



Dear Parent and Carers,

Please be aware that the deadline of **September 30th 2023** for the 16 - 19 Bursary Fund is fast approaching. If you believe that you may be eligible for a bursary, application forms can be printed from the link available on our website [16 to 19 Bursary Website](#) and returned to the Sixth Form Office. Paper copies are also available from the Sixth Form Office. A PDF of the application form is also attached to this communication. Please contact our Head of Sixth Form if you require any further information cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk.

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund is a scheme to help young people facing financial hardship to stay in full-time education. Please look at the eligibility criteria outlined below and if you think you meet the criteria, return the application form to the Sixth Form team before the end of September.

The scheme is made up of two parts:

- Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1,200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support, and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. This bursary is referred to as the 'full' bursary.
- Other students who need financial support to help them to stay in education or training may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs. This bursary is referred to as a 'discretionary' bursary.

Eligibility:

For the full bursary of £1,200, you must meet one of the following criteria by being a:

- Young person in care
- Care leaver
- Young person receiving income support*
- Disabled young person receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.*
- For the discretionary bursary, you must be a student whose parents or carers are in receipt of:
 - Income support*
 - Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Support from the National Asylum Support Service
 - Tax Credits (Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit) and have an Inland Revenue assessed annual income of less than £16,190 for the tax year 2022/2023
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

- Income related Employment and Support Allowance*

Partners and awards



Or:

- Be in receipt of Free School Meals
- Be providing care to a sick or disabled relative
- Have a long-term medical condition that can affect your studies.

*From 2013 the phased introduction of the Universal Credit to replace Income Support and Employment Support Allowance and Personal Independence Payments to replace the Disability Living Allowance commenced. Where applicable, these benefits will be taken into consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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