

BRUTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Public Benefit

The School has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The School makes a contribution to public benefit in the following ways:

- The School's charitable purpose, as defined by its objects are open and inclusionary and are a purpose falling within section 2(2)(b) of the Charities Act 2006, ie: the advancement of education. It is a purpose for the public benefit and is therefore a charitable purpose as defined in section 2(1) of the Act.
- The School educated 360 children, including Nursery, at no cost to the taxpayer (other than the value of fiscal benefits to the taxpayer), and saves the state c.£2M each year.
- By providing an environment which is single sex we are providing a facility neither generally nor locally provided in the maintained sector.
- The School's fees are less than many similar schools in the region.
- The School operates a means tested scheme for Bursaries and Governors' exhibitions, to the value this year of £114k. See Awards below.
- The School offers a number of private benefits in the form of fee remission arrangements for non-discretionary discounts, eg sibling discount, staff discount, Forces discount.
- The School delivers outstanding academic results which are demonstrably much better than the national average.
- Within overall academic excellence, the School can demonstrate particular academic achievement in mathematics, sciences and art.
- The School is a lead centre for academic competitions in mathematics.
- The School provides for considerable non academic achievements and intangible benefits for all its pupils. And also caters for both special needs and gifted and talented children.
- The School employs well over 100 members of staff from the surrounding area.
- The School provides broader benefits to society by inducting and training academic staff and also by maintaining of the gardens, grounds and buildings of the School.
- The School makes its facilities available to a number of worthy and notable organisations.
- The School is involved in an array of partnership activities with maintained sector schools most particularly local primary schools.
- The School is involved in local conservation projects.
- The School is actively engaged in charitable work in the local community in the arts and in the provision of day care.
- The Charity is continuing to develop wider community links.

The Governors of the School consider all the benefits listed above are related to the charity's aim of advancing education.

Following the recent introduction of Governors' Exhibitions as a separate category and a reduction in staff discounts, it is to be expected that a proportion of awards will transfer from non means tested to means tested Governors' Exhibitions in the next few years.

It is the policy of the Governors to promote means tested discretionary awards over any and all other forms of award and it is hoped that in time economic conditions will allow the introduction of a number of 100% means tested awards.

The School maintains a Public Benefit register which is reviewed annually.