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Dear Student and Parent

16-19 Bursary

You may be aware of the Government Bursary Scheme aimed at providing some financial support for young people facing financial barriers, to enable participation in education.

The school has been allocated a fixed sum of money for disbursement to those students identified as being in need of financial support. As it is a fixed sum, it may not be possible to award a bursary to every student who applies for bursary support. Support for students will be prioritised on the following criteria:

Priority group 1:

Guaranteed bursaries of £1,200 payable to those students who are:

1. in care (as defined by social services)
2. leaving or have recently left care
3. are in receipt of income support in their own right
4. disabled and in receipt of both employment support allowance and disability living allowance

Priority group 2:

A bursary of up to £550 will be awarded to young people in receipt of free school meals. The amount paid will be subject to the number of students in the category and the availability of funds.

Priority group 3:

In the event of funds remaining within the school's Bursary Fund allocation, once all Priority 1 and 2 awards have been made, awards of up to £550 will be made to students of families with an annual household income of up to £21,000 and an award of up to £250 to students of families with an annual household income of £21,001-£26,000.

Eligible students in group 3 may apply to the Bursary Fund for a contribution towards items such as the cost of school transport, essential course equipment, trips and course materials. This may be a one-off payment for a specific item.

With the exception of one-off payments, all payments will be made half-termly following the commencement of courses. Proof of entitlement will be required and Bursary payments will be dependent upon meeting attendance, punctuality, behaviour and academic attainment and application criteria outlined in the protocol for the authorisation of Bursary payments.



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Application forms for Bursary Awards are available from the Sixth Form office or may be downloaded from the school website. Further details may also be found on the website.

All applications for Bursary Awards category groups 1 and 2 must have been received at the Sixth Form office by Friday 24 September. Applications for one off category 3 payments may be made at any time during the year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew G Cann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

A G Cann
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Head of Sixth Form