

## Moving from state school to private school

Superb facilities, longer days, smaller class sizes... there are many benefits in switching to private school at sixth form. Not only could it provide the missing piece of the puzzle when hunting down those top A-Level grades, but the extracurricular options should broaden horizons and open doors at the same time.

If the costs are an obstacle for your family, it could be worth checking whether you can apply for a scholarship or bursary. Many private schools are embarking on campaigns to raise more funds for means-tested bursaries, and these days almost one-third of pupils educated in the private sector receive some form of fee assistance.

### What is a bursary?

Bursaries enable capable children of less well-off families – those who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees – to attend private school. For the most suitable candidates, bursaries can be worth up to 100 per cent of fees – and in some cases, if they cover trips and uniform, even more.

### How do you get one?

The family income threshold for some degree of fee assistance can be surprisingly high, so it's definitely worth exploring, although your income is just one of the things that will be checked. Schools may well look at the value of your assets and assess other outgoings such as holidays.

Our advice? Be realistic about your options, scrupulously honest and try not to put pressure on your child. More info can be found [here](#)

**The Good Schools Guide will join a panel of Sixth Form scholars at independent schools to answer the age-old question; do you have to be posh to go to a private school? Find out how they applied and how they are finding it.**

***Do you have to be posh to go to an independent school?***

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