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Dear Students, Parents, Guardians

Year 13 Higher Education Financial Support

Student Finance England, the body that deals with financial support for Higher Education, has just opened for applications from students who have applied for University with a 2018 start date.

Students, alongside their parents/guardians, should complete the application process via the available online system by visiting the following webpage: [Student finance: how to apply - GOV.UK](#). The final deadline for all applicants is **31 May 2018** but a prompt application now minimises the risk of any delay in support getting through to students once they have started at university. **Please note that you do not have to wait until you have accepted a university offer - you can apply immediately for your current preferred choice** and change details on-line at a later date if necessary. Even if you are unsure about taking up a university place in September, you should still apply now as, if you decide not to go to university once results are published in August, all you need to do is to inform Student Finance England. However, you do not apply for finance this year if you have applied for deferred entry in 2019.

There are two main types of funding that could be received: a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan. Maintenance grants were abolished in 2016. These loans are described in full, together with information about loan repayment, in the following guide [Student Finance Main Guide 2018 Entry.pdf](#). There is a wealth of additional information on the Student Finance England and GOV.UK websites to guide you through the process in detail. These include a variety of films ([Applying for student finance 2018/19 - YouTube](#)) quick guides and factsheets which can all be accessed via the main resources page - [Supporting materials - SFE](#). There is a useful student finance calculator ([Student finance calculator - GOV.UK](#)) which allows you to quickly check what level of loan you might be able to get. The main Student Finance Zone with lots of clear and useful information is found in the Student Room thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance.

The process is comparatively straight forward and, for the vast majority of students applying, the following information will be required to complete the application:

- Proposed University Course Details
- Bank Account Details
- Passport Number (without this extra forms will need to be completed)
- Student National Insurance Number
- Parent/Guardian/Sponsor National Insurance Number and Income details

The level of financial support will then be assessed by Student Finance England and they will inform you as to the level that you have been allocated.

I hope the above information is useful and if I can be of any further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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