

## Fees and financial information

Chetham's is a truly international community. Around 10% of our students and staff have joined us from overseas, and over forty languages are spoken across the School. This diversity, both within school and in the wider community across Manchester's vibrant city centre, encourages a natural awareness and acceptance of different views, beliefs and cultures.

This guide sets out most of the information families will need when considering applying for a place at Chetham's. If you have further questions, please contact the Finance Director's PA, Kay Birkett, on +44 (0)161 838 7211.

### Full table of fees from 1 Sept 2026

All fees listed include VAT of 20%.

|                   |                                        | Per annum | Per term |
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| Overseas students | Day fee                                | £42,024   | £14,008  |
|                   | Boarding fee                           | £54,947   | £18,316  |
| Additional costs  | Acceptance fee                         | £216      |          |
|                   | Refundable deposit                     | £900      |          |
|                   | Audition fee                           | £162      |          |
|                   | Advice audition fee                    | £90       |          |
|                   | Consultation lessons (per 45 minutes)  | £90       |          |
|                   | Extra instrument tuition (third study) | £1,331    | £444     |
|                   | Overnight stay fee (per night)         | £60       |          |

*Fees charged may vary by less than £1 due to VAT and rounding*

When a place is accepted, a £216 acceptance fee is payable. This is non-refundable and covers administration costs. When a student starts at Chetham's, a deposit will be added to the first invoice. This will be returned to parents when the student leaves, subject to all charges being paid. This deposit will be charged to all parents, regardless of income.

## Bursaries and awards

### Funding schemes

Students from overseas are not eligible for MDS grants. To be eligible for a place on the Music and Dance Scheme, students must have been resident in the UK for at least two years preceding the first of January of the year in which the place at Chetham's is being taken up.

### Bursaries for overseas students

Each year we have a very small number of bursaries that we award to exceptional students from overseas. The amount of funding is determined by the School and is for one year only. Overseas bursaries are based on parental income, which will need to be declared. To request an Overseas Bursary Application form, please contact the Director of Finance, Paul Oberg, via his PA, Kay Birkett, on +44 (0)161 838 7211.

### Frequently asked questions

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| My child has a UK passport, but we live abroad. What happens in this circumstance?                        | Please contact the School during admissions to check if your child is eligible for the Music and Dance Scheme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Will I pay the overseas fee?                                                                              | To be classed as a UK student you normally need to be ordinarily resident in the British Islands throughout the two-year period immediately preceding 1st January in the calendar year in which the pupil will take up an aided place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| My child has an EU passport. Can we apply for a Music and Dance Scheme grant?                             | If your child has lived in the UK for the prescribed period of time, then you can apply for an MDS grant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| My child lives outside the EU and has a non-EU passport. Can we apply for a Music and Dance Scheme grant? | No. Your child would be classed as an overseas student. 2026/27 fees for overseas students are £54,947 per annum (boarding) or £42,024 per annum (tuition only).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| What might we have to pay for, on top of School fees?                                                     | Extra charges, which are invoiced termly in arrears, may include items such as extra instrumental tuition, music scores, socials, non-uniform day donations, instrument repairs, weekend trips out, taxi fares, concerts/theatre trips, lost property, lost workbooks and damage repairs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Can I pay fees in instalments?                                                                            | The School itself cannot offer payment by instalments. Parents can pay in monthly instalments using the services of School Fee Plan*, an independent company that runs a school fee payment plan service. If you wish to use the School Fee Plan service, please contact the Finance Director's PA, Kay Birkett, on 0161 838 7211.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I've just received my bill and I can't pay. What can I do?                                                | <p>You must contact the Finance Directors PA, Kay Birkett, on 0161 838 7211 as early as possible to avoid accruing unnecessary debt. As per the Terms &amp; Conditions on acceptance of a place at Chetham's, parents have a contractual financial obligation to settle bills within two weeks of issue. As a Charity, it is crucial for the operation of the School that parents pay their bills on time and in full.</p> <p>We ask that parents have emergency plans for for unexpected life events. An example of emergency planning is to apply for School fee insurance. Insurance helps parents protect their children's education from unexpected life events and ensures your child's independent school education can continue seamlessly. The School does not offer payment by instalments or further financial support. Parents are encouraged to consider applying to School Fee Plan, which enables fees to be paid by instalments before financial difficulties arise. The School does not offer individual payment plans or deferred payment arrangements.</p> |
| Is Chetham's part of the Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme?                                             | No, as an independent school, Chetham's is not part of this scheme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| I'd like to pay the fees but I have lost the School's bank details. What should I do? | <p>Payment can be made to :</p> <p>Chetham's School of Music</p> <p>Bank sort code: 01 05 31</p> <p>Account number: 01313460</p> <p>Our international bank details are:</p> <p>Bank Account Name: Chetham's School of Music</p> <p>Bank Sort Code: 01-05-31</p> <p>Bank Account Number: 01313460</p> <p>IBAN: GB86NWBK01053101313460</p> <p>Swift code: NWBKGB2LXXX</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Why do I have to pay for name tapes and laundry bags?                                 | <p>It is essential that parents of all students send their child to Chetham's with all clothing (including PE kit) and towels clearly named. In order to keep the lost property cupboard as clear as possible, the Laundry keeps spare name tapes for all boarders, the cost of which is £8 for 36 tapes.</p> <p>To avoid damage to small and delicate items of clothing, the laundry also provides boarding students with two large net laundry bags at a cost of £14. Charges for name tapes and net laundry bags will be charged to all new boarders on their first bill and thereafter as required.</p> |
| I have a query about my bill. Who should I contact?                                   | Please contact the Finance Officer, Fara Omisakin, on 0161 838 7209 or <a href="mailto:FaraOmisakin@chethams.com">FaraOmisakin@chethams.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Do I need to insure my child's possessions?                                           | Chetham's strongly recommends that parents insure their child's possessions, including instruments. The School is not liable for damaged, lost or stolen possessions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Can I pay the fees by credit card, debit card or cash?                                | The School accepts payment by bank transfer only. Cash payments, debit and credit card payments cannot be accepted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| How much pocket money should a student have?                                          | The school cannot recommend any particular amount of pocket money as all students' needs and family circumstances are different.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| What is the £50 Account Scheme?                                                       | This is a scheme whereby parents of boarding students lodge an amount of £50 per term with the school and the student can then, with permission from the boarding house, withdraw amounts up to £50 during that term. Juniors and students in years 7 to 11 can be included in this scheme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| If my child has to leave Chetham's suddenly, what happens about fees? | As per the Terms & Conditions parents are required to give a full term's notice in writing to the Joint Principal, Miss Smith. A full term's fees in lieu will be charged without receipt of notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Is the deposit included in the fees?                                  | No, the deposit is a separate item and is charged as an extra to all parents. It is a refundable amount that is added to the first bill and returned when a student leaves the school, subject to all charges being cleared.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Do I need to translate communications with Chetham's to English?      | <p>As per the Department for Education guidelines, please use a professional service to translate a document that is not written in English. Ensure you ask the translator to confirm in writing on the translation: that it's a 'true and accurate translation of the original document'; the date of the translation; and their full name and contact details.</p> <p>Financial documents that are not written in English and are not in pounds sterling must also be translated. Please contact your international bank to provide statements in English and with the local currency exchanged to GBP.</p> |