

Barnwell Upper School Barnwell

Barnwell Stevenage Hertfordshire SG2 9SW

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

Re: 16 - 19 Bursary Fund

I am writing to advise you that the Government has provided a small amount of money for schools to provide support for students who face the greatest barriers to continuing their education in the Sixth Form. This letter provides a brief explanation of the two funds and invites any students and their parents / carers to apply for support should they feel that they qualify.

A copy of our 'Policy and Guidance' is also attached for your information.

<u>Your child</u> may qualify for the 16-19 Bursary Fund, <u>Defined Vulnerable Group Bursary</u>, if he/she meets one of the following criteria listed below:

You have a CHILD in sixth form and:

- the CHILD is in care
- the CHILD is a care leaver
- the CHILD is in receipt of income support
- the CHILD is in receipt of Universal Credit
- the CHILD is a disabled young person in receipt of Employment Support Allowance who is also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments.

The funds available are limited and will be awarded to the students in most need.

A second fund is available – <u>Discretionary Bursary</u>, which applies to the student's family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for this support, then please complete either of the attached application forms and return it, with your child's appropriate supporting documentation, to Mrs Chapman in the Sixth Form Office by Friday 20th October 2023. Applications will be considered by the school and awards decided based upon the evidence supplied. Please be assured that all applications will be treated in confidence.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

M Chapman

Mrs M Chapman Barnwell Sixth Form

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