

## ISC Sixth forms offering fee assistance in Reading

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## 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](http://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 out about ISC schools with a sixth form who offer scholarships and/or bursaries in Reading then you can find them listed below along with information about the school and the fee assistance that they offer.

The ISC school search is also 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 schools search can be accessed here: <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/>

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/>

## Reading schools in membership of The Association of Muslim Schools

- The Deenway Montessori School

## ISC schools with a sixth form and offering fee assistance within 5 miles of central Reading

- Shiplake College
- Reading Blue Coat School
- Queen Anne's School, Caversham
- St Joseph's College
- The Abbey School

### Shiplake College

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/england/oxfordshire/henley-on-thames/shiplake-college/>

#### **Address**

Shiplake

Henley-on-Thames  
Oxfordshire  
RG9 4BW

+44 (0)118 940 2455

Religious affiliation: Church of England

Gender profile: Boys only (co-ed sixth form)

Day/boarding type: Day, Weekly/Flexible Boarding and Full Boarding

Size: 465

Boys - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 11 to 18 (288)

Boarding: 11 to 18 (129)

Girls - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 16 to 18 (22)

Boarding: 16 to 18 (26)

Boarding fees per term:

£7,875 to £12,450

Day fees per term:

£6,670 to £8,375

#### **Fee assistance**

- Academic scholarships
- All Rounder awards
- Art scholarships
- Drama scholarships
- Music scholarships
- Sport scholarships
- Sixth Form scholarships
- H M Forces discounts
- Sibling discounts
- Bursaries for new entrants
- Hardship awards for existing pupils
- Lump sum payment discounts

Financial assistance is offered via two main channels, to ensure the College is accessible to as many pupils as possible who meet our entry criteria. Fee discounts can be offered via scholarships or bursaries.

A scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic, artistic or sporting excellence. A scholarship has to be applied for separately before admission to the College and normally carries a value of up to 10%, although in exceptional circumstances higher values can be awarded. Exhibitions of 5% are also available.

The College Governors are committed to broadening access to the school by offering means-tested financial support to eligible parents or guardians to assist with the payment of school fees. Such

support is known as a bursary and may be awarded in the form of a discount on tuition fees payable, depending on the financial, compassionate or other pertinent circumstances of applicants.

Bursaries are awarded on the basis of the financial needs of the family and what the child can bring to and gain from the College. To apply for a bursary, there are two additional forms required. Firstly, a Bursary Application Form which covers the mean-testing element. This will be followed up by a home visit from the independent Bursary Administration Company which will provide the College with a detailed report on the family's financial situation.

Shiplake College offers one special All-Rounder scholarship to a boy currently at a state-maintained primary school seeking to join us our Year 7 in September 2019. The scholarship is particularly aimed at boys who would not be able to attend Shiplake without substantial financial support, and up to 100% assistance may be awarded for the right candidate.

This special scholarship is awarded to one boy who excels academically and also displays talent, or shows the potential to, in other areas of school life such as sport, music, art or drama. The scholarship is available to day pupils or flexi, weekly or full boarders, and families should be prepared to make a means-tested bursary application.

### Reading Blue Coat School

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/england/berkshire/reading/reading-blue-coat-school/>

#### **Address**

Holme Park  
Sonning Lane  
Sonning  
Reading  
Berkshire  
RG4 6SU

+44 (0)118 944 1005

Religious affiliation: Church of England

Day/boarding type: Day

Gender profile: Boys only (co-ed sixth form)

Size: 825

Boys - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 11 to 18 (723)

Sixth form: (204)

Girls - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 16 to 18 (102)

Sixth form: (102)

Day fees per term:

£6,013

#### **Fee assistance**

- Academic scholarships

- Art scholarships
- Music scholarships
- Bursaries for new entrants
- Hardship awards for existing pupils

Find more information about this school's scholarships and bursaries [here](#).

