

# High School Sixth Form



## 16 - 19 Bursary Fund FAQ's

### 1. What is the 16-19 Bursary Fund?

The Government has set aside some money for schools, colleges, training providers and local authorities to allocate to young people who need financial support to stay on in further education or training. This is called the 16-19 Bursary Fund. It could help you with any education-related costs that may arise during the school year, including essentials like a meal during the day, uniform, transport to the Sixth Form. Or you might need extra help to buy additional books or equipment for your course.

### 2. Who can apply?

To apply for a bursary, you must be aged between 16 and 19 and in full-time education.

### 3. How much will I get?

There are two types of bursaries depending in which group you are in will depend on the amount of Bursary you will receive:

#### **Group 1**

Young people in care, care leavers, those in receipt of income support and young people receiving Employment Support Allowance who are also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

This group will be eligible to receive a bursary of £1,200 a year.

#### **Group 2**

This group is subdivided into two tiers, based upon income.

#### **Tier 1**

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals, or whose household income is less than £20,817 per year.

#### **Tier 2**

Students whose household income is greater than £20,817 and less than £25,521 per year.

### 4. How do I apply?

To apply for a bursary you must apply to the High School Sixth Form. Application forms are available from the Director of Post 16, Mrs Harvey or can be downloaded from the school website.

### 5. When should I apply?

You should make an application as soon as you join the High School Sixth Form. You can apply at any time, not just at the beginning of your course, but the sooner you apply, the sooner you will start to receive support. To ensure you receive the full amount we ask that applications should be returned to the School by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

#### 6. How will my bursary be paid?

It will be paid into your bank account, every two weeks during term time for the duration of your A levels.

#### 7. I don't have a bank account - does this mean I can't get a bursary?

If you are eligible for a bursary you will need a bank account for it to be paid into.

#### 8. Can the High School Sixth Form tell me what to spend my bursary on?

Yes, your bursary is to help pay for things you really need to stay on at the High School Sixth Form. We can insist that your bursary is spent on travel costs, meals during the day, or equipment for your course.

#### 9. Can the High School Sixth Form stop my payments if I don't attend or if I don't meet expectations?

Yes, the High School Sixth Form will set conditions on your bursary - these are rules that you will need to stick to, such as attending classes regularly, adhering to the dress code meeting expectations and targets. If you don't stick to these conditions the High School can stop your payments.

#### 10. If I can't attend because of illness or an authorised absence will I still receive my bursary?

If you are ill or have been allowed an authorised absence the High School Sixth Form team will let you know whether this will affect your bursary payments.

#### 11. I got a bursary last year - do I need to apply again this year?

Yes

#### 12. Will everyone know that I am getting a bursary?

We will make sure that you are not singled out in any way and that your application is handled confidentially. If you are worried, speak to Miss Leathart before making an application.