

London Academy

Charging Policy



1.0 Background

- 1.1 London Academy has always encouraged a broad programme of trips and activities which are available to all students. The Governors are conscious however, that any charges made by the school must meet the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this policy is:
- To inform colleagues about our charging procedures.
 - To make our programme of trips and activities accessible to as many students as possible.
 - To establish a fair system of charges within the constraints of the School budget.

3.0 Links with School Aims

- 3.1 A varied programme of trips and activities will enhance the education of all those who take part. In particular it will:-
- Ensure all students gain the highest examination results of which they are capable and foster a love of learning that will continue throughout life.
 - Provide opportunities for all students to develop their varied interests and talents particularly in Sports and the Arts.
 - Ensure all students develop an understanding and respect for their local environment and community.

4.0 Guidelines

- Charges will not be made for activities which form part of a prescribed examination syllabus, or are in fulfilment of National Curriculum requirements.
- Activities which take place out of school time (e.g. a weekend visit to York) are charged at the economic cost.
- Activities which take place mainly during the school day and which involve a cost (e.g. a theatre visit to the school or a day visit to a museum) will only take place if voluntary contributions from parents/carers are sufficient to cover the cost.

- Where parents/carers request individual music tuition over and above that normally provided voluntary contributions will be requested.
- The cost of examination entries for subjects taught within the school will normally be met by the school. In cases where candidates have failed to meet the school's entry criteria but still wish to be entered they may be asked to pay entry fees.
- In practical subjects parents/carers may be asked for the full or partial cost of materials or ingredients if they have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.
- Parents/carers will be charged for wilful damage or breakage caused by their children.
- In cases where charges are to be levied parents/carers will be advised in advance and monies collected prior to the activity. Requests for help from parents/carers on income support or family credit will be considered and assistance provided within the limits of the school's budget. Complete confidence will be observed in all such matters. Any insurance costs will be included in charges for trips or activities.