

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals provision continues in the Sixth Form if you are entitled to claim it. You need to provide proof from your local council so that you can claim your £2.50 allowance each day. This allowance will be added to your account and you can claim it against any purchase of food and drink from the canteen or Sixth Form hatch by using your ID card.

For further information, to see if you qualify for Free School Meals or to apply, please see the Bolton Council website here:



UP TO £1200 VULNERABLE BURSARY

Under the Government scheme, students are entitled to a bursary of up to £1200 for a full academic year if you meet one of the following fixed criteria:

- In Care (this includes Asylum Seekers)
- Care Leavers (live independently having left Local Authority Care)
- Receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and either Employment Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit in their own name
- Receiving Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own name.

THE 16-19 DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

The Discretionary Bursary fund is a sum of money that students can apply for to support them in their academic or vocational studies. You need to be eligible for this support and an application is made.

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals or you have combined earned household income of less than £16,190 a year, you could be eligible for financial support. This could be towards covering the cost of:

- Travel costs associated with transport within Greater Manchester
- Essential educational field trips and visits related to courses
- Curriculum resources to support learning
- Books, materials and equipment needed for a particular course
- Attending university interview and open days

The bursary allocation is reviewed regularly and is dependent on a student's attendance, punctuality to college, standard of work and behaviour.

HARDSHIP BURSARY

Students will be deemed 'Eligible to Apply' if there are unique family circumstances. Each application will be assessed on a case by case basis. This would be applicable for students who do not meet the thresholds for the full bursary but may have a particular need.

The bursary policy and application form can be found on the school website here:



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