

Barr Beacon Sixth Form

16 to 19 Bursary Fund 2020-2021

What is the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund?

Students in the sixth form who are in need of some **minor** financial support for purchasing books, transport, meals and equipment can apply to the School's 16 to 19 Bursary Fund. We are committed to distributing Bursaries to those students with the greatest need. Those who are eligible will fall into one of two groups.

Group 1

The Government has identified that the students most in need will be:

- Students in care
- Care Leavers
- Students on income support (or Universal Credit) in **their own name**
- Disabled students who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

These students may be eligible for a Bursary of £1200 per year.

Supporting documentation from the relevant Government Departments will in most cases be on file at school already. However, if it is not, the relevant documentation will need to be submitted with the Bursary application.

I think I'm eligible. What do I do now?

Complete the Bursary Fund Application Form which is available on the school website. Paper copies are attached.

Complete the application as soon as possible. This will need to be **by the end of September to guarantee you will receive your first payment at the end of the Autumn term**. However, you can apply at any point for subsequent payments. Therefore, if your circumstances change please complete this form as soon as you become eligible so you don't miss out.

How will I receive the payments?

Payments will be paid directly into **your** bank account. Therefore, make sure you complete these details on the Bursary Application Form carefully.

When will I receive the payments?

Payments will be made throughout the year. Each individual might receive payments at different times, as and when they are needed. In addition to this some applicants might receive a regular payment on a termly basis. If you qualify for this you will receive the first payment at the end of the Autumn Term (Christmas). The second will be in the Spring Term (Easter) and the third in the Summer Term (end of school year).

Group 2

If you are eligible for free school meals or your parent/carer are in receipt of state benefit you might be entitled to a discretionary bursary.

This amount will be dependent on each individual student's circumstance and your actual financial needs. You will meet with one of the Sixth Form staff to assess your needs.

If you are eligible for free school meals but have yet to apply, the free school meals application can be completed online here:

www.myfreeschoolmeals.com

You will qualify for free school meals if your parent/carer or their partner is receiving:

- Income Support (IS)
- Universal Credit (UC)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA(IB))
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA (IR))
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), provided you do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Evidence to show you are in receipt of these will need to be shared with the school to process your application. This is usually in the form of a letter or email addressed to the applicant's parent/carer.

If your personal circumstances change during the year you MUST notify the Sixth Form Team immediately. All applications are strictly confidential. The information you give us will be secured in the school's database.

Bursary Fund Application Form 2020-2021

Name _____ Form _____

I am in **Group 1**

I am in **Group 2** and

I have already applied successfully for free school meals

My parent/carer is in receipt of benefits (Proof needed)

Student Bank Account Details

Bank Name (e.g. Barclays)

Branch Address (e.g. Lichfield Street, Walsall)

Name of Account Holder (must be your own name as it appears on your account)

Sort Code

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Account Number

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Roll Number (Building Society Account only)