

VAT MITIGATION SUPPORT APPLICATION

Governor VAT Bursary Award Further Information (VMS 001)

The Governors aim to provide VAT Mitigation Support through funding provided by the Bernard Heathcote Foundation. This will be made available to those impacted most by the introduction of VAT on private school fees. Our Commitment and Care will be prioritised for existing Dixie families before any consideration of external applications for bursaries.

Some funding will be available from January 2025, with further funding becoming available from September 2025. Awards will be made gross of VAT, at a fixed sum, and capped at the mid year increase in fee. Any award made for the Spring Term will be credited to your account after the Awards Panel has met in the Spring Term.

Families can be assured that, at all stages, the information they supply remains strictly confidential to a very small number of staff in the Bursar's Office.

As a registered charity, VAT Mitigation Support can only be awarded following a review of the household finances. Documentary evidence of family income, assets and expenditure (including the number of siblings and expenses related to them) will be required.

Once the award has been offered, it will usually remain in force throughout the pupil's time in the School, subject to satisfactory attendance, work and progress. However, household finances are reviewed periodically, up to an annual basis, and the level of assistance may be reduced if these reflect an improved situation. Please note that a voluntary reduction in family income will not be matched by an increase in the level of help – if, for example, parents give up employment by choice during their child's time in the school.

Please complete form VMS002 with reference to the guidance notes on VMS003 and return this by Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Enclosures:

VMS002 - Application Form VMS003 - Guidance Notes