

16 – 19 Bursary: Are you eligible?

There are 3 categories outlined within the bursary signalling whether you may be eligible for support. Please note that Category 1 is a guaranteed bursary whilst Categories 2 and 3 are discretionary bursaries, subject to an application:

- **Category 1: Vulnerable Learners (Guaranteed Bursary Allowance)**
Young People in Care, Care Leavers, Young People in receipt of Income Support and Disabled Young People in receipt of Employment Support allowance who are also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance will be eligible to receive a bursary of £1200 a year.

If you fall within the following 2 categories, you will be eligible to apply:

- **Category 2: Discretionary Award**
Students in receipt of Free School Meals. You do not need to submit any further financial evidence.
- **Category 3: Discretionary Award**
Other students from families with a household income of less than £21,000 per annum. You will need to provide evidence of your household income, such as your last P60 or a Tax Credits Award Notice.

Please note that when providing us with evidence of your financial situation, we will need to take photocopies of original documents. **You should provide ALL pages of any Tax Credit Awards notices.** All applications and documents will be treated confidentially.

How We Make Payments:

The payment method used will be at the discretion of the College. In some cases this will take the form of 'in kind' payments, where the College will purchase the required item direct on behalf of the student e.g. school trips, text books, art materials that can be purchased direct from the department etc.

In the case of covering the costs of items such as stationary, course equipment (e.g. DT materials/ingredients) or travel costs to university open days etc, then the College will make reimbursement payments direct to the student. We will require clear evidence of purchase, such as till receipts, confirmation of ticket booking emails etc.

Please note: The College reserves the right to turn down an application if a student does not fulfil the criteria for attendance, behaviour and standards of effort etc. set out within the Enrolment Contract signed at the start of the academic year. The College also reserves the right to withhold all or part of any agreed payment if a student fails to meet the criteria set out within the Enrolment Contract.