

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING VISAS FOR NON EEA STUDENTS**

All students from non European Economic Area (EEA) countries require a student visa to study at The Erskine Stewart's Melville Schools. Students need to apply to the UK Border Agency for a **Tier 4 General Student entry visa**. The process and requirements for obtaining this visa have been changed and we urge parents to start their visa application process as soon as possible to avoid any delay.

If your child holds a passport from a non-EEA country, please let us know as soon as possible as you will require a formal visa letter from the School confirming your child's place with us. You will need to present this letter to the UK Border Agency in order to obtain your visa. **Your child will not be allowed to study at our Schools until you have a valid visa.** We will require the following information for your visa letter: **your child's passport number and full name as it appears on the passport; full contact details for you, your child and any legal guardian; your child's date of birth and nationality.**

All visa applications will need to prove to the UK Border Agency that sufficient funds are available for a child's maintenance and teaching costs at The Erskine Stewart's Melville Schools for a whole academic year. Your visa letter will detail your fees for the year less any sum already paid in the form of deposit to us. Your visa letter will also detail information regarding bursary or scholarship funds if this is relevant to your child. You will need to supply a bank statement or letter with additional bank documentation confirming that you have enough money available to cover your course fees and monthly living costs for a whole year at the time you submit your visa application. You must have held the money for at least 28 days prior to the date of the visa application.

Please contact your local British Embassy/Consulate or the UK Border Agency, Tel 00 44 (0)114 207 2867 at <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/infs/inflgeneralinfo> for further details about applying for a student visa to study with us.