



## 16-19 Bursary Funding

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific financial barriers so they can remain in education. It is there to provide eligible students with discretionary one-off payments or monthly payments to support their studies, for example to buy course books, visit to university open days or to buy uniform.

Schools are free to determine the assessment for eligibility for the discretionary bursary and to decide how often payments are made to students. To be eligible the student must be aged between 16 to 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and registered on a full-time further education course in 2020/2021 academic year. Students must also meet the residency criteria in [ESFA funding regulations](#).

Hanson has funding for sixth form students who are in receipt of free school meals, these students will automatically receive a payment. As they are already known to school, they still need to complete an application form but school does not need any additional income checks. The amount of funding each school receives is allocated by the Government.

Each academic year students will be required to complete an application form (the deadline date is **Monday 28th September 2020**, applications received after this date will be considered but will not be backdated). As payment eligibility is based on household income parents'/carers' need to provide appropriate supporting evidence (see application form).

During the claim period if there are any changes to the household income, e.g. loss of a job, becoming a one parent family, etc., then the appropriate evidence must be brought in. Owing to this, payments may vary during the course of the academic year as new students claim payments and others stop claiming. Receipts are required to show the payments are being used in relation to educational needs. The amount of the bursary payments received are as 'a contribution towards' costs involved. All payments are paid a month in arrears into a bank account which **must** be in the **student's own name**.

**Payments are also dependent upon a student following the Sixth Form Code (good attendance and behaviour) and acting as a role model for younger students. All payments are at the discretion of the Sixth Form team.**

Fraud is taken very seriously and therefore any false claims for money will be investigated.

## The Bursary scheme is made up of two parts:

1. A payment of £1,200 to a small group of the most **vulnerable** students

### **Vulnerable Bursary, defined as the following categories:**

- You are living in care / a recent care leaver
- You are receiving Income Support (or Universal Credit) in your own name.
- You are disabled and receiving both Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in your own name **and either** Employment Support Allowance (ESA) **or** Universal Credit in your own name.

**Payments will be paid at the end of each half term, subject to satisfactory attendance, behaviour and progress.**

2. A **Discretionary** payment awarded to students with a successful application.

### **Discretionary Bursary**

- Awarded to students in receipt of free school meals **OR** if total household income is less than £25,000 and the student provides an indication of how the funds are to be spent.

**Payment will be paid at the end of each half term, subject to satisfactory attendance behaviour and progress.**

If you think you are eligible to apply for the 16-19 Bursary, please collect an application pack from the Sixth Form Office. The deadline for applications to be returned is **28 September**.