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Parrs Wood Sixth-Form Financial Support Guidance – September 2014

When you enter the sixth-form there will be certain expenses that you need to be aware of and there are staff at Parrs Wood who are available who can assist you to get the financial support you may be entitled to. These expenses could be for travel, books and lunch.

The financial support you may be entitled to whilst studying at Parrs Wood includes:

- 16-19 Bursary Fund
- Learner Support Fund
- Child Care Support
- Travel

16-19 Bursary Fund

The 16 – 19 Bursary has two elements:

Students described as 'vulnerable' by the YPLA (Young Peoples Learning Agency) i.e.

- Young people in care
- Care leavers