

Assalamalaikum Wa Rahmathulahi Wa Barakthuhu

Thursday 3rd April 2025

Subject: Correction on VAT Charge – Revised Amount £400

Dear Parents/Guardians.

We are writing to provide an important update regarding the government's directive requiring an additional VAT charge of 20% on all BIGS school fees. In our previous communication, we stated that this equated to £600 per student for the current academic year. However, after reviewing the figures, we have realised that the correct amount is actually £400 per student, not £600.

This adjustment is due to the fact that VAT only applies from the point of introduction and is therefore chargeable on Term 2 and Term 3 fees for this academic year. From next academic year (2025-2026), VAT will be applied to all three terms, starting from Term 1, meaning the total VAT charge will be higher.

We sincerely apologise for this miscalculation and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused. Please rest assured that this VAT charge is not set by the school but is a government requirement that we are obligated to implement, with all collected funds being passed directly to HMRC.

As before, we recognise the financial impact this may have on families, and we are offering two payment options to help spread the cost:

- 1. Monthly Payments Parents can make four equal monthly payments of £133.30 from April to June 2025.
- 2. One-Off Payment Alternatively, the full amount of £400 can be paid in one single payment.

When making the payment, please reference 'VAT and students name' for ease of processing. If you have already made a payment based on the incorrect £600 figure, please contact the school office so that we can arrange the necessary adjustments.

We truly appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate these financial challenges together. May Allah (SWT) continue to protect BIGS and our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kamran Khan

Chair of Governors
Bolton Islamic Girls School