

## Poole High School Sixth Form Bursary Statement

There are three main bursaries for students to access:

**General Bursary** of £1,200 which goes to:

- people in care
- care leavers
- people claiming income support
- disabled young people who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

### 16 to 19 Bursary Fund: Eligibility - GOV.UK

This Bursary Award is intended to support your academic studies. You could use the money to help pay for transport, school clothing, revision guides, field trips, university visits/UCAS or resources relevant to your courses. In addition to this, if you participate in any extra-curricular activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, this money could help towards costs.

### **Discretionary bursary**

If you do not fit into this eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for a discretionary bursary. These are payments made by Poole High School. To be fair in the allocation of these funds, the following criteria will be used for identifying who is eligible:

- students who are eligible for free school meals
- students who are within the Discretionary Bursary Fund criteria (see below).

The Discretionary Bursary is available to students whose total household income is equal or less than £25,521 to support their learning whilst at Poole High Sixth Form. This can be applied for to support with transport, books and equipment, and educational trips linked to the curriculum / pathways. Regular payments will be made to the receiving student via their bank account.

A student who is successful in their application will, so long as they comply with the terms of the bursary such as attendance and behaviour expectations, receive this for the academic year. Year 13 students who received a bursary in Year 12 will need to reapply at the start of their second year.

It is imperative that the applications for these Discretionary Bursaries are received by the end of September. This is because we allocate the fund based on the number of applications we receive. If your application is late, there is a risk that there will not be funds left to support you.

We do hold back a limited fund for Specific Bursary applications during the academic year. If you did not receive a full bursary or didn't apply at the start of the year and something arises that you need support with (for example a Trip or a textbook), a Specific Bursary application can be made at any time, although payment is not guaranteed. A specific bursary application should be requested from the Sixth Form Office.

### **Specific Bursary Support**

This fund provides financial support at specific times for a student during their course of study. This may include a change in circumstances that creates an immediate need for financial support. See details below.

#### **Application deadlines**

Applications for the General Bursary and the Discretionary Bursary need to be made by the last day of September and payments will be backdated to the start of term.

Applications for Specific Bursary Support can be made at any time during the academic year.

This fund is available at any time during the academic year and is provided as a 'one off' payment to the student. This fund is aimed at those students who face a change in circumstances that creates specific financial problems of a short-term nature. Applications will be considered by a panel of staff.