

Post 16

West Lancashire Community High School



Financial Support for eligible students 2019-2020

Free School Meals

Students in Year 11 who are currently eligible for Free School Meals will need to **re-apply** prior to the start of their first academic year in Post 16.

Since the introduction of Universal Credit, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals changed in 2018 and so to check if you are eligible and re-apply, contact the Free School Meal Team.

How to apply/Re-apply

Telephone 01772 531809 (Lancashire Pupils)

If you are outside the Lancashire area please contact the Family Liaison Officer in school for details of other authority contact numbers.

A delay in applying could mean that school meals will need to be paid for until the application is processed.

Pupil Premium

If a student in Year 11 is currently eligible for Pupil Premium, School receives additional funding. **This funding stops at the end of Year 11.** To support students facing financial hardship to stay in education the Government offers a bursary fund for 16 to 19 year olds.

16-19 Year Old Bursary Fund

What can the bursary fund be used for?

The fund can be used for books, meals, transport or other course related costs such as work experience related activities ,college placements, Duke of Edinburgh expedition, class trips, equipment needed to help a student stay in education. The funding can also be used for days when students prepare their own meals in Post 16, there is a charge of £2.50 per day. This is usually one day per week.

Types of bursary

There are two types of bursaries

Category 1 are for the following students

- in care
- a care leaver
- in receipt of income support or Universal Credit
- in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Disability (DLA) Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments **in their own right**

Category 2

A Discretionary Award will be available for students from families with low household incomes. **Pupils will be eligible to apply for this bursary if they are currently eligible for Free School Meals.**

Whilst all students can make an application for a bursary award under this category, priority will be given to those who have not previously received an award or are most in need of financial support.

Eligibility

Pupils must be aged under 19 on 31st August 2019

Pupils will need to have their own bank account. If they haven't got a bank account, please let us know.. We are currently working with a high street bank to support parents/ students in obtaining an account. **We are no longer able to offer the management of funds in school.**

Payment

Payment of the bursary is subject to evidence of:

1. 95% attendance including scrutiny of unauthorised absences. (We acknowledge that students with prolonged identified medical needs may not be able to achieve this attendance target, however an attendance target will be agreed in advance of the bursary funding being granted)
2. Satisfactory behaviour
3. Satisfactory level of engagement in learning

How much funding will a student receive?

Category 1

The government guarantees £1200 will be paid to all eligible students in Category 1

Category 2

WLCHS is free to determine how much each student will receive and will look at each case individually subject to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

What's next?

If you think you/your child is eligible to make an application then please complete an application form. If you need help with completing the form then we are holding an advice session/Coffee morning on **Friday 11th October 2019**

Application forms will need to be returned to the school with a **bank statement or letter showing evidence of:**

Branch of Bank

Name of account holder

Account number

Sort code

All applications are to be returned by Friday 1st November 2019. Any applications received after this date will not be considered.