the individual school.



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I would not be where I am today if it weren't for my bursary. Not only was I able to do and achieve so much during my time at Harrow, I also enjoyed every minute of it. A Harrow education is one of the finest in the world, and anyone who has the ambition and ability should be able to benefit from it – this is possible thanks to the Bursary scheme.



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I am so grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to study at NLCS when ordinarily I would not be able to – the music scholarship and the bursary were a great help and I will not forget your generosity. The best thing about NLCS is the great sense of community – I have made so many friends that I hope to have for life.



Contacting the Foundation Schools

Harrow School

The Admissions Office
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020 8872 8007
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The John Lyon School

The Admissions Office
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Harrow on the Hill
Middlesex HA2 0HN
020 8515 9443
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Timeframes for thinking about applying to independent schools

Generally, prospective applicants and their parents should attend an open morning at their chosen school when they are in Year 5. Admission forms and applications for bursary support should be submitted to the schools in the Autumn Term of Year 6.

Some schools will then require the candidate to sit an entrance exam and also possibly invite them for an interview. For specific dates and deadlines, you should contact the individual schools directly.

We give grants to organisations
in the London boroughs of:

Barnet

Brent

Camden

Ealing

Hammersmith & Fulham

Harrow

The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

The City of London

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