

Year 7
Academic Assisted Place Awards
Information evening
Tuesday 13 September 2022
6pm to 7pm



Choosing a school can be very stressful. Independent education is not always the first choice as many parents tend to disregard such schools on cost alone, but there is assistance available.

# Academic Assisted Place Awards (APA)

At Bradford Grammar School we have a number of academic Assisted Place Awards (bursaries) available for those children looking to join us in Year 7 and we would encourage all parents who feel that the cost of independent education is out of reach to explore their options further.

Academic APAs are financially means tested and offer a reduction in fees that enable boys and girls whose family cannot afford full fees to attend the school. Where a child finishes in the Assisted Places Assessment will determine whether an offer of an APA is made and the level of any award is then determined by the financial need of the family.

There is plenty of advice available for parents and further details can be found on the school website www.bradfordgrammar.com. It is certainly worth taking the time to investigate the possibility of applying for an APA as the outcome can be life-changing.

As Headmaster, it is wonderful to see students who were awarded an APA thriving and going on to have successful lives. My advice to any parent is not to be put off from applying, come along to the APA Information Evening on 13 September (6p-7pm), check the online policy and if you feel you qualify, go for it!

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Dr Simon Hinchliffe Headmaster

# **Popular Questions**

## How do I apply for a Year 7 APA?

Explore the school website and read through the APA information. Ring the Admissions Manager (01274 553702) if you cannot find all the answers that you need. Once you are satisfied and ready to apply, complete the online application form.

## What happens next?

Once your online application has been submitted, your child will be entered for the Assisted Places Assessment, usually held in early December. If they do very well in these tests then they will be entered for the Entrance Exam in January and parents will be asked to complete financial assessment forms. A home visit will be arranged to discuss the application and review supporting documents. Once the scores from the assessment and entrance exam have been added together, this will determine which children may be awarded an APA and at this time families will be contacted.

#### Who decides the level of an APA?

We have a panel who meet to review all financial information. They will then inform successful families in writing that they have been allocated an award and the amount of this award will be disclosed.

#### How is the amount of an APA determined?

All financial evaluations will be based on the total amount of a family's income, the value of their assets and liabilities etc. A range of other criteria are also taken into consideration; these include ownership of a second property, the number of dependents, additional income potential for those parents not in full-time employment, lifestyle and holidays.

#### How long will the APA run?

Assuming a family's financial circumstances do not change and in the opinion of the Headmaster, the child's progress, attitude, attendance and behaviour all continue to be satisfactory, it is usual for a student to be in receipt of an award from the date they start to the date they leave the school. This is of course at the discretion of Bradford Grammar School and subject to the terms and conditions of the Award being met.