Legislation has now been updated for the 16-19 Bursary Fund. The bursary is to be used for essential participation costs, such as essential books, equipment and travel to school. Receipts need to be provided to prove the costs incurred. Without receipts further payments will not be allocated

If my application is approved for the Vulnerable Bursary, what will I receive?

If you are approved for the 16-19 Vulnerable Bursary you will be eligible for up to £1,200 per year. Your allocation will be paid every half term, however this is entirely dependent on your attendance and study habits at school and should this be unsatisfactory for any particular month, then your payments may be withheld. **You will only receive payment for items covered with a receipt/evidence.**

If my application is approved for the Discretionary Bursary, what will I receive?

If you are approved for the Discretionary Bursary you may receive a **contribution** towards essential course costs, such as bus travel, books and equipment. Your allocation will be paid every half term, however this is entirely **dependent on your attendance and study habits at school** and should this be unsatisfactory for any particular month, then your payments may be withheld. **You will only receive payment for items covered with a receipt/evidence.**

Who is not eligible for the 16-19 Bursary Funds?

Unfortunately students under 16, or over 19 on 31 August 2026 cannot apply for the 16-19 Bursary Funds.

In the event that a student does not join the sixth form at Foxford School, all records will be retained for a maximum of 6 months prior to secure disposal.

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Foxford Community School recognises that our support funds have an important role to play in removing barriers for students accessing and completing further education courses. It is the aim of Foxford Community School to use the 16-19 Bursary Funds to make maximum impact on recruitment, attendance, retention, achievement and success rates.

What are the two types of 16-19 Bursary Funds and am I eligible?

1. **The Discretionary Bursary**
   is for students aged 16-19 on 31 August 2026, who live in a household in receipt of a means-tested benefit (Income Support, JSA, ESA, Universal Credit, Pension Credit or NASS Support) or earning £25,000 or less in wages.

2. **The Vulnerable Bursary**
   is for students aged 16-19 on 31 August 2026, who are classed as being in care or a care leaver, who receive Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name or who receive both ESA and DLA/PIP due to their disabilities.

Will the 16-19 Bursary Funds cover my living costs?

No. All bursary payments are intended to support course-related costs only and should not be used for living expenses. The 16-19 Bursary Funds are not a substitute for DWP benefits and if you are struggling with living costs, or have any problems with the DWP benefits you are receiving (e.g. if your Income Support/ Universal Credit has been stopped etc.) please speak to the School Services for advice as soon as possible.

Will the School Bursary Funds affect my household benefits?

No. Any bursary payments you receive will not affect your household's entitlement to DWP income-related benefits. Bursary payments are paid in addition to such benefits but you should declare these to the DWP.

When should I apply for 16-19 Bursary Funds?

You should apply as soon as possible. The amount of money we receive from the Government for Discretionary 16-19 Bursary students is limited, therefore we cannot guarantee funding. Students who are eligible for support are not automatically entitled to it, so should apply as early as possible.

How do I apply?

To apply for the 16-19 Bursary Fund, you must complete and return (in person, with all the necessary evidence as indicated by a star) a 2026/2027 Student Funding Application Form.

Forms are available from the Sixth Form Office. Students can hand in their completed application forms early to avoid disappointment.

Can I appeal my funding decision?

Yes. If you disagree with a decision regarding your application, please state clearly in writing to the school why you are appealing and attach any supporting evidence.

All students making a 16-19 Bursary Fund application will be asked to sign a declaration to agree to the terms and conditions.