

Guardianship and Visa's

Guardianship

With the welfare of both our existing and potential students always paramount, Bristol Grammar School requires parents who are not resident in the UK to appoint a suitable guardian. Throughout their time in the School we will require a student to live with a suitable guardian irrespective of that student's age.

Guardians may be a family member or relative, a family friend or an approved guardian through an educational agent. A guardian must be resident in the UK, over 25 years of age and not a full-time student. The guardian will be:

- A twenty four hour contact for the School, student and parents.
- Act with parental authority in the case of an emergency, crisis or any day to day school issues.
- Provide parental support both in and out of School and attend school events in particular parent conferences.
- Make appropriate arrangements for medical care or assist the parents with such arrangements.

If a student does not have a guardian when required to do so by BGS or the appointed guardian is considered by us to be unsatisfactory, the School will request that the parents find a new guardian. The School cannot appoint or recommend a guardian; this must be arranged by the parents.

Parents should not end an agreement with one guardian before having an alternative arrangement in place with a new guardian. The School should be informed in writing immediately of any change of guardianship before it takes place. As above the School must be happy with the new guardian and arrangement.

A private agreement between parents and guardian, not involving the School, should be arranged and we should receive a copy of the signed agreement.

Visas

Overseas students may require a visa to study in the UK. For information and assistance regarding visas, please visit the UKBA website at

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/>. As a guide:

- A citizen of an EU/EEA country does not require a visa to study in the UK.
- A citizen of a 'Visa Country' (ie a 'Visa National') will require a visa to study in the UK.
- A 'Non-Visa National', may not require a visa to visit the UK for a period of less than 6 months; however, eligibility should be checked with the local British Embassy/British Consulate. A Non-Visa National visiting the UK for a period of 6 months or more will require a visa.

Please note that this information is for general assistance only and is not legal advice. Visa rules are subject to frequent change and it is the parents's responsibility to check that they meet the requirements.