



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

## KNARESBOROUGH

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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. Students in the following two categories will automatically be eligible for the Bursary funding.

#### **Vulnerable Bursary**

The following students will be eligible to receive a bursary of £1,200 per year (paid directly to the student at a weekly amount of £30), if agreed standards of behaviour and attendance are met:

- young people who are looked after children in the care of the Local Authority or foster parents
- care leavers
- young people who receive Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC) in place of Income Support, in their own right
- young people getting Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments in their own right.

#### **Weekly Discretionary Bursary**

These awards will be targeted towards young people facing financial barriers to participation in Sixth Form studies. Priority will be given to those young people from the families with the lowest household income. Students who have a gross household income of up to £28,000 (from September 2018) can apply for a Weekly Discretionary payment. All students receiving Free School Meals will automatically be deemed eligible for this payment. Agreed standards of behaviour and attendance should be met.

All Bursary payments will be made directly into the student's bank account.

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 call 01609 533405.

Students in either of the two categories above should see Mrs Simmons, 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

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Director of Sixth Form