



LEWESTON
SHERBORNE

Fee Information 2025-26



FEES 2025-26

Registration Fee - £100 Prep School and £120 Senior School

The registration fee must accompany a registration form, before a pupil is registered.

Deposit - UK and Europe £500 Worldwide £3500.

A deposit is payable before entry to confirm acceptance of the offer of a place. The deposit must accompany the signed Parent Contract and a place is not confirmed until the deposit is received. The deposit is forfeited if your child does not then take up this place.

Termly Fees - charges shown are inclusive of any relevant VAT

Year Group	Day	Weekly Boarding	Full Boarding	One Night Flexi	Two Nights Flexi	Three Nights Flexi
Reception	£3,585					
Year 1	£3,585					
Year 2	£3,585					
Year 3	£4,396					
Year 4	£4,396	£8,446	£10,216	£5,264	£5,989	£6,713
Year 5	£4,992	£8,446	£10,216	£5,716	£6,442	£7,167
Year 6	£5,954	£8,446	£10,216	£6,679	£7,404	£8,129
Year 7	£7,611	£10,664	£12,360	£8,334	£9,060	£9,785
Year 8	£7,611	£10,664	£12,360	£8,334	£9,060	£9,785
Year 9	£8,155	£11,807	£13,722	£8,878	£9,604	£10,329
Year 10	£8,155	£11,807	£13,722	£8,878	£9,604	£10,329
Year 11	£8,155	£11,807	£13,722	£8,878	£9,604	£10,329
Year 12	£7,973	£11,807	£13,722	£8,697	£9,423	£10,147
Year 13	£7,973	£11,807	£13,722	£8,697	£9,423	£10,147

A term's notice (received by the first day of the preceding term) must be given in writing if: a pupil is being removed from the school; a pupil has a change of status e.g. from day to full or weekly boarding (this includes changes to flexi boarding nights) or, there is any change to optional extras. Failure to give notice will result in a term's fees in lieu being charged. Notice can be provided using the form on the Parent Portal. Please note when notice is given the pupil's place will be considered available and may be offered to a new pupil joining the school.

Day fees

Day fees cover tuition costs for the standard curriculum, textbooks, lunch and tea, the facilities and travel for most sports and games and personal accident insurance. The supervision of day pupils between the hours of 08.00 and 17.45 is included.

Boarding fees

There are different types of boarding fees dependent on the number of nights pupil stays in school: regular one, two or three night flexi, weekly boarding (5 nights) and full boarding (7 nights).

Regular Flexi Boarding fees includes the day fee plus the relevant boarding supplement.

Weekly and full boarding fees cover tuition costs for the standard curriculum, textbooks, food and accommodation, laundry, the facilities and travel for most sports and games, and personal accident insurance.

Whilst full boarders are welcome to stay in school for exeat weekends there will be a charge of £50 to cover the programme of activities that is arranged for that period.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES - charges shown are inclusive of any relevant VAT

Breakfast and Supper Club

Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am to 8.00am. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast at a cost of £4.50 per session. Bookings through the Parent Portal.

Day pupils can stay past 18.00 with notice; supper is available at 6.45pm at a cost of £7.00 per session. Bookings through the Parent Portal.

Ad hoc boarding

Prep £53.50 per night

Senior £62 per night

In addition to regular flexi-boarding the school offers ad hoc boarding if and when bed space is available. Bookings can be made via the Parent Portal.

Music and Drama Lessons

Drama Solo	£401 per term 45 minute lesson
Drama Shared	£203 per term (Prep) 45 minute lesson £222 per term (Senior) 45 minute lesson
Instrumental Music Lessons	£411 per term (all pupils Grade 6 and above) 40 minute lesson £313 per term (Pupils Grade 5 and below or Prep 4, 5 and 6) 30 minute lesson £210 per term (Prep 2 and 3 at the discretion of the teacher) 20 minute lesson
Instrument Hire	Pianos £52 per term Others £55 per term

Individual music tuition is charged termly in advance, per term per instrument (for up to 30 lessons per year). Instrument hire is charged per term, including piano hire to cover tuning and maintenance. Music students also bear the cost of sheet music purchased for their own use. A notice period of one term is required if you choose not to continue with music tuition. Further information is available on the music booking form on the Parent Portal.

