September 2026

Dear Sixth Form Student

6th Form Bursary

You are invited to make an application for a Sixth Form Bursary. Applications will be reviewed at three points during the academic year. In order to be considered for a bursary an application must be received by the respective deadline. You are able to apply at more than one point throughout the year, allowing you a more accurate picture of costs involved.

All completed application forms must be handed in to school Reception (**marked 16-19 Bursary**). The deadlines for the academic year 2026-2027 are:

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
12th October 2026	1st February 2027	17th May 2027

You must be under 19 on 31st August in the academic year you start your programme of study. There are two types of Bursary:

Type 1

Are you eligible?
If you are in one of the groups below, you can apply for a vulnerable bursary:

- in care
- care leavers
- receiving Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC)
- receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in addition to Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC.

All Benefits must be received by the student, in their own right. Students must be in receipt of DLA or PIP and ESA or UC to be eligible – receipt of DLA or PIP alone does not meet the criteria.

You could get up to £1,200 if you study full time for a minimum of 30 weeks. If your course is shorter than 30 weeks, you will get less.

Type 2

Students who are in a household with an annual income below £40,000, or who are in receipt, or have been in receipt of Free School Meals within the last three years, are invited to apply for a discretionary bursary. Please see the Bursary Information sheet for the types of things for which you can apply for assistance.

Please note that other conditions apply, see school website document “Sixth Form Bursary Fund.”

You can download application forms and further information from the school website, or hard copies are also available from Reception on request.

Yours sincerely

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