Guidance on the 16-19 Bursary Fund

What is the bursary for?

The fund provides help to students needing support to help them to stay in full-time education. The Bursary can contribute towards costs such as:

- Books and Equipment
- Course Costs such as Field Trips
- Accommodation and Meals
- Transport
- Clothing and Uniforms

Who can get a bursary?

In Plymouth all schools/ academies, apart from Coombe Dean / Plymstock / Hele's / UTC Plymouth / Plymouth Studio School, will run a joint scheme in 2017/18. This is made up of two parts:

- Guaranteed Bursaries
  Those most in need will be **eligible for a bursary of £1,200 a year.** This is for:
  - young people in care,
  - care leavers,
  - young people receiving Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name, and
  - disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) in their own name

- Discretionary Bursaries
  Other students who need support to help them to stay in education or training may also be able to receive funds. Bursaries are awarded to students in the following groups:
  - Students claiming Free School meals
  - Students living in Household's with income below £24,000
  - Young people receiving Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) in their own name

Details of this scheme are on the Plymouth City Council website. Similar schemes are being designed by the local FE Colleges. You can obtain details from City College Plymouth and Plymouth College of Art.

How and when are payments made?

A simple application form will be available from the Head of Sixth-Form. Bursaries are paid directly in to your bank account over the school year depending on continued attendance and behaviour. If you do not attend or your behaviour is poor you may not receive all or some of that month's bursary.

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