



Hills Road Sixth Form College Cambridge

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS (2016-2017)

The following arrangements will apply for the provision of financial support for students starting post-16 courses in September 2016.

1. The College will receive a sum of money (yet to be advised) under the government's 16-19 Bursary Scheme. This is designed to support students with essential educational expenses.
2. The College will issue guidelines to all students as to the criteria by which money from the new 16-19 Bursary Scheme will be allocated.
3. Guidelines will indicate both the eligibility criteria, relating to household income, and also the range of activities for which an application can be made (e.g. transport, essential educational activities linked to chosen AS/A level courses.)

Full details will be provided to students at enrolment in August 2016. Guidelines will include information about how to apply for financial support in confidence.

If you have any urgent concerns about financial support which you would like to discuss prior to enrolment in late August 2016, please contact Mrs Tracey Southwell, Guidance Administrator, at the College by email: tsouthwell@hillsroad.ac.uk or telephone: 01223 278010.

FREE MEALS IN FURTHER EDUCATION (2016-2017)

Free meals will be made available to all eligible students starting post-16 courses in September 2016.

To be eligible, students or their parents need to be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit

To apply please complete the 16-19 Bursary Scheme Form which will be made available to students at Enrolment in August 2016.