

UCS
HAMPSTEAD



UCS BURSARIES AND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Accessing a unique education
through fee assistance.





UCS Hampstead is a leading London day school that combines the highest standards of academic achievement and pastoral care with outstanding facilities for all-round education with a distinctive liberal ethos.

From its beginning in 1830 UCS has had at its core a commitment to access, with a pledge that religion should be no bar to entry. In the 21st century, we add a further commitment – that the education we provide will not be restricted solely to those who can afford it. UCS consistently ranks at the top of independent schools in London for the number of 100% bursaries awarded each year, and last year provided £1.2 million in bursary support. 90% of these pupils received 100% fee remission. This fee assistance is available to pupils who join at 11+ and 16+ and is entirely means-tested.

Music Scholarships are also available and budding musicians can audition for a fee reduction of typically between 10% and 25%.

For further details regarding means-tested bursaries and music scholarships, please see [ucs.org.uk/bursaries-and-scholarships](https://www.ucs.org.uk/bursaries-and-scholarships)

M J Beard, Headmaster

Eligibility And Applications

Fee assistance at UCS is entirely means-tested and the Foundation is able to offer full fee remission. Last year, sixty pupils received fee remission and 90% of these received a 100% reduction in fees. Fee assistance is assessed by income bands available to household incomes of up to £100,000. Each application is considered on an individual basis and includes allowances for housing costs (annual rent or mortgage), siblings and capital assets to determine the fee assistance percentage.

Fee assistance is only offered to candidates who have satisfied our entrance requirements – both in academic examination and at interview. The bursary fund also provides assistance in the payment of school trips. Pupils who receive a 100% bursary are entitled to attend academic trips free of charge and receive a significant reduction (greater than 50%) towards the cost of other trips.

Parents who wish to be considered for fee assistance should indicate this on the online Admissions Registration Form or Music Award Application Form available at [ucs.org.uk](https://www.ucs.org.uk).

For bursary applications, a Financial Disclosure Form will then be provided to collect information about the family's financial circumstances. These details will be treated in complete confidence and will not influence the admissions procedures.



Former Bursary Pupils



Kaylem Andrews attended UCS from 2014–2019 and is currently working at a start-up company on a gap year before starting at university next summer.

“When I came to UCS I was a quiet, unconfident boy. I left as a young man who had been equipped with the courage, know-how and drive to find his place in the world. Throughout my time at UCS, my teachers gave me constant guidance and helped me to move forward – both with my studies and with extra-curricular activities. Be it spending time with me after school to improve a history essay, or screaming at me to get lower to make a tackle in rugby matches, my teachers

at UCS went above and beyond to ensure all of us became the best possible version of ourselves. The one-to-one attention and care I received from both my form and subject teachers allowed me to achieve things that I would never have thought possible – who knew that one of the shortest people in Sixth Form would end up on the basketball team?

I strongly believe that my experiences and the learning values instilled in me at UCS have allowed me to flourish. I am now working at a start-up and the community work we carried out on Friday afternoons in the Sixth Form helped to prepare me for my professional life.

Thank you UCS. My life wouldn't be the same without the stellar education and cultural experiences that you gifted me.”

Jovana Pepic attended UCS from 2016–18 and is currently reading Chemistry at the University of Oxford.

“Moving from an all-girls state school to an independent school initially seemed a little daunting but everyone was so friendly, which made settling in easy. At UCS, the class sizes were a lot smaller than in my last school, which meant teachers were a lot more attentive to our individual needs. I always felt I could ask anything and help was always readily available. Physics was initially difficult but I was given lots of help and eventually I got an A.”*

Applying to Oxford was something I had always wanted to do but I don't think I would have had the same level of support at my previous school. That's another thing that really sets UCS apart. All the preparation sessions I had with the Head of Chemistry and the Headmaster were so helpful – they gave me a taste of what the interviews would be like and put me in an excellent position for the real thing.

I also benefitted from the numerous science clubs and the Physics trip to Geneva which gave me an insight into how what we studied in class is applied in the real world. I am very grateful for the opportunity I was given at UCS. It is truly an exceptional school, and I couldn't have picked a better place to spend my Sixth Form years.”

