



# St. John's Prep. & Senior School



25<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the break over Half-Term and are now looking forward to the various exciting events in anticipation of the Festive Season.

As you will be aware, in line with what had been previously announced, the Government confirmed on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 that legislation will be introduced at the next Budget to apply 20% VAT to independent school fees. The Budget on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 confirmed this new legislation detailing the following:

- a. As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, all education services supplied by a private school will be subject to VAT at the standard rate of 20%.
- b. Any fees paid from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 pertaining to the term starting in January 2025 onwards will be subject to VAT (Fees in advance schemes will be subject to HMRC review)

**We can confirm therefore that the school fees will be subject to VAT at 20% with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and invoices for the Spring Term will be issued accordingly.**

In an attempt to assist with this transition, taking into account the fact that the School will be able to recover input VAT on its qualifying expenditure, offset by significant impact of the large increase in Employer's National Insurance costs, and the anticipated increase our suppliers will implement as the new National Insurance costs feed through, the School has decided the following:

- a. **The current published fees will be discounted by 5% for 3 terms commencing with Spring Term 2025 and including Summer Term 2025 and Autumn Term 2025. This is in addition to any other discounts that parents have been receiving such as siblings and alumni discounts.**
- b. **Fees for the 25/26 Academic Year will be frozen at 24/25 Levels.**

Please note that:

- a. Nursery fees are not subject to VAT and will not therefore be discounted.  
However, fees will be frozen at current levels for the academic year 25/26.**
- b. This discount will not be subject to individual negotiations.**

The school is very aware of the impact that this new legislation will have on parents and the uncertainty it creates for many. We hope that the above will be broadly welcomed by parents whilst we continue to focus on providing our pupils with a first-class education, preparing them to become well-rounded and successful individuals.

The School website has been updated where applicable to reflect that VAT is now payable <https://www.stjohnsprepandseniorschool.co.uk/fees/>

We thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes,



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