

BURSARY QUALIFICATIONS

The ultimate obligation to finance school fees lies with the parents of the pupils. Financial support in the form of a means-tested Bursary will only be considered after all other avenues for financing school fees have been exhausted.

All applicants must supply a completed Bursary Application Form. No means-tested Bursaries will proceed until this form has been completed.

Factors taken into consideration when assessing a family's financial situation include:

- Opportunities to release capital either through increased mortgages or sale of investments.
- The ability to improve the earning power of the family. Both parents would be expected to be earning where possible.
- Commitments to the education of other siblings will be taken into account, but where a family has children at other fee-paying schools, Cargilfield expects parents to have made Bursary applications to the other schools as well.
- Cargilfield would anticipate that applicants have asked their extended family for support before requesting a means-tested Bursary.
- The financial circumstances of both natural parents will need to be reviewed. In the
 case of re-marriage the application should include the step parent's financial
 information. The obligation of the step parent to his or her natural children will be
 taken into account.
- Where families are based locally we would expect parents to consider the option of day fees where boarding fees are beyond their means.

As financial circumstances can change during a year, all Bursaries are subject to annual review.

Bursaries are conditional on the recipient playing a full and active part in the life of the School.