

Monday 29 June 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. As we look ahead to the 2026–27 academic year, I would like to share a summary of our fees and billing arrangements to support your planning.

Annual Tuition Fee Invoice 2026-2027

You can view the current schedule of school fees [here](#). Fees are due on the first day of each term:

- The Autumn term invoice will be issued on 31 July 2026.
- Payment will be collected via Direct Debit on 7 September 2026.

The Charity has taken the opportunity of revising its Terms and Conditions to ensure that it continues to comply with changes in the laws applicable to independent schools. The Terms and Conditions details requirements for notifying the school if your child leaves.

A copy of the revised Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

To assist you I have also attached a table summarising the significant revisions at the end of this letter. This letter serves as Notice to you that the revised *Terms and Conditions* will come into force on 7 September 2026 and will supersede any previous version.

If you have any questions about the revised *Terms and Conditions*, please contact feesgirls@habselstree.org.uk

Although the school does not currently offer a monthly payment plan, families may wish to explore the [School Fee Plan](#) as an alternative.

Coach Service for 2026-27

You can now book on our coach service. This information is on our onboarding website. We are making improvements to our coach service and hope to give an update before the end of term.

Fares for 2026/27

Our aim is to operate the School Coach Service on a sustainable basis while remaining mindful of the financial pressures many families face. Over the past two years, operating costs, particularly fuel (reflecting ongoing challenges in the Middle East), vehicle operations, and staffing, have increased significantly. While we have absorbed as much of these costs as possible, a fare increase from Monday 7 September is necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the service. Further details regarding any route-specific changes will be communicated directly to affected families in due course.



As part of this review, fares have been adjusted to better reflect journey distances, creating a fairer and more consistent charging structure across the network. We appreciate that any increase in costs will be unwelcome and would like to thank parents for their understanding and continued support. We remain committed to reviewing the service regularly and seeking further efficiencies wherever possible. Further details will be shared before the end of term

We ask that all families using the coach service take a moment to review the [Terms of Service](#) before the new term begins.

Please be reminded that a minimum of **one full half-term's notice** is required for any cancellation or adjustment of regular coach tickets. Further details about how to book, amend or renew your child's ticket will be sent out shortly. If you have any queries, please contact the Transport Office (transport@habselstree.org.uk).

Lunch Fees for 2026-27 (Senior School only)

Pre-paid lunch option

Thank you for your feedback in the recent parent survey we genuinely value your insights, which are helping to shape our ongoing plans. This year, we have increased our investment in the quality of food provided to students and are working closely with our catering partner to help manage wider cost pressures, particularly those relating to staffing. While we held lunch prices last year, there will be a small increase this year, bringing the daily cost to £5.50. Families will continue to have the option to pre-pay for lunches on a termly basis via the termly invoice.

- Autumn term pre-paid lunch fee: £346.50 (based on 63 school days at £5.50 per day).

To opt in, please complete the [online form](#) by 10 July 2026. Alternatively, you can continue to pay via your [ParentPay](#) account.

Music Lessons

Music is a vibrant part of life at Habs and we are delighted to offer individual and group music lessons. Please note that a limited number of instruments are available for pupils to hire, for those having lessons in school, and families will be invoiced in advance.

Instrumental/vocal tuition (individual lessons)

£62.50 per hour; £31.25 per 30-minute lesson; £312.50 for 10 lessons

Aural Tuition

Grades 1-5 £16.00 for single student per 15-minute session
 £31.25 for single student per 30-minute session
 £16.00 per student for one pre-exam 'top up' session

Grades 6-8 £31.25: single student per 30-minute session
 £16.00 per student (max. of two) per 30-minute session

Theory Tuition

£156.25 per term for group coaching
£312.50 per term for individual lessons

Please contact the Music Administrator (nmitchell@habselstree.org.uk) if you have any queries.

Devices (Senior School only)

Year 7 to Year 11, and Year 13

We have continued to secure competitive pricing from suppliers to support pupil device provision. There will be a small rise in the cost of device rental to £140 per term (excl. VAT), £168 per term (incl. VAT), Equivalent to £420 per year (excl. VAT) / £504 per year (incl. VAT).

Year 12 - please refer to the letter from the Director of IT.

If you have any questions about these fees, please email feesgirls@habselstree.org.uk. I wish you a lovely summer break when it arrives.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E Karfoot', is positioned above the printed name.

Mrs Elizabeth Karfoot
Chief Financial Officer

Summary of key changes to Haberdashers' Aske's Elstree Schools *Terms and Conditions* 2024

Note:

1. Some of the clauses in the revised *Terms and Conditions* have been re-ordered or reformatted but their effect remains otherwise unchanged.
2. The table below provides a brief summary of the significant revisions and additions to the Charity's *Terms and Conditions*.

New clause	Title	Previous clause	Summary of revision
3.3	Offer of a Place and Deposit	3.3	A minor revision has been made to reflect that the Parents may wish to donate a portion of their Acceptance Deposit to the Charity's Foundation.
4.7	Late Payment	4.7	The right has been reserved for the Charity to charge an administration charge of £50 immediately where payment of any amount is overdue.
5.16	Use of Technology and AI Tools	-	A new clause has been incorporated to reflect that the School may utilise appropriate technological resources and platforms to support effective teaching and learning.
5.17	Research Projects	-	A new clause has been incorporated to reflect that the School may carry out small-scale educational research projects using anonymised data. Unless the Parents specifically notify the School in writing that they do not wish the Pupil to take part in a particular project, the Parents consent to the Pupil taking part in all such projects.
6.18	Requests for Confidentiality	6.18	The clause has been updated to confirm that parties acting on the Parents behalf must not record meetings or discussions with any staff member or representative(s) of the School without consent.
7.5	Emergency Medical Treatment	7.5	Minor revisions have been made to better reflect the Schools' procedures in this respect.
8.12	Removal in Other Circumstances	8.12	A minor revision has been made to include reference to the Parent Code of Conduct, where applicable.
-	Provisional Notice	9.10	The clause concerning provisional notice has been removed.