

## **Sheldon School Sixth Form 16-19 Bursary Fund 2025-6**

Sheldon School Sixth Form has a fund available to help support students from lower income backgrounds with their post-16 education. If your household income is below £30,000 a year you can apply for help from the fund. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will automatically be eligible for the Bursary but must still complete the application form.

Successful applicants will receive an initial payment in order to equip themselves for essentials at the start of the year. Each successful applicant will then have a 1-2-1 with their tutor to identify the specific support they require in order to reduce 'barriers to learning'.

Examples of things the bursary can be spent on	Things that the government prohibit the use of bursary money for
<ul> <li>Travel costs</li> <li>Text books</li> <li>Revision guides</li> <li>Stationery, folders etc</li> <li>Online educational subscriptions</li> <li>Subject specific equipment or specialist clothing</li> <li>Subsidising essential school trips</li> <li>Subsidising university / apprenticeship etc open days</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Learning support - services that institutions give to students - for example, counselling, mentoring or extra tutoring</li> <li>Extra-curricular activities where these are not essential to the students' study programme</li> <li>General household expenses</li> </ul>

The exact amount each student will receive will depend on the number of applicants and each individuals' circumstances.

The level of support for subsidising trips / visits will depend on the funds available when an application is made. As a guideline we aim to provide at least 40% towards essential trips and university visits but this may vary depending on numbers applying (mileage for visits is paid at 40p per mile).

If you would like to apply for support from the fund please complete the attached application form as soon as possible and attach up to date proof of income, details of Universal Credit etc. If your household income is just above the threshold but you still require support please get in touch.

If you would like to know more please contact the Sixth Form Office on 01249 766020 ext 202