

SIXTH FORM BURSARY FUND

Our sixth form colleges are in receipt of government funding to support young people who need financial assistance to enable them to complete their Post 16 Education. The Sixth Form Bursary Fund is available to students subject to meeting eligibility criteria and students who make a bursary application in Year 12 will need to apply again in Year 13. The two bursaries available are:

VULNERABLE BURSARY

AIM: To help vulnerable students overcome individual financial barriers in relation to their education in the Sixth form.

AWARD AVAILABLE: Up to £30 per week, term-time only (maximum £1,200) paid directly into the student's bank account.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Young person is in care or is a care leaver or
- Young Person is in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit or
- Young Person is in receipt of both Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payment) and Employment Support Allowance (or Universal Credit).
- Young person does not have their financial needs met in relation to education by another organisation or person*

* Where a young person has other support to meet their needs, the Vulnerable Bursary will only be available if there are additional relevant costs. Depending on need, the weekly amount may be reduced.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:

- Be a student enrolled with us studying a minimum of 16 guided learning hours per week
- Be at least 16 years old but under 19 on 31 August (Year of sixth form entry as Year 12 student)
- Meet all Learning Agreement expectations including 95% weekly attendance**

**Consideration will be given to individual student circumstances.

DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

AIM: To help students overcome individual financial barriers in relation to their education in the sixth form. Support is available for educational resources (e.g. books, equipment, and stationery), educational visits including university open days/ summer school expenses and transport to/from sixth form. For those students not eligible for free school meals (FSM) a sixth form daily refectory/café allowance on study days is available to the same value.

AWARD AVAILABLE: Awards are made based on the household income with the aim to support eligible students throughout the academic year.

Household Income

Students who have a total household income of up to £30,000 will be eligible for a Discretionary Bursary.

Eligible students will submit a resources/expenses claim form as and when required. Where possible payment will be in-kind. Any re-imbursements will be paid directly into the student's bank account.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Young person's household has a total income of less than £30,000.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:

- Be a student enrolled with us studying a minimum of 16 guided learning hours per week
- Be at least 16 years old but under 19 on 31 August (Year of sixth form entry as Year 12 student)
- Meet all Learning Agreement expectations including 95% overall attendance***

***Consideration will be given to individual student circumstances.