

LEWESTON SCHOOL

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Fee Information

2026 / 27

All fees inclusive of VAT where applicable

This document sets out all fees and charges for the academic year 2026/27, together with an explanation of our boarding model, the additional services available to families, and the terms that govern payment. Fees are shown inclusive of VAT where applicable.

2026/27 marks a significant change to our fee structure. We are introducing five clearly structured packages which reflect that family life is sometimes unpredictable and that Leweston is a school that supports you, not one that adds to the pressure. The new structure replaces our previous flexi, weekly and full boarding arrangements with a transparent ladder of options, from occasional overnight access to fully inclusive international boarding.

OUR FEES MODEL

Understanding Our Fees Model

Leweston has rebuilt its offer around a simple principle: families should be able to access boarding at the level that works for them, without being forced into an all-or-nothing commitment. The result is a six-tier ladder that runs from occasional overnight access through to full international boarding with transparent pricing at every level.

Every package builds on the one below it. You can start at any tier and move up as your family's needs change. The door is always open.

PACKAGE

Leweston Prep — an extended day

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An extended day

A day place which includes wrap around care from 08.00 to 17.45 as part of the package.

Ideal for: Families who want clubs and activities available as part of daily school life or working parents who need extra support.

TERMLY FEES

Reception to Year 2 £3,585

Years 3 and 4 £4,550

Year 5 £5,167

Year 6 £6,162

PACKAGE

Leweston Plus — a safety net for every family

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A safety net for every family

A day place which includes wrap around care and three complimentary overnight stays per year.

Ideal for: Families who value occasional flexibility without a regular boarding commitment.

TERMLY FEES

Years 7 and 8 £7,909

Years 9 to 11 £8,475

Years 12 and 13 £8,286

PACKAGE

Leweston Flex — your own bed, two nights a week

Leweston Flex

Your own bed, two nights a week

Two guaranteed nights per week, an allocated bed and personal storage in the boarding house. Additional nights available at the Frequent Sleeper rate (£40). Available from Year 4.

Ideal for: Working parents, children with regular mid-week commitments, or families wanting structured boarding without full commitment.

TERMLY FEES

Year 4 £6,173

Year 5 £6,628

Year 6 £7,632

Years 7 and 8 £9,339

Years 9 to 11 £9,900

Years 12 and 13 £9,750

PACKAGE

Leweston Full — seven nights available, weekends your choice

Leweston Full

Seven nights available, weekends your choice

Seven nights available per week. Whether your child comes home at the weekend is your family's decision, made week by week — no forms, no extra charges, no judgment. This is not the boarding of a previous generation.

Ideal for: Families who want the full depth of the boarding experience at outstanding value with genuine weekend flexibility built in.

TERMLY FEES

Years 4 to 6 **£9,446**

Years 7 and 8 **£11,793**

Years 9 to 13 **£12,880**

Loyalty rate available for current weekly boarders

PACKAGE

Leweston World — international boarding, no surprises

Leweston World

International boarding, no surprises

One all-inclusive annual fee covering: full boarding, airport transfers (start and end of every half and end of term), Exeat accommodation on-site, EAL support and exam fees, CAS documentation guidance, weekend activities and a funded taster before enrolment.

Individual electives (music, LAMDA, equestrian, elite sport, international tours and trips) remain at family discretion.

Ideal for: International families who want total cost certainty.

TERMLY FEES

Years 7 and 8 **£13,628**

Years 9 to 13 **£14,990**

PACKAGE

Leweston Sixth — independence for Sixth Form

Leweston Sixth

Independence for Sixth Form

A private study bedroom in the boarding house. Overnight stays are booked as needed at the Frequent Sleeper rate (£40/night) no minimum commitment.

Ideal for: Sixth Form pupils who want their own base at school without a full boarding commitment, particularly valuable during exam periods and long school days.

TERMLY FEES

Years 12 and 13 **£9,350**

+ £40/night stays

AD HOC BOARDING

Nightly rates — no surprises

All ad hoc overnight stays are charged at one of three published rates. There are no hidden costs and no booking fees.

Rate	Per night	When it applies
Standby	£60/night	Emergency booking within 24–48 hours
Sleepover	£48/night	Standard ad hoc overnight, no package required
Frequent Sleeper	£40/night	For Flex boarders' additional nights, or Leweston Sixth

Note: Overnight stays are available to all Leweston families from Year 4. Frequent Sleeper rates apply where relevant to the package held.

Extended Day

Breakfast Club (07.30–08.00)	£4.50 per session
Supper Club (available to day pupils staying past 18.00, supper at 18.45)	£7.00 per session

SUMMARY

Fees at a Glance — All Year Groups 2026/27

All fees are shown as termly figures, inclusive of VAT. Fees are charged termly in three equal instalments unless a direct debit or fees-in-advance arrangement is in place.

