

ISC schools offering fee assistance in London

What is an independent school?

Independent schools (also commonly known as private schools) are not funded by the government and therefore charge school fees, though many also offer bursaries (fee reductions). They are 'independent' because of their freedom to operate outside government and local government control. Being independent means that private schools are free from government control in areas such as admissions, curriculum and assessment, although safeguarding and child protection requirements still apply.

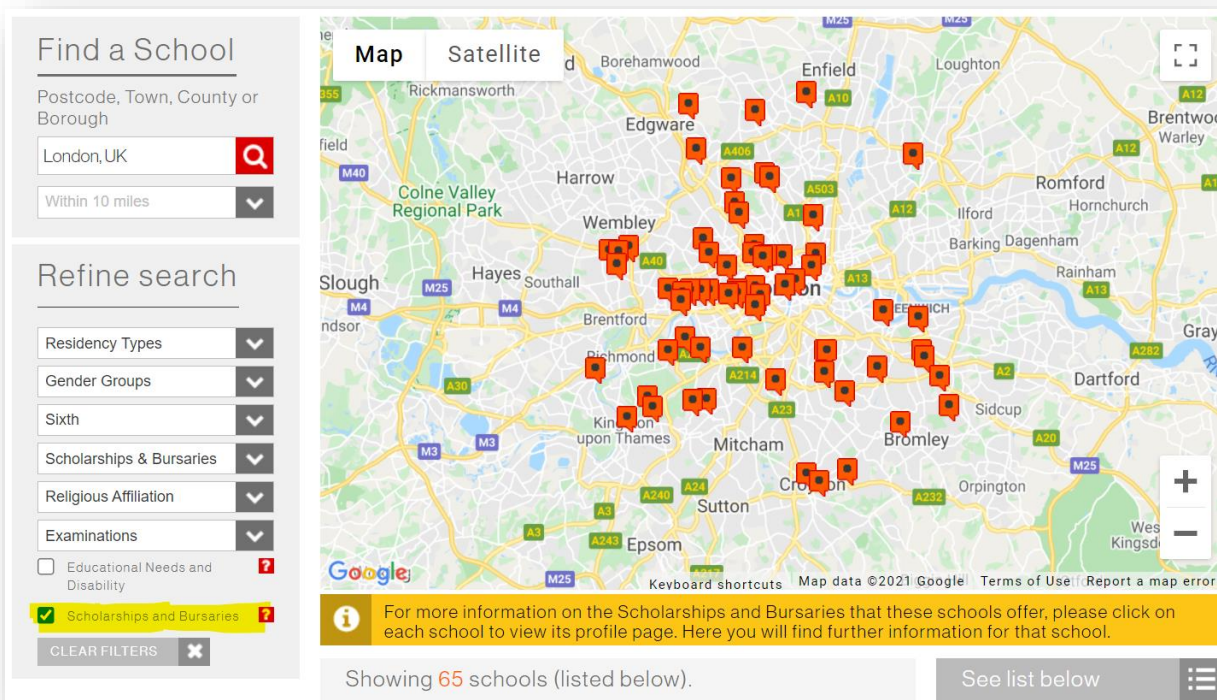
Fee assistance and independent schools

The Independent Schools Council (ISC) (www.isc.co.uk) has over 1,300 independent school members. Over a third of the pupils attending an ISC school are on reduced school fees as a result of a school bursary or scholarship. If you are interested in finding ISC schools who offer scholarships and/or bursaries in London then you can use the ISC school search. The ISC school search is a very useful resource to find schools. You can search by a range of search criteria such as location, age range and by bursary or scholarship type. The school search can be accessed here:

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/>

How to use the ISC school search

Go to <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/> Select your required location, age range and other search criteria. If you wish to only search schools offering school fee assistance tick the 'Scholarship and Bursaries' tick box. See screen grab below.



The screenshot shows the ISC school search interface. On the left, there is a search panel titled 'Find a School' with a search box containing 'London, UK' and a dropdown for 'Within 10 miles'. Below this is a 'Refine search' section with several dropdown menus: 'Residency Types', 'Gender Groups', 'Sixth', 'Scholarships & Bursaries', 'Religious Affiliation', and 'Examinations'. The 'Scholarships & Bursaries' dropdown is highlighted in yellow and has a checkmark. There are also checkboxes for 'Educational Needs and Disability' and 'Scholarships and Bursaries' (which is checked). A 'CLEAR FILTERS' button is at the bottom of the panel. The main area is a map of London with 65 red location pins. A yellow information banner at the bottom of the map reads: 'For more information on the Scholarships and Bursaries that these schools offer, please click on each school to view its profile page. Here you will find further information for that school.' Below the map, it says 'Showing 65 schools (listed below)' and a 'See list below' button.

To find schools offering a particular type of fee assistance use the scholarship and bursary drop down to select the one that you want.

Schools matching your criteria will appear on the map and will be listed below. Each school can be clicked on for full information including their scholarships and bursary provision. An example of a school profile page can be see [here](#).

Further information

General information about scholarships and bursaries at ISC schools as well as more about independent schools can be found on the ISC website here: <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/information-for-parents/>