The College is committed to the equality of opportunity and to a pro-active approach to equality, which supports and encourages under-represented groups, promotes inclusivity and values diversity.

Policy on Tuition Fees 2026-2027

The College does not charge fees when your education is paid for by the Department for Education (DfE).

The cost of the courses that we offer is normally determined by your nationality and residency status. We charge tuition fees in line with DfE guidance. From 1 January 2021, all EU/EEA and Swiss students requiring a Student visa will no longer be eligible for UK government funding. This means that if you are a citizen of a relevant country, you will now be subject to full international tuition fees (including any applicable UK government taxes).

A Home Students (British and Irish nationals and EU/EEA and Swiss nationals with settled or pre-settled status)

16-18 year olds, under 16s who have completed compulsory schooling and some 19-23 year olds currently do not have to pay tuition fees to the College. Their education is paid for by the DfE.

To be considered a Home Student and be entitled to fee remission, students aged 19-23 must have been ordinarily resident in the UK for the three years immediately preceding the September in which the course starts. Meeting these residency requirements does not on its own mean that a student will not have to pay fees.

The College does not charge fees when a student's education is paid for by the DfE. In some cases, courses taken by a student may be co-funded by the DfE and, in these circumstances, the student will normally be required to contribute 50% of the cost. The table in Appendix 1 summarises the position in relation to the DfE's funding guidelines for students who are 19-23. The College does not offer courses funded through the government's loan arrangements for students aged 24+.

Any contribution payable by students over the age of 19 for courses commencing in September 2025 will be calculated on an individual basis, having regard to any co-funding that will be available from the DfE and the individual programme of study.

Students not funded or co-funded by the DfE will be required to pay full tuition fees of £7,500 (plus any applicable UK government taxes) per College year. The fees will remain fixed at these levels for the subsequent years of a student's course.

International Students aged 16-18 may be entitled to be treated as Home Students and have their education paid for by the DfE if they meet certain criteria, as set out by the DfE.

Guidance on UK government funding and fee remission is complicated and applicants should speak to the College's admissions team for further information and guidance on whether tuition fees are payable.

This policy only relates to fees payable for students taking a course at the College for the first time.

B International students

Students who do not meet the requirements of home students will be classed as international students and will not be eligible to receive any form of UK public funding for their course of study.

The UK left the European Union on 31 January 2020. Free movement between the UK and the European Union ended on 31 December 2020 and from 1 January 2021, the UK implemented a points-based immigration system (PBS) that prioritises skills and talent over where a person comes from.

If a student is not eligible under the EU Settlement Scheme, other specific requirements need to be met in order to study in the UK from 1 January 2021 including passing relevant UK criminality and other checks.

Irish citizens' status continues to be protected as part of Common Travel Area arrangements and therefore, Irish citizens do not require permission to come to the UK (except in a very limited number of circumstances), and as a result, are not eligible to apply under the new points-based immigration system.

Specific guidance for those looking to study in the UK can be found using the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1015794/The_UK_s_points-based_immigration_system_-_An_introduction_for_EU_EEA_and_Swiss_students.pdf

C Tuition fees for International students

The tuition fees for an international student starting, or continuing, a full-time course in September 2026 will be £7,500 per College year (plus any applicable UK government taxes) . The fees will remain fixed at this level for the subsequent years of a student's course. The exact composition of the course will be negotiated with the student during the College's enrolment period. The student has potential access to any course of study offered by the College to its home students.

D Tuition fees include:

- Access to courses offered by the College which are appropriate for the student;
- Tuition in classes alongside home students;
- Access to any extension and enrichment studies offered by the College (vocational and recreational activities including music and sport);
- Support and guidance provided by a dedicated team of staff*;*
- Full careers advice and guidance in applying to UK universities or elsewhere;
- Access to the College's Learning Resource Centres;
- Loan of essential textbooks;
- Entry fees for the first attempt at public examinations (but not late fees, second or resit entries).

E Additional costs payable by any fee-paying student include:

- An administration fee of £100, is payable on submission of an application form. This fee is non-refundable if, for any reason, the student is not able to take up a place. However, if the College were to be unable to offer an applicant a place, £75 of the administration fee will be refunded less any bank charges incurred in any refund;
- Peripatetic music teaching (for the voice or an instrument);
- Any additional support costs, such as special help from the Welfare and Skills team, English language, counselling;
- Replacement costs – a student who loses or damages College books or equipment will be expected to pay the replacement costs;
- Optional expenses linked to the course in respect of visits, fieldwork or practical materials for coursework;
- Student Association fees
- Any costs in relation to accommodation and living expenses.

F Payment of tuition fees

For international students a deposit of £1,000 must be received by the College at the time of acceptance of the provisional offer. This deposit will be deducted from the final instalment of fees payable, normally in relation to the second or final year of the course. If, for any reason, a deposit is refunded directly to a student, the refund will be by way of a transfer to a UK bank account. The deposit is not refundable if a student chooses not to take up their place at the College, after accepting in writing an offer from the College.

There are then two methods of payment:

- Full payment of £7,500 prior to the start of enrolment, which is normally mid August
- Payment in two instalments:
    - £4,000 prior to the start of enrolment

- £3,500 by 1 January

Payments must be paid by direct transfer to the WQE and Regent College Group bank account.

G Late or non-payment of fees

A surcharge of 5% per calendar month or part thereof may be added to bills not paid by the due date. Students who are not able to pay their fees by the due date must inform the College at the earliest opportunity. All reasonable efforts will be made by the College to help the student concerned meet required payment timelines.

H Other essential information

- There will be no reduction in fees in the event of absence from College for whatever reason;
- A full term's notice must be given prior to withdrawal from the College;
- The College reserves the right to refuse entry to public examinations if tuition fees have not been paid in full and/or if a student fails to meet satisfactory levels of work effort or attendance;
- A student may be asked by the Principal to leave the College under the College's disciplinary rules. Under these circumstances a refund of fees on a pro-rata termly basis would be given.

APPENDIX 1

The level of government contribution for DfE funded Adult education is as follows:

Chart 1: 19 to 23 year olds

