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Dear Parent/Guardian

16 – 19 Bursary Fund 2021/22

The 16 to 19 Bursary fund is a scheme made available from the government through its funding body – the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for 16-19-year-olds - to provide assistance to students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers.

This discretionary bursary is available to those students who would otherwise find it difficult to continue with their education and is to be used primarily to pay for the following:

- 1. Field Trips** –any field trip that relates to a course being taken
- 2.Uniform** –purchases must conform to the school uniform policy for Sixth Form.
- 3.Educational IT Equipment and software** e.g. laptop or tablet
- 4.Transport** – this covers the cost of either a weekly or monthly season ticket.
- 5.Stationery**
- 6.Books**
- 7.University visits and interviews** – maximum of two open day visits can be made during term time.
- 8.School meals**

To be eligible to receive a Bursary, young people must be 16,17 or 18 at 31/8/2021 be studying in the school sixth form and meet the EFA residency qualifications as set out via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/overview> on the Department for Education website.

This is a limited fund and the school will prioritise allocations however there will be two priority groups, categorised as high (A) and low (B) dependent on household income:

High Priority Group (A)

This is for young people aged at least 16 and less than 19 years of age on 31/08/21 with a gross annual household income of below £20,000.

Low priority group (B)

This is for young people aged at least 16 and less than 19 years of age on 31/08/21 with a gross annual household income of between £20,000 and £30,000.

Applications can be made at the beginning of the new academic year, forms are available on the school website [here](#) or in the Sixth Form Study Room.

If your son/daughter is hoping to join our 6th Form we are aware you will be purchasing resources, including school uniform before the start of the academic year. If you feel they will be eligible for a bursary, you will be able to submit an application at the start of the academic year and, if successful, claim back the money you will be spending in the next few months on resources outlined above on production of your receipts.

If you would like any advice on whether you may be eligible or whether the resources you are thinking of purchasing would be eligible for refunding, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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