Individual or group LAMDA lessons are charged termly in advance for solo or shared drama up to 30 lessons per year. A notice period of one term is required if you choose not to continue with drama tuition. Further information is available on the LAMDA booking form on the Parent Portal.

Individual Needs Lessons

Pupils requiring support from the Individual Needs Department in both the Prep and Senior School are assessed and an appropriate level of support agreed with parents, depending on each individual pupil's needs. Once agreed with parents, a termly charge will be applied in advance. A notice period of one term is required if you choose not to continue with IN tuition.

The following bands apply:

Band 1 – study groups / interventions	Not applicable
Band 2 – One hour per fortnight (Senior) or 30 mins a week (Prep)	£215 per term
Band 3 – One hour a week	£430 per term
Band 4 – Two hours a week	£859 per term

'Ad hoc' lessons will be at £53 per hour in the Senior school and £31 per half an hour in Prep school.

Access arrangements for GCSE are charged at £200.

A level roll over for access arrangements is charged at £50.

Educational extras

All pupils pay for their own stationery and library photocopying. Materials used in art, sculpture, pottery and design and technology and home economics are charged at cost. In charging extras, the guidance to teachers and others is that items or activities costing up to £30 can be added as an extra, but that prior parental agreement must be given to charges over £30. Where books are provided for personal annotation, or when the School provides magazines, these are charged to pupils' accounts. Parents should note that if books are provided for free and then lost, replacement charges will be incurred.

External Examination Fees

All examination entry and associated fees will be invoiced to parents when the examination is applied for. Invigilation charges will follow at the end of the exam period. Any late fees incurred due to pupil adjustments will be passed on to parents. In certain circumstances special arrangements made for examinations are chargeable. No charge is made for administration. As a guide, the exam entry fee for a GCSE subject is typically £50. A Level exam entry fees vary from £105 for English to £230 for Design Technology. BTEC fees are approximately £180 per subject.

External or Additional Sports and Activities

There are a large number of groups, clubs and societies to which pupils might choose to belong; the vast majority of these are included in the fees but some, particularly if travel or a coach/leader from outside of the school staff are involved, may incur a charge. This varies in line with the complexity and cost of the activity. Furthermore, a number of weekend trips, activities and events are arranged for pupils and some of these will attract a charge. Parents are always consulted before such activities are booked and costs advised at that time. The majority of activities are booked via the SchoolCloud platform.

School Trips

Participation in School outings and expeditions that do not form an integral part of the curriculum are charged as extras. Again, parents are always consulted before booking and costs advised at that time.

Transport

Leweston operates several routes which pick up and drop off in key locations across Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire. Charges are per journey and booked online at www.leweston.vectare.co.uk.

For international boarders Leweston runs its own airport shuttle to Heathrow at the start and end of term. This uses the school's own minibus and drivers. There is a charge made which is shared between all those using the service.

Uniform

School uniform is compulsory in the Prep and Senior School. A complete set of Prep uniform would be approximately £400. A complete set of Senior uniform would be approximately £600. Sixth Form students wear suits of their own choice but must purchase school sports kit. Sixth Form sports kit is approximately £75. Uniform is available to order online www.lewestonshop.co.uk and can be collected from Cedars Cafe.

Insurance

Included within the School fee is personal accident cover; pupils are automatically insured. At an additional charge, but optional and on an opt-in basis, the premiums in respect of personal effects insurance, pupil absence insurance and health insurance schemes could also appear on your termly account. More information is available from the Finance team.

REMISSIONS

Sibling Discount

Two children attending, youngest receives 5% discount.

