



## **16 – 19 BURSARY FUND INFORMATION 2025/2026**

The 16-19 Bursary Fund provide financial support to help students overcome specific barriers whilst completing post 16 courses, so they can remain in education. The amount of funding available for each school to distribute through bursary funding has been determined by the government. The fund is, therefore, cash limited and it may not be possible to meet all applications for Level 3 bursaries.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to receive a bursary, the Sixth Former must be aged 16 or over but under 19 at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 and satisfy the DfE residency criteria.

### **Level 1 Bursaries - £1,200 (Vulnerable)**

To receive this bursary you must be:-

A young person in care, or

A care leaver, or

A young person in receipt of Income Support (IS) or Universal Credit (UC), or

A young person in receipt of :

Criteria 1 - Employment and Support Allowance **or** Universal Credit in their own right

**AS WELL AS**

Criteria 2 - Disability Living Allowance **or** Personal Independence Payments in your own right.

*If you think you are eligible for this bursary, please contact Mrs Ashley Hagedorn.*

### **Level 2 Bursaries**

Available for students who are registered with KCC for Free School Meals.

These students will be offered a full subsidy towards the Post 16 Travel Card if they have a travel need which will form part of this bursary.

### **Level 3 Bursaries**

Available for students who have a specific financial need, but where the total household income is higher than the normal limits or where there are other exceptional circumstances. This will be considered on individual basis. These students will be offered a full or partial subsidy towards the Post 16 Travel Card if they have a travel need\* which will form part of this bursary.

*\*Distance from home to school must be more than 2 miles.*

## **Use of the Bursary**

Sixth Formers are encouraged to apply for a bursary as soon as possible filling in the application form and returning it to Mrs N Foster - School Finance Manager.

Alongside consideration for travel needs the bursary fund is available to support students with their educational expenses needed for their studies. For example, books and equipment they need to purchase for their courses, school trips, travel to attend Post 18 further education/training open days, examination re-sits and re-marks alongside any other expenses they feel will be needed to support them in post 16 education. Students awarded a bursary will also automatically receive funds added directly to their canteen account each week to use their ID card to purchase food in school.

**Terms and Conditions** *All bursaries are paid subject to students meeting attendance and performance criteria, as stated on the application form.*