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ARNEWOOD SIXTH

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Dear Student and Parent/Carer

Re: Bursary Fund 2025-26

The Government has set up a fund targeting support towards students aged 16-19 who may be at a financial disadvantage. This fund is designed to enable all young people to participate in and benefit from a place in 16-19 education or training settings.

We are proud to be able to support our 16-19 students with this Bursary fund and encourage all students who feel they may qualify for either the Vulnerable Student Bursary or the Discretionary Bursary to complete an application with their parent/guardian as soon as possible. Student will need to submit the form, with all the relevant supporting evidence, to either the finance office, their tutor or the sixth form office.

The Bursary Fund will be available to students who meet the criteria set out by the Government. The Finance office will process each application and those who are eligible will receive confirmation in the form of a letter explaining the next steps.

The Bursary Fund will be used to purchase items that support the student's education. In order to do this, students will need to speak to the Sixth Form Office about any equipment or resources that they may need and how this can be purchased. The fund can be used for:

- Transport
- Books
- Equipment, including protective clothing, electronic devices, calculators
- Field trips and other course-related costs
- The costs of attending university interviews and open days
- Work Placement expenses
- Funded electronic equipment would be purchased and provided on a loan basis whilst at school but remains the property of The Arnewood School and **must** be returned at the end of their study programme.

If a student is awarded the Bursary fund, the Sixth Form Office will liaise with their subjects to ensure the correct resources are ordered and provided as soon as possible. No funds will be made to the student without the Sixth Form Office having first agreed and a receipt must be given to the Finance Office if the student has done the ordering.

We have attached the Government guidelines for your information, however, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kirsty Bishop-Maddock in the Sixth Form Office at:

K.Bishop-Maddock@arnewood.hants.sch.uk or on 01425 625408.

Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr M. Colman
Head of Sixth Form



16 – 19 Bursary Guidelines 2025-26

The Arnewood School 16-19 Bursary Fund is designed to help and support any student over 16 and under 19 at the start of the school year who faces financial barriers to participation in education and training, such as costs of transport, food, clothing or stationery. For larger items of equipment (over £50) a request must be submitted before purchase as the school may be able to provide this. Students aged 19 or over may be eligible if continuing on a course or have an Education Health Care Plan.

There are 2 possible schemes available, but students will only be eligible for one or the other:

Vulnerable Student Bursary

You could get up to £1,200 if at least 1 of the following applies:

- You're in or recently left local authority care
- You get Income Support or Universal Credit in your name
- You're disabled and get Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC) **and** either Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in your name

If you're a parent, you'll also need to be living away from your own parents to qualify.

You may get the full amount if you have expenses and study full-time on a course of at least 30 weeks. You'll usually get less, or no bursary, if your course is shorter, you study part time or have few expenses.

Discretionary Bursary

This bursary is available to The Arnewood School Sixth Form students not eligible for the Vulnerable Student Bursary who live in a household whose family income is £18,190 per annum or less and whose parents/carers are in receipt of any of the following:

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit

The level of support which the school can offer is dependent on the total funding received from the Education Funding Agency and the number of applications it receives. The level of funding may vary during the academic year.

If you are not in receipt of the above-mentioned benefits but feel that your child would benefit from extra financial support, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. All enquiries are confidential.

Payment Conditions

All bursary payments will be directly linked to attendance, behaviour and performance.