

Student Financial Support

(16 – 18 year olds – 2021/22 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 2021/22 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.*

Student Vulnerable & Discretionary Bursary*

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

- ☺ in care or a care leaver
- ☺ living independently AND claiming Universal Credit or Income Support in your own right
- ☺ eligible for ESA or Universal Credit equivalent and PIP or DLA in your own right (you must receive both to be eligible to apply)
- ☺ a registered carer
- ☺ living independently with no income
- ☺ classed as a young offender

**You will need to provide evidence to support your claim including your financial circumstances. There is no guarantee that you will receive a reward or you may receive a limited award*

Free School 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 School 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. If you are not eligible for FSMs you may be eligible for discretionary payments for meals of £2.00 per day

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

Online application forms will be available from our website from June/July. If you have any queries then please contact Student Financial Services as below:

Email: studentservices@s6f.org.uk or telephone: 01723 380700