



ECKINGTON SCHOOL

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1st July 2021

Dear parent/carer

Sixth Form 16-19 Bursary fund

Context

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is intended to give financial support to students who would otherwise experience difficulties in continuing or completing their courses of study or in accessing the full range of educational opportunities.

The bursary is available to students who on 31 August are either:

- over 16 and under 19 years of age;
- 19 or over but continuing on a course they started aged 16 to 18;
- 19 or over with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Bursary Aims

The school will seek to ensure that

- Funding is distributed fairly to eligible students
- Priority is given to students from families with the lowest household income and/or highest demonstrated need

Categories of applicant

There are two categories of applicant:

- a) Bursary for students in vulnerable groups
- b) Discretionary bursary

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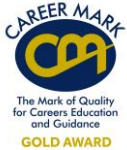
Students are deemed to be vulnerable if at least one of the following applies;

- in care
- care leavers
- in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves
- in receipt of disability living allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit in their own right

b) Discretionary bursary

Any student in need of financial support can apply for a discretionary bursary award to help with the cost of travel, essential trips, books, equipment or other course related costs. These are items the student would otherwise need to pay for in order to participate in their course. Allocation of the discretionary bursary award is based on household income and an assessment of individual financial need.

The bursary funding can also be used with discretion to support students who experience exceptional circumstances during the academic year which impacts on their ability to participate in education.





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Standard expectations

All students must meet standard expectations in order to receive the bursary.

Standard expectations of all sixth form students are that they:

- 1) Meet the 'Student Commitment' as stated in the sixth form Learning Agreement.
- 2) Achieve 96%+ attendance.
- 3) Achieve all 'Excellent' or 'committed' behaviour for learning grades in your assessment points.

Applications

All students in need of financial support are eligible to apply for the bursary. Completed applications with all the required documents must be submitted by **Friday 17th September 2021**.

If a student's financial circumstances change during the year a bursary application can be made at a later date so that they can access financial support.

Payments

(a) Vulnerable Bursary

The first payment will be made in October and this will be based on meeting standard expectations in the first four weeks of the academic year.

Subsequent payments will be made every half-term as long as students have met standard expectations for the previous half-term.

(b) Discretionary Bursary

Where possible discretionary bursary awards will be Payments-in-Kind (PIK) rather than cash payments e.g. equipment, books, travel pass, field trips will be purchased/paid for by the Academy and issued to the student.

Unclaimed allocations

Students waive the right to their allocation if they fail to meet standard expectations. Allocations are not carried forward within or between academic years.

Appeals process

Any student who believes that a bursary has been denied unfairly may choose to appeal to the SLT leader of Sixth Form (Katherine.needham@eck.leaptrust.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Needham
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Sixth Form and Student Leaders