Three children attending, youngest receives 10% and second child receives 5% discount.

Four children attending, youngest receives 15%, second 10% and third 5% discount.

The discount is offered from Year 1 upwards and where the family is not in receipt of a bursary or other fee remission. The discount will be removed when siblings leave.

Continuity of Education Allowance

Leweston welcomes boarders who receive the Forces' Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA). CEA parents pay 10% minimum of fees in accordance with MoD regulations. The School reserves the right to amend the military fee discount to comply with CEA and MoD regulations giving no less than one full term's notice.

Bursaries

The school has a limited fund which is available to provide financial assistance to parents who need help with fees. Awards are means tested with full financial disclosure required.

CHANGES TO FEES

It is of course, the intention, that all the fees and extra charges are maintained for the full academic year. Parents will appreciate, however, that the Governors must reserve the right to adjust the fees and charges during the year should circumstances make this necessary

PAYMENT

Bills are sent at the end of each term. Fees are payable either a month from the date of issue or by the first day of term whichever is soonest. Fees can be paid by BACS, cheque or direct debit.

The direct debit scheme offers the opportunity to pay each term's fees in three, 10 or 12 monthly instalments, no service or interest charges apply. Extras and incidental costs continue to be due on the first day of each term. Direct debits are taken at the beginning of every month unless otherwise agreed on set-up. You also have the option to pay your extras via our Variable Direct Debit Scheme.

Please note if your child starts part way through a term, and you have missed the first payment for that term, you will only be able to join the Direct Debit Scheme at the beginning of the following term. The Direct Debit Scheme is a discretionary arrangement offered on a termly basis to assist with spreading the cost of fees. The school reserves the right to withdraw or amend the terms of the Termly Direct Debit Scheme by giving notice in writing before the beginning of any new school term. No agreement for the deferral of future fees will be valid unless it provides for no more than four instalments within a 12-month period from the date of the agreement. If you are interested in paying by direct debit, please email fees@leweston.dorset.sch.uk

If a fee balance is not cleared by the appropriate point a reminder will be sent after two weeks from this date and, at this point, interest of 2.75% will be charged until the settlement of the debt, unless an alternative agreement has been made between the school and the parent. Failure to settle the amount in full by the half term after fees were due will result in the pupil not being admitted into school until the balance is clear.

Annual Payment

The School offers a 2% discount for annual payments made for the following academic year providing that the payment is made prior to the Autumn Term bill being issued. Annual payments made after this point will have the 2% discount applied to the Spring and Summer terms only. The discount applies to the fees for the incoming academic year.

Childcare Vouchers

Leweston accepts vouchers from several different child care schemes which can be used to pay for after school activities for children up to the age of either 12 or 16 depending on the scheme. Childcare vouchers cannot be used to make payments for school fees.

Fees in Advance Scheme

Leweston operates a Fees in Advance (FIA) scheme that provides fee payers (parents, grandparents, guardians or others) the opportunity to make an advance lump sum payment towards future school fees for all, or part, of the pupil's time at school. The FIA scheme is available for current pupils and prospective pupils who have registered with Leweston. The minimum number of terms to be covered is four and the maximum is the lesser of fifteen terms or the pupil's remaining time at the School. In return for a lump sum advance payment the school offers fee payers a discount against future fees and guarantees a credit that will be applied to each term's fee invoice. The rate of discount allowed by the School is kept under constant review. Once payment is made the rate of discount agreed will apply for the whole period covered by the advance payment. If you are interested in making a lump sum payment please contact the Finance Team.

CYBER CRIME AND FRAUD

Please be aware of the increase in cyber crime and fraud. We will not change our bank account details without clear notice and warning. If you receive a telephone call or e-mail that appears to come from the school, providing different bank details or indicating a change of bank details, it is unlikely to be genuine. Please do not reply to the email or act on any information contained in the email or provided during the telephone call but contact us immediately to check the account details. We will not take responsibility if you transfer money to an incorrect bank account.



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