

PRESS STATEMENT

Indicative Average Fees 2009/10

The tables below show the average termly and annual fee levels in SCIS schools in 2009. Average increases for session 2009-10 are around 3.8% for fees in day schools¹ and 3.4% in boarding schools.

| Day Schools | Termly fee | % change | Annual fee |
|----------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Nursery fees | £1,864 | +4.0 | £5,592 |
| Primary fees | £2,447 | +3.9 | £7,341 |
| Secondary fees | £3,066 | +3.8 | £9,198 |

| Boarding Schools | Termly fee | % change | Annual fee |
|---------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Junior day fee | £3,409 | +2.8 | £10,227 |
| Junior boarding fee | £5,726 | +3.8 | £17,178 |
| Senior day fee | £4,976 | +3.8 | £14,928 |
| Senior boarding fee | £7,692 | +3.1 | £23,076 |

Please note that the figures quoted are averages and reflect a range of fees at independent schools throughout Scotland². Fees vary considerably between different types of school: day and boarding; junior and senior. Some schools make an additional charge for 'extras', such as lunches and books, while others charge an all-inclusive fee.

Judith Sischy, Director of SCIS, said, "The schools are in good heart as the new session approaches. They will be sensitive to the pressures that parents face, particularly in the current economic climate, and have kept fee increases as low as possible. Creative planning, re-assessing priorities and maintaining standards will be the focus this year, with a view to easing the burden on parents wherever possible."

¹ Primary and secondary fees only, not including nursery fees.

² Mean fee levels for 2009 are calculated as the mean of the lowest and highest fee at primary and secondary level for each school (e.g., the senior fee is the mean of the S1 and S6 fee). For fee increases, the median increase is reported.