



The Blue Coat School

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

**Re: The 16-19 Bursary for supporting study at A level**

The 16-19 Bursary is a monetary fund direct from the government that supports access to learning for students suffering financial hardship. As a school, we administer this financial support based on a set of eligibility criteria that are outlined in our 16-19 Bursary guidance attached.

The support fund is now ready for students beginning their studies in September 2017 at A Level. The level of financial assistance we can offer students is limited by the size of our financial allocation, but we are understandably keen to ensure that our students most in need are appropriately supported.

Your son or daughter could be eligible for financial support for transport, books and equipment, field trips or university visits and open days. Should you feel your circumstances meet the eligibility criteria, please ensure that your son/daughter obtains an application form from our bursary administrator, Mr Tom Wild, who works closely with the Sixth Form team and is based in the mezzanine. He will be addressing students directly at the beginning of term and asking those who feel they qualify to express an interest in accessing financial support. The initial closing date for expression of interest will be Wednesday 20th September 2017; further requests made throughout the year will then be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and depend on remaining funds.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the sixth form team and we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Tipler  
Deputy Head Teacher / Director of Sixth Form