Registration fee — Prep School	£100
Registration fee — Senior School	£120
Deposit — UK and Europe	£500
Deposit — International	£3,500

Year Group	Prep	Plus	Flex	Full	World	Sixth
PREP SCHOOL						
Reception	£3,585	—	—	—	—	—
Year 1	£3,585	—	—	—	—	—
Year 2	£3,585	—	—	—	—	—
Year 3	£4,550	—	—	—	—	—
Year 4	£4,550	—	£6,173	£9,446	—	—
Year 5	£5,167	—	£6,628	£9,446	—	—
Year 6	£6,162	—	£7,632	£9,446	—	—
SENIOR SCHOOL (YEARS 7–11)						
Year 7	—	£7,909	£9,339	£11,793	£13,628	—
Year 8	—	£7,909	£9,339	£11,793	£13,628	—
Year 9	—	£8,475	£9,900	£12,880	£14,990	—
Year 10	—	£8,475	£9,900	£12,880	£14,990	—
Year 11	—	£8,475	£9,900	£12,880	£14,990	—
SIXTH FORM (YEARS 12–13)						
Year 12	—	£8,286	£9,750	£12,880	£14,990	£9,350
Year 13	—	£8,286	£9,750	£12,880	£14,990	£9,350

* Leweston Plus and Leweston World available from Year 7. Leweston Sixth applies to Years 12 and 13 only. Sixth fees are subject to confirmation that a study bedroom is available.

What the fees include

Day fees: tuition, textbooks, lunch and tea, facilities, most sports and games travel, and personal accident insurance. Supervision from 08.00 to 17.45.

Leweston Flex and Full boarding fees: all of the above, plus food, accommodation and laundry.

Leweston World: all of the above, plus airport transfers, Exeat accommodation, EAL support and exam fees, CAS application, weekend activities and shuttle bus, personal admin: GP registration, name tapes.

Full and World boarders are welcome to remain in school during Exeat weekends; a programme of activities is arranged and included in the Leweston World fee. Full boarders not on the World package who remain for Exeat will be charged at the Sleepover rate for those nights.

Leweston Sixth: a guaranteed study bedroom. Overnight stays charged additionally at £40/night.

What is not included in any package: individual music tuition, LAMDA, equestrian lessons, elite sport coaching, public exam fees, school trips, and personal extras — all at published rates set out below.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional Services

The charges below are in addition to the relevant day or boarding fee. All figures are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Music

Instrumental tuition — Grade 6 and above (40 min, up to 30 lessons/year)	£425 per term
Instrumental tuition — Grade 5 and below, or Prep 4/5/6 (30 min, up to 30 lessons/year)	£324 per term
Instrumental tuition — Prep 2 and 3 at teacher discretion (20 min)	£217 per term
Instrument hire — piano (includes tuning and maintenance)	£54 per term
Instrument hire — all other instruments	£57 per term

One term's notice is required to discontinue music tuition. Sheet music purchased for personal use is charged at cost.

Drama (LAMDA)

Solo drama lessons (45 min, up to 30 lessons/year)	£415 per term
Shared drama lessons — Prep (45 min)	£210 per term
Shared drama lessons — Senior (45 min)	£230 per term

One term's notice is required to discontinue drama tuition.

Individual Needs (Learning Support)

Pupils requiring support from the Individual Needs Department are assessed and an appropriate level of support agreed with parents. Charges are applied termly in advance once agreed. One term's notice is required to discontinue.

Band 1 — study groups / interventions	No charge
Band 2 — 30 mins/week (Prep) or 1 hour/fortnight (Senior)	£223 per term
Band 3 — 1 hour per week	£445 per term
Band 4 — 2 hours per week	£889 per term
Ad hoc lessons — Senior School	£55 per hour
Ad hoc lessons — Prep School	£32 per half hour
GCSE access arrangements	£200
A-level access arrangement rollover	£50

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Students requiring EAL support are receive the following as part of their timetable: Years 7 to 9, three hours per week; Years 10 and 11, five hours (if not taking French or Spanish); Years 12 and 12 two hours of IELTS support.

Pupils who require, or request, additional support can pay for individual lessons. Charges are applied termly in advance once agreed. One term's notice is required to discontinue.

Band 1 — study groups / interventions	No charge
Band 2 — 2 hours/fortnight	£210 per term
Band 3 — 2 hours/week	£420 per term
Band 4 — Four hours/week	£835 per term
Ad hoc lessons	£55 per hour

Educational Extras

All pupils pay for their own stationery and library photocopying. Materials used in art, sculpture, pottery, design technology and home economics are charged at cost. Items or activities costing up to £30 may be added as an extra; prior parental agreement is required for charges over £30. Books provided for personal annotation, and school magazines, are charged to pupils' accounts.