Music Scholarships

Music Scholarships are awarded each year for exceptional musical contributions, following auditions in the Spring Term. These entitle the holder to a reduction in the annual school fees of between 10% and 25%. In exceptional cases an award of up to 50% of fees may be made. The precise value will depend upon the standard of applicants and, therefore, the competition in any one year.

Music Scholarships entitle the holder to free instrumental tuition at school on an instrument (including voice) of the candidates choice. This remains in place throughout a pupil's time at the Senior School provided good progress is made on the instrument and the pupil is fully committed to the musical life of the school. A music scholarship information evening is provided each year to find out more.

For further information please see:
[ucs.org.uk/Senior-School-Fee-Assistance](https://www.ucs.org.uk/Senior-School-Fee-Assistance)



Oliver Nelson attended UCS from 2009–2016 on a music scholarship. He studies piano, percussion, and singing and is in the London Schools Symphony Orchestra. He is now reading English at Oxford University.

“Music scholarships at UCS are a unique opportunity to really get the most out of the school’s wonderful department – free lessons and an extensive concert calendar means that there is always something to stretch me, be it classical, jazz or modern.”

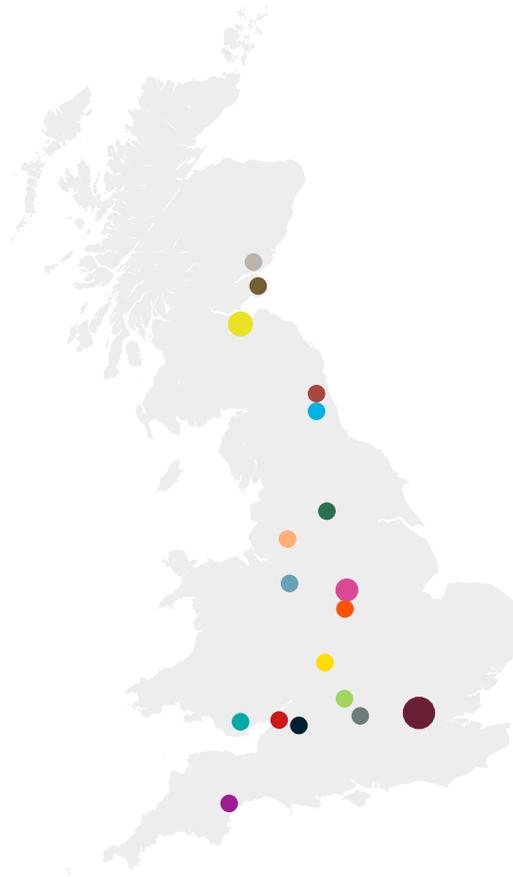


Bursary Recipients At UCS - Where are they now?

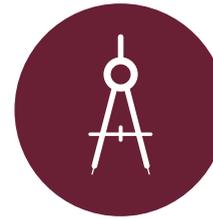
Every year, UCS pupils move on to a variety of top universities both in the UK and abroad. Over the last five years, bursary pupils have left UCS to take up places at the following universities:

Universities

● BATH	3
● BRISTOL	6
○ MCGILL (CANADA)	1
● CARDIFF	1
● DUNDEE	1
● DURHAM	2
● EDINBURGH	6
● EXETER	1
○ HARVARD (USA)	1
● HERIOT-WATT	1
● IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON	4
● KINGS COLLEGE LONDON	4
● KEELE	1
● LEEDS	4
● LOUGHBOROUGH	1
● LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	2
● MANCHESTER	3
● NEWCASTLE	1
● NOTTINGHAM	1
● NOTTINGHAM TRENT	1
● OXFORD	5
● QUEEN MARY	2
● READING	1
● ROYAL HOLLOWAY	1
● ST GEORGE'S	1
● ST ANDREW'S	1
● UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	3
● WARWICK	6
● WEST LONDON	1
● WESTMINSTER	1



Most popular degree courses for bursary pupils leaving UCS in the last five years.



Engineering (6)



Medicine (5)



English (8)



History (5)



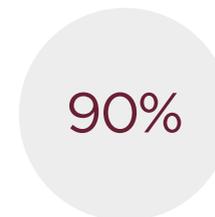
Maths (6)



Economics (6)



60 pupils on means-tested bursaries



90% of bursary students receive a 100% reduction



£1.2m spent by UCS on bursaries annually

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