

# Student Financial Support

(16 – 18 year olds – 2020/21 academic year)



*Please note that the information in this leaflet is provisional and may be subject to change dependent on the level and conditions of government funding for the 2019/20 academic year.*

**The following support is provided by the College to help you overcome any financial barriers to successful completion of your studies at S6F.**

## Entitlement for all students

- ☺ Subsidised bus transport costs, so that you do not have to pay more than £12 per week\*
- ☺ Free textbooks and materials essential to your courses and a printing allowance
- ☺ Free examination entries (excluding re-sits)
- ☺ Access to free or low-cost extra-curricular activities (e.g. sport, music)
- ☺ Eligibility for NUS card, which gives access to various on-line and in-store discounts
- ☺ Parents eligible to claim Child Benefit, if you are on a full-time course.

*\*Subject to a maximum subsidy from the College of £600 p.a.*

## Guaranteed Bursary

You as a student are eligible to apply for a bursary of £1,200 a year if:-

- you are in care or leaving care; OR
- you personally are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit; OR
- you receive both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (or Universal Credit as a replacement for ESA and Personal Independence Payments) in your own right.

## Free Meals Entitlement & Discretionary Funds

If you are from a low income household (**below £25,000 p.a.**), then you are eligible to apply for contributions towards:-

- ☺ Transport to College
- ☺ Lunches
- ☺ College-related costs, such as trips, exam re-sits, university visits and UCAS fees.

If you or your parents meet the government's eligibility criteria for free meals (e.g. in receipt of certain benefits, such as Income Support, Universal Credit) then you are entitled to **£2.50** per day for a meal at College. This allocation is topped up monthly onto a cashless payment card for use in Café 6.

Additional support may be available if there are exceptional circumstances – e.g. if you are living independently but not entitled to benefits, or if you care for a disabled parent or sibling.

## Other Funds and Support

You may also be eligible for grants or benefits from external agencies. For example, two local charities provide grants for students in need. The government's Care to Learn grant is available to help with childcare costs and the Ministry of Defence has a separate scheme to support the children of servicemen and women killed on active service.

## How to Apply

Application Forms will be available to download from our website in June. If you have any queries then please contact Student Financial Services as below:

Email: [studentservices@s6f.org.uk](mailto:studentservices@s6f.org.uk) or telephone: 01723 380700