



# St Benedict's

Catholic High School, Alcester

10 September 2018

Dear Parent / Student

In the Welcome Pack given out on Results Day, students received information on the Government's 16-19 Bursary Fund which supports post-16 students in education and training.

The purpose of the 16-19 Bursary Fund is to support young people aged 16-19 in full time education who face financial barriers to participation such as costs of transport, trips, food, clothing or equipment. It is made up of two parts: a **Vulnerable Bursary** of up to £1,200 a year to the most vulnerable young people and a **Discretionary Fund** for schools and colleges to distribute.

Learners aged 16-19 from the following groups will be eligible for the **Vulnerable Bursary** of up to £1,200 per academic year:

- Young people in care
- Care leavers
- Young people receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner
- receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right

For learners not in the above groups the school will consider each case to see whether they qualify for financial support from the **Discretionary Bursary** fund. I must stress that it will not be at the level of the Vulnerable Bursary and is based firstly on annual household income, which needs to be under £30,000 to qualify. Each application is then individually considered and assessed. Proof of household financial circumstances is required, but I can assure you that this information will be treated in the strictest confidence

Unfortunately the Bursary funds we have been allocated are limited and we cannot guarantee providing support for all learners who apply, although every effort will be made to ensure financial circumstances do not stop learners attending school and achieving their full potential. If, for whatever reason, your financial circumstances change at any point throughout the academic year, please do contact me as we retain a part of this fund for such situations.

If you would like to be considered for some financial support, I would ask you to complete the enclosed application form and return it to school by Wednesday 26 September. Should you have any queries, do contact me at any time.

Yours sincerely

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