



18th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: 16-19 Bursary Fund (2023 - 2024)

In order to support your son/daughter with their post-16 studies we are able to offer a bursary fund. The '16-19 Bursary Fund' is a Government scheme that provides financial support to help students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education. We are now in the position to open up the application process and have identified three tiers of eligibility as outlined below:

Vulnerable Bursary (Tier 1):

These students are defined as 'Vulnerable Young People'; those students who are in care, a care leaver, a young person receiving income support or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves; and those students receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right. The students are eligible for a bursary of £1,200 per year, pro rata.

Discretionary Bursary (Tier 2):

These are students whose parental household income is no more than £25,000 per annum, to include any benefits. The amount allocated to each student will depend upon how many students within the current Sixth Form cohort are eligible.

Discretionary Payment (Tier 3):

This is for any other student that requires financial support to ensure they stay in full time education or training. Financial support with transport, food, equipment, trips or other course related costs may be required and therefore students may apply using a specific application form. This is known as a 'discretionary payment'. Students eligible for Tier 1 or 2 cannot make further applications for a discretionary payment from Tier 3.

If you believe your son/daughter may be eligible for support from our bursary fund then they can collect the relevant application form from the Sixth Form Office. We can continue to receive applications for each of the tiers outlined above throughout the academic year. Therefore, if your financial or personal circumstances changes at any time please do not hesitate in seeking the financial support required to ensure your son/daughter can remain in full time education. In the first instance applications for the Vulnerable Bursary (Tier 1) and the Discretionary Bursary (Tier 2) are required by Friday 30th September 2022 and if successful payment will be back dated from the start of term. Applications received after this date will not be eligible (if successful) for payment for the first Half Term.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with the Sixth Form team if you need any assistance or clarification about the '16-19 Bursary Fund'.

Yours sincerely

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