

## 16 to 19 Bursary Funding for students

Dear Parent carer,

Please see below information for the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund for 2020/21.

There are 2 types of 16 to 19 bursaries:

- **Vulnerable pupils' bursary:** A bursary for defined vulnerable groups of **UP TO** £1,200 a year. Aged 16 or over but under 19. Students need to meet any of the following criteria:
  - They are in, or have recently left local authority care
  - They get Income Support or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves
  - They get Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in their own name and Universal Credit
- **Discretionary bursary:** A bursary can be awarded to meet individual needs for students aged 16+. Students in receipt of Free School Meals or with a household income of less than £25,000 per annum are eligible to apply for a discretionary bursary. In exceptional circumstances, a student who has been affected by sudden exceptional changes to their financial circumstances may be eligible.

Both bursaries aim to help with course-related costs to support students to stay engaged with education for example, transport, books and equipment, educational trips and visits. The bursary can also support towards costs incurred from attending college/job interviews and open days.

You can find a copy of our 16 to 19 Bursary Fund Policy on our website.

If your child is eligible to apply, please complete the enclosed application and return with any requested evidence for us to process. Attached is a list of potential course-related expenses, which you may want to consider when applying.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Pendlebury  
Finance Officer

**Attc** Potential course-related costs

**Enc** Application Form