



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

June 2016

To all parents/carers of Year 11 students

Dear Parent or Carer

16-19 BURSARY FUND

The 16-19 Bursary Fund exists to support students in post-16 education who are facing financial hardship. King James's has been allocated limited funds from the Department for Education, to be targeted at those facing greatest need. The following two categories of students will automatically be eligible for Bursary funding.

- Young people in care; care leavers; getting [Income Support](#) (IS) or [Universal Credit](#) (UC) in place of Income Support in their own right; getting [Employment Support Allowance](#) (ESA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or [Personal Independence Payments](#) in their own right. This group will be eligible for a bursary of up to £1200 a year.
- Those students receiving Free School Meals, available to children whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:
 - Income support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's allowance
 - Income-related employment and support allowance
 - Child tax credit, with an income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of working tax credit
 - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

If your son/daughter does not currently receive FSM but you believe they may be eligible we would strongly advise you to apply as soon as possible to ensure that, if awarded, they are able to access FSM from the start of the new school year in September. If approved for FSM they would then be eligible for support from the 16-19 Bursary Fund. For further details please see www.northyorks.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolsandcolleges/freeschoolmeals or call 01609 533405.

Students in either of the two categories above should see Miss Wilson, our Pastoral Officer, when they return to school in September to discuss their funding.

Students not covered by either of these categories but facing difficulties in meeting specific costs associated with their Sixth Form education, eg school trips, coursework costs, exam fees, interviews/open days, can apply for support as the need arises. Applications will need to be supported by evidence of household income and/or benefits.

Yours sincerely

Clair Foden
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