



The Long Eaton School
Sixth Form

16–19
Bursary Fund
Guidance

**Return completed application forms &
supporting evidence.**

*This guidance is for 2023/24 and is subject to change for
2024/25*

Application Guidance 2023-24

PLEASE READ

The bursary fund is available and open to all students to provide financial support to cover the cost of items related to educational participation. All applications/enquiries are dealt with confidentially.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible the young person must be aged under 19 at the start of the academic year in which they start their programme of study, the young person must satisfy the residency criteria defined in the EFSA funding guidance and must fall into the following categories:

Vulnerable Group

Students in care, care leavers or young people in receipt of income support (universal credit); and disabled young people in receipt of ESA and DLA/ PIP are eligible to apply for financial support for £1200 per year from the vulnerable group 16-19 bursary fund.

Discretionary Group

Students experiencing financial difficulty can apply for financial support. Eligibility is determined by means assessment of combined annual household income (to include salary and/or benefits & Universal/ Tax credits) within the threshold limit.

Financial support will be allocated proportionally per year as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Household Income</u>
High Plus	Under £16,190 (eligible for FSM)
High	£16,191 to £22,000
Medium	£22,001 to £27,000
Low	£27,001 to £30,000

Once we have confirmed your eligibility, the amount of funding you will be eligible for will be allocated according to need. We will assess your need according to the number of household dependents, the distance the student travels to attend Sixth Form and whether or not the student will attend any placements as part of their course.

Students may apply at any time using other exceptional circumstances which are not dependent on previous years' financial records.

Applications to be made directly to Head of Sixth Form in writing for adjudication, that adjudication to be ratified by a member of SLT.

Termly limits will be applied depending on circumstances and the uptake in specific priority groups.

If a student leaves their learning programme or completes their course, they will not be eligible to receive further payment and any overpaid monies may need to be repaid.

IMPORTANT - Please note that payment figures quoted are subject to change dependent on annual funding and demographic need of students which cannot be pre-determined until enrolment and application to the scheme.

The Sixth Form cannot supplement the bursary once its funds have been used up and no further student claims will be possible during that academic year.

APPLICATION

Completed forms should be submitted along with the appropriate documented evidence of proof of income and benefits. Confirmation that an application has been successful and level of funding allocation will be communicated by email directly to the student. Applications will be dealt with in order of received date.

The types of evidence that are required in order to assess the household's income:

Salaried income (P60 20/21 or 3 most recent pay slips)/ Accounts/ Self-Assessment 2023-24/ Benefits such as Universal Credit, Personal independent payment, Income support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Carer's allowance, Working and / child tax credit, Grants or Bursaries, Pension allowance- Private &/ state. Most recent entitlement/award letter (preferably dated within the last 3 months)

PLEASE NOTE: It is the expectation and responsibility of parents and students that they are accountable for informing the academy of any changes to their circumstances that may affect their eligibility for continued bursary funding.

Application assessment & cut off dates

To ensure applications are assessed efficiently please ensure you return your completed application form and documentation before the end of September 2023. Any applications submitted after that date will be assessed on an ad hoc basis.

Assessment (Attendance) & Payment

In order to make payments to students we need to assess the following criteria:

We use attendance data from a three week period (see below dates). The student's attendance must be **at least 90%**.

4/09/2023-22/09/2023	25/09/2023-13/10/2023	16/10/2023-10/11/2023
13/11/2023-1/12/2023	4/12/2023-22/12/2023	8/01/2024-26/01/2024
29/01/2024-16/02/2024	26/02/2024-15/03/2024	18/03/2024-19/04/2024
22/04/2024-10/05/2024	13/05/2024-7/06/2024	

If a student fails to meet the three weekly assessment criteria for a full term, the student will may not be entitled to those funds and may not receive back pay.

04/09/2023-22/12/2023 (Autumn Term) 8/01/2024-28/03/2024 (Spring Term)
15/04/2024-23/07/2024 (Summer Term)

How are payments made?

Payments are made to students only, not a third party. Payments are made by BACS (direct to the bank) so it is important students have their own bank account set up and complete the BACS section of the application form.

The bursary is split into two sections- Block payment every 3 weeks & Reimbursement.

