

16-18 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2016 – 2017



The College receives funding from the Government to support young people who need financial assistance in order to continue in further education.

16-18 DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

For students aged 16 -18 on 31st August 2016 and whose household income is below £21,000 per annum.

Bursary payments are made weekly at a rate of £10 a week and are subject to 100% attendance.

16-18 FREE MEALS

For students aged 16-18 on 31st August 2016 and whose parents (or students in their own right) are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income Support/Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of less than £16,190)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit Run-on
- The initial roll out of the Benefit Universal Credit

16-18 VULNERABLE BURSARY

For students aged 16-18 on 31st August 2016 and who fall into one of the following categories:

- You live in Local Authority care or placed in foster care by LA (inc unaccompanied asylum seeking children)
- You are a Local Authority care leaver
- You are in receipt of Income Support or the equivalent Universal Credit (UC) in your own right
- You are in receipt of both Disability Living Allowance (or new Personal Independence Payments) **and** Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (or Universal Credit as a replacement for ESA) in your own right

Vulnerable bursary payments are made weekly at a rate of £30 per week and are subject to specific conditions.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

To apply for any of the financial support available, **please complete an application form and provide evidence** of qualifying Benefits (**for the tax year 2015-16**) such as a Tax Credit Award Notice / Benefits award letter or care/care leaver status (written confirmation from Local Authority).

Application forms are available from the Learning Link. All information will be treated confidentially.