Queen Anne's School, Caversham

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/england/berkshire/reading/queen-annes-school-caversham/>

**Address**

6 Henley Road  
Caversham  
Reading  
Berkshire  
RG4 6DX

+44 (0)118 918 7300

Religious affiliation: Church of England/Interdenominational

Day/boarding type: Day, Weekly/Flexible Boarding and Full Boarding

Gender profile: Girls only

Size: 421

Girls - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 11 to 18 (218)

Boarding: 11 to 18 (203)

Sixth form: (99)

Boarding fees per term:

£12,250 to £13,590

Day fees per term:

£8,370

**Fee assistance**

- Academic scholarships
- All Rounder awards
- Art scholarships
- Drama scholarships
- Music scholarships
- Sport scholarships
- Sixth Form scholarships
- HM Forces discounts
- Sibling discounts
- Bursaries for new entrants
- Hardship awards for existing pupils

## **Scholarships**

Queen Anne's School offers Scholarships for entry at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form based upon merit to encourage the promotion of excellence across all aspects of the school's life.

All girls are eligible to be granted an academic award at 11+ and 13+ based on their Common Entrance Examination.

Applications for 11+ and 13+ scholarships for art, drama, sport, music and all-round scholarships should be received by the Headmistress no later than mid-November in the year prior to entry.

Applications for the Sixth Form Scholarship Examination should be received by the Headmistress no later than the autumn half-term in the academic year prior to entry.

Details of how to apply are sent to registered families prior to Entrance Examination.

For further information please contact: [admissions@gas.org.uk](mailto:admissions@gas.org.uk)

## **Bursaries**

The School offers Bursary assistance to parents of girls entering the School where prospective parents would otherwise not be able to send their daughters to Queen Anne's. Bursaries of up to 100% of fees are available. A Bursary and Scholarship may be held together by the same pupil. Uniform grants of up to £500 are also available for parents of girls entering the School. Exceptionally, funding for up to £125 per term of other extras may be granted in addition to a Bursary. Our aim in offering this assistance is to increase access to independent education.

The School may also offer financial support to parents of girls already at the school whose financial circumstances worsen unexpectedly.

All applications for Bursaries are considered on the basis of individual circumstances and are means tested. Please [email us](#) for an application form and more information. Applications should be submitted by no later than mid-November in the year prior to entry. As we often receive more applications than there is available funding, we reserve the right not to consider applications which are received late.

## **St Joseph's College**

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/england/berkshire/reading/st-josephs-college/>

### **Address**

Upper Redlands Road

Reading

Berkshire

RG1 5JT

+44 (0)118 966 1000

Religious affiliation: Roman Catholic

Day/boarding type: Day

Gender profile: Coeducational

Size: 585

Boys - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 3 to 18 (318)

Sixth form: (46)

Girls - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 3 to 18 (267)

Sixth form: (49)

Day fees per term:

£3,210 to £4,180

**Fee assistance**

- Art scholarships
- Drama scholarships
- Music scholarships
- Sport scholarships
- Sibling discounts
- Bursaries for new entrants
- Hardship awards for existing pupils

The Abbey School

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/england/berkshire/reading/the-abbey-school/>

**Address**

17 Kendrick Road

Reading

Berkshire

RG1 5DZ

+44 (0)118 987 2256

Religious affiliation: Church of England

Day/boarding type: Day

Gender profile: Girls only

Size: 1010

Girls - age range & pupil numbers:

Day: 3 to 18 (1010)

Sixth form: (164)

Day fees per term:

£3,675 to £6,295

**Fee assistance**

- Academic scholarships
- Art scholarships
- Drama scholarships
- Music scholarships

- Sport scholarships
- Clergy discounts
- Sixth Form scholarships
- Sibling discounts
- Bursaries for new entrants
- Hardship awards for existing pupils

See school website for further information on scholarships and bursaries. <https://theabbey.co.uk/>