Block Payment

Part of the student's entitlement will be paid in block payments every 3 weeks. The amount will depend on their priority group and the number of applicants to the scheme. This will be confirmed by email once all applications have been fully processed in the autumn term.

Reimbursement

We prefer to make payments in kind and encourage the use of the bursary to reimburse students' cost of travel, essential books, equipment or specialist clothing. This can be paid on a reimbursement basis; receipts must be handed into the Sixth Form office in order to have the amount reimbursed. Where a student is unable to make an outright purchase and seek reimbursement, they should contact the Sixth Form office to discuss alternative methods of purchase.

If you are unsure that the bursary would reimburse you for an item you would like to purchase, speak to the Sixth Form Office prior to purchasing the item for clarification. Receipts etc must be in the name of a contact listed on the school contact list.

Postage- The bursary fund can reimburse postage/ delivery charges for items being reimbursed. This postage reimbursement will be deducted from the reimbursement allocation.

IT & TECHNOLOGY PROVISIONS

Max spend £300

ONLY one payment for a laptop/ computer/ printer or technology device will be made during a student's studies whilst in Sixth Form.

- Printer purchases (max spend £50)
- Headphone purchases up to £50
- Technology items should be purchased during the Autumn term. Any purchases after this time will have to be approved by the Headteacher.
- Receipts should be handed in to the 6th form reception
- We are unable to reimburse iPad/ Tablet devices.

If you are having difficulty purchasing a technology item please inform the Sixth Form office



TRANSPORT

Max spend £275

Academic or Yearly* bus passes purchased & receipts handed into the Sixth Form office

Daily bus passes and mileage will NOT be reimbursed.

*Yearly bus passes - the bursary will only reimburse for the months you are in education at the 6th form.



RESOURCES & EQUIPMENT

Max spend £150

Stationery (Pens, Pencils, Paper, notepads, Maths equipment, printer ink, desk organisers- such as files, folders, plastic wallets etc).



MEALS WITHIN THE ACADEMY/ SIXTH FORM

Max spend £2.50 per day (includes: breakfast, break & lunch)

Food &/ refreshments can only be purchased from the Academy deli counters. We are unable to reimburse for meals purchased offsite or from the onsite vending machines.

You will need to inform the office if you would like your meals reimbursing as this isn't automatically processed.



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS/ VISITS

Max spend £150

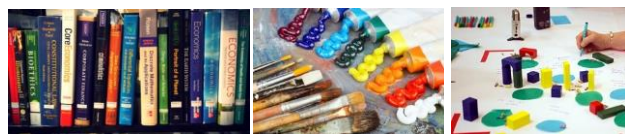
Once a commitment to a trip has been made and bursary fund used towards the cost this money cannot be refunded if for any reason a student withdraws their commitment.



COURSE SPECIFIC

Course textbooks and stationery items linked to your course such as art supplies.

Ask your teacher for an idea of what supplies to purchase



SPECIFIC HARDSHIP

Dependent on circumstances.

Speak to the Sixth Form office regarding specific hardship.

YR13 EXAMINATION RESITS, UCAS & UNIVERSITY VISITS

YEAR 13 ONLY: up to 2 per academic year

UCAS



UCAS application fee

Transport fees to university interviews/ Open days.

BACK PACKS, HOLDALLS, CLOTHING FOR PLACEMENT

Students can be reimbursed for clothing and equipment that they require in order to attend placements essential to their course.

Back packs/ Holdalls may be purchased up to a value of £50.



Appeals

If an application has not been approved, and/or you wish to appeal against any decision, this concern should be addressed to the Head of Sixth Form in writing.

All communications regarding a bursary application and any three weekly payments/ reimbursement payments should only be undertaken via the student and the academy, and no third party.

The Head of Sixth Form reserves the right to authorise payments outside of these criteria where there are extenuating circumstances and/or there is clear educational value in releasing the funds.

General Data Protection Regulations

All supporting evidence will be used to assess whether your child is eligible for the 16-19 bursary. Information is kept confidential and secure subject to the Data Protection Act 2018. Data will only be shared with staff who assess the 16-19 bursary fund and will also be shown to auditors. All evidence will be kept on file for seven years in line with our finance retention schedule. You may see, at any reasonable time, the information kept about you and should correct information that is wrong or misleading.