External Examination Fees

All examination entry and invigilation fees are invoiced to parents when the examination is applied for. As a guide: GCSE entry fees are typically £50 per subject; A-level fees range from £105 (English) to £230 (Design Technology); BTEC fees are approximately £180 per subject. No charge is made for administration. External examination fees are not included in Leweston World.

Sport, Activities and School Trips

The majority of clubs, societies and activities are included in the fees. Some, particularly those involving external coaches or travel, may carry a charge. For pupils not on the Leweston World fee weekend trips and events are charged as extras. All activity charges and trip costs are communicated to parents before booking. Most activities are booked via the SchoolCloud platform.

Transport

Leweston operates several bus routes picking up and dropping off across Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire. Charges are per journey and bookings are made online at www.leweston.vectare.co.uk. Sibling discounts are available.

For international boarders, Leweston operates its own airport shuttle to Heathrow at the start and end of half and full terms using the school's own minibus and drivers. The cost is included within the Leweston World fee.

Uniform

Prep School full uniform set (approximate)	£400
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Senior School full uniform set (approximate)	£600
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Sixth Form sports kit (suits are personal choice)	£75 (approximate)
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Uniform can be purchase from the School Shop or ordered online at www.lewestonshop.co.uk and collected from Cedars Café. All new pupils are offered a personalised fitting.

Insurance

Personal accident cover is included within the school fee for all pupils. The following optional schemes are available on an opt-in basis at additional cost: personal effects insurance, pupil absence insurance, and health insurance. Details are available from the Finance team.

FEE REMISSIONS & DISCOUNTS

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Sibling Discount

Where two or more children from the same family attend Leweston simultaneously, the following discounts apply to the youngest child's fees (and where applicable, the second youngest):

Two children attending — discount applied to youngest	5%
Three children attending	Youngest receives 10%, second child 5%
Four children attending	Youngest 15%, second 10%, third 5%

The discount applies from Year 1 upwards, and is not available where a bursary or other fee remission is in place. The discount is removed when a sibling leaves.

Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA)

Leweston welcomes boarders whose families receive the Forces' Continuity of Education Allowance. As Leweston is a 10%+ school CEA parents pay 10% 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

Leweston has a limited fund available to provide financial assistance to families in the Senior School who need help with fees. Awards are means-tested, with full financial disclosure required. Applications should be directed to the Head of Finance.

Annual Payment Discount

A 2% discount is available for annual payments made for the following academic year, provided payment is made before the start of the Autumn Term.

Payment

Bills are sent at the end of each term. Fees are payable within one month of the date of issue or by the first day of term, whichever is sooner. Payment may be made by BACS, cheque or direct debit.

Direct Debit

The direct debit scheme allows each term's fees to be paid in three, ten or twelve monthly instalments, with no service or interest charges. Extras and incidental costs continue to be due on the first day of each term. To set up a direct debit arrangement, please contact fees@leweston.dorset.sch.uk.

Late Payment

If a fee balance is not cleared by the due date, a reminder will be sent after two weeks. From that point, interest of 1.5% per month will be charged until the debt is settled, unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the school. Failure to settle by half term after the fees were due will result in the pupil not being admitted to school until the balance is cleared.

Fees in Advance

Leweston operates a Fees in Advance (FIA) scheme that allows fee payers, parents, grandparents or guardians, to make an advance lump sum payment towards future fees. The minimum term coverage is four terms; the maximum is fifteen terms or the pupil's remaining time at the school, whichever is shorter. A discount rate is applied in return for early payment. Please contact the Finance team for current rates and terms.

NOTICE & GOVERNANCE

Notice Requirements

A full term's written notice is required in each of the following circumstances:

- Removal of a pupil from the school
- Changes to optional extras, including music and LAMDA tuition

A half term's written notice is required for changes between boarding packages for example Leweston Full to Leweston Flex or visa versa.

Notice must be received in writing by the first day of the preceding term. It should be submitted via the form on the Parent Portal. Where notice is not given, a term or half term's fees in lieu will be charged. Please note that once notice is given, the pupil's place may be offered to a new pupil.

Fee Changes and Governance

It is the intention that all fees and extra charges are maintained for the full academic year. However, the Governors reserve the right to adjust fees and charges during the year should circumstances make this necessary.

Cyber Crime and Fraud

Leweston will not change its bank account details without clear prior notice. If you receive a call or email appearing to come from the school and providing different bank details, please do not act on it. Contact the Finance team directly to verify any account information. The school will not accept responsibility for payments made to incorrect accounts.

CONTACT

Questions about fees?

Our Finance and Admissions teams are always happy to talk through the options.

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