

Sixth Form Charges

This document sets out the various charges which are likely to be incurred during your son or daughter's time in the Sixth Form at Langley Grammar School.

Sixth Form core charge (£40)

This is a compulsory charge for all students joining the Sixth Form, and is payable at the beginning of Year 12. The core charge covers:

- Sixth Form diary
- Cashless catering/library card
- Uniform badge, broach and/or tie
- Access to storage lockers
- Contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of the Sixth Form Common Room facilities

In addition, the core charge covers the participation costs of a number of aspects of the Sixth Form 'Life Skills' programme, including:

- Study Skills – input from 'Elevate' (an external organisation)
- Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation

In the interests of efficiency the core charge includes payment in advance for these events rather than asking for a number of small separate contributions at various stages in the year.

Educational Visits

Sixth Form expedition

Early in Year 12 we will launch the Sixth Form expedition in partnership with True Adventure. This is an opportunity for a students to take part in a two-week overseas experience involving community project work and a physically demanding trek. Destinations in previous years have been Jordan (2012), Morocco (2013) and Ghana (2014).

The cost of the expedition depends on the destination, but is likely to be in the order of £2,000 per participant. The school will be able to support a limited number of fundraising opportunities, such as selling refreshments at parent-teacher consultations, but participating students are expected to raise the majority of the money themselves.

Geography Field Course

Students studying Geography at A-Level are encouraged to take part in the Geography field studies course held in Northern Ireland in February. The course is five days in length and costs around £350 including flights and accommodation.

Day visits

A range of subject-specific day visits are offered. These may include revision conferences, concerts field studies, and visits to museums or art galleries. Costs will vary; some visits will involve coach travel, while for those in London students may be asked to make their own way to the venue at their own expense. For some events entry is free of charge, others are ticketed. Information about the visit and the costs involved will be provided as far as possible ahead of the event; however, please be aware that opportunities can sometimes arise at relatively short notice.

Careers/Higher Education profiling service

As part of our careers guidance programme we are able to offer students the opportunity to receive a personalised advice pack through the Centigrade higher education and careers profiling service. This involves students completing a questionnaire under examination conditions for approximately 30mins. The costs of the optional Centigrade service is £22 per student, payable in December.

Examination fees

The school will pay the examination entry fees for students studying AS and A2 programmes. Typically these amount to about £20 per module, or a total of £40 for an AS level qualification for a two module qualification, and £40 at A2 for a two module qualification. Some A level subjects follow a linear programme where resits are not applicable.

Some Sixth Form enrichment courses will also involve examination entry fees. In a few cases (eg Public Speaking) , the entry fees may be higher than those for conventional A-level qualifications; in this case students may be asked for a contribution to cover the difference. The expedition part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award also carries a cost of £50-60.

Educational resources

In some subjects, the purchase of a textbook is recommended. Typically, textbooks for A-Level courses will cost around £20. Where the use of such a textbook is essential, it will be provided by the school; in other cases, students will be advised to purchase it themselves, or to access the book in the Library.

Many subjects will make educational resources such as revision notes and past papers available through the VLE. Students may download and print these resources if they wish, but many will prefer to access them via a computer or tablet device. Students have a limit imposed on the number of sheets they can print in school and we would encourage them to use their quota wisely.

There is a 16-19 Bursary Fund available within school which could help with any education-related costs that may arise during the school year. To apply for a bursary, you must be aged between 16 and 19 and in full-time or part-time further education or training.

There are two types of bursaries available for students from low income households, more information and application forms can be found on the school website www.lgs.slough.sch.uk, under the student tab. Applications are accepted throughout the school year.