

# Hazelwick School, Sixth Form - Financial Assistance 2022-23

From September 2022, sixth form students who might struggle with education costs may be eligible to receive a bursary. Under this scheme, schools and colleges can make 16-19 bursary payments to support low-income students with costs such as transport, meals, and course equipment.

In line with other schools and colleges, Hazelwick is offering support to students facing genuine financial difficulties. To determine your eligibility, please read the information on the school website, download, and complete the 2022/23 application form.

## Free School Meals

In addition to the bursary, students can also apply for free school meals (FSM). Students must be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Students aged 19 or over are only eligible to receive FSM if they are continuing a study programme, they began aged 16 to 18 or have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP). FSM -Education Act 1996, extension for students for FE courses 2014.

## Bursary 16-19 - Structure and Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a bursary during 2022/23 academic year the student must be aged under 19 on 31 August 2023. In general, bursaries will be paid only to young people who have reached the statutory school leaving age and will be awarded on receipt of documents as evidence. The 16-19 Bursary, is generally available to: -

- students in care
- students leaving care
- students claiming income support /universal credit
- disabled students who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (Personal Independence Payments)
- Parents who claim the following: -
  - Carer's Allowance
  - Child Tax Credit (provided not entitled to working tax credit) and have annual taxable income that does not exceed £16,480.
  - Free School Meals
  - Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
  - Income Support
  - Job Seekers Allowance (Income-based).
  - Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
  - The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
  - Universal Credit
  - Housing benefit, bank statements and recent payslips may be requested for verification.
  - Emergency assistance due to extenuating circumstances

**There is a limited amount of funding which means that it will not be possible to support every application and priority will be given to those students with the lowest household income and/or with the highest demonstrated need.**

Please note that an application needs to be made for each year of study.  
A successful application in Year 12 does not automatically mean the student will receive a bursary in Year 13.

Please can all **applications** be received by Friday 16 September 2023  
– applications can be made after this date but will depend on availability of funding.