

Background

West Buckland School Foundation was incorporated in 2003 with the aim of raising funds to provide bursaries and help support the school in delivering high quality education.

Whilst closely aligned and mutually supportive, the School and the Foundation are separate charities.



The Programme

Each year the Foundation seeks to award up to two fully-funded bursaries for entry into Year 7.

The award will support the pupil from Year 7 to the end of the Sixth Form, should that pupil wish to stay after GCSEs.

Extras such as school uniform, school lunches, school transport, boarding and other costs not included in the school fees are NOT automatically included in the Bursary award.

Further support may be available for extras at the Trustees' discretion.



The Foundation Bursary Fund

The Foundation has a significant sum invested in managed funds. This is the result of the rationalisation and transfer of pre-Foundation funds, donations raised since 2003 and a considerable gift in 2010 from the Fortescue North Devon and Exmoor Charitable Trust.

This last gift arose from a generous legacy from Zillah Salter (nee Bristow) who grew up on the nearby Castle Hill Estate.

This has become the Fortescue-Bristow Fund and the interest from this fund pays for one fully-funded bursary per year to an applicant from a family who derive their principal income from, or in connection with, the rural economy and live within the North Devon Council area or Exmoor National Park, excluding town council areas.

As well as the Fortescue-Bristow award, the Foundation seeks to award another fully-funded bursary each year.

There are currently 14 pupils at West Buckland School on fully-funded Foundation bursaries.

Eligibility

Applicants to the Bursary Fund must fulfil the following principal criteria:

- Applicants must be day pupils who are permanent residents within Devon or Somerset.
- Applicants must be currently in Year 6 and NOT attending West Buckland Prep School.
- The applicant's family should not be in a position to afford West Buckland School fees.
- As a guideline, the Foundation will only consider those families whose joint family income is below £30,000 (gross) and whose assets are below £250,000.

Year 7-11

100% Fully Funded Bursary Programme

2023 Entry

Application Process

Applicants are invited to attend an Open Day in the Autumn.

1. Parents/Guardians/Carers are required to send the following information in support of their application by Friday 14th October 2022:

- *A personal statement from the parent/guardian/carer explaining why they think the applicant would benefit from a West Buckland education*
- *A completed Admission Form*
- *A personal statement from the applicant explaining why he/she would like to attend West Buckland School*
- *A copy of the applicant's Year 5 school report*
- *The contact details of a personal referee we can contact about the applicant. This referee should know the applicant in an educational capacity for example, a class teacher or a coach from external clubs and activities*
- *Parents/guardians/carers of applicants will be asked to complete a confidential statement of financial circumstances*

2. Applicants will be invited to attend a Year 7 entrance morning at School (date to be confirmed). This will include a short assessment and an interview with the Head of Middle School

3. Shortlisted applicants and their families will be visited in their home by one of the Foundation's Trustees along with a teacher from the School

4. All applications will then be considered by a panel including the Chair of the Foundation, the Chairman of Bursary Committee, the Head of Middle School and other Foundation Trustees.

5. Applicants will be notified of the result by Friday 9th December 2022.



- Please note that we receive a large number of applications each year for a limited number of places.
- Even if you fulfil the above criteria, it does not necessarily guarantee a successful application.
- We only award one bursary per family
- We stress that families will also need to consider the local state secondary schools during this process.

The strict deadline for applications is Friday 14th October 2022



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For further information or support completing your application please contact Amanda Reynolds in the Foundation Office on 01598 760164 or email: ajr@westbuckland.com For more general information on the school please visit www.westbuckland.com