

# The Bishop's Stortford High School

## YPLA 16-19 Bursary Fund Policy 2016-17

### What is the 16-19 Bursary Fund?

The fund is made available from the government through its funding body, the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA), for 16-19 year olds, to provide assistance to students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers.

**The fund is a fixed and finite sum and allocations may therefore not exceed the total sum available.**

### Who is eligible to apply for 16-19 Bursary Funding?

Students following government-funded (YPLA) full-time or part-time courses (this describes all courses on offer at our Sixth Form), who satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Aged at least 16 and under 19 on 31/08/16 who are in care, are leaving care, are in direct receipt of Income Support, or are disabled and in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.
- Students facing financial barriers to participation in post-16 education.

### How does the School assess applications and allocate 16-19 Bursary funding?

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a **limited fund** and the School only has a **small amount** of money to distribute. Students must fall into one of the following categories and students and their parents must be prepared to show evidence of genuine hardship. **Financial support is also dependent on meeting agreed attendance and behaviour criteria.**

- There are 3 priority groups categorised as high, medium and low.
- All applications must be received by 30th September for the academic year.

#### High priority group

- Are currently in care (as defined by social services)
- Are leaving or have recently left care
- Are in receipt of Income Support in their own right.
- Are disabled and in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance
- Eligible students will be guaranteed a £1200 bursary to support them with costs such as transport, equipment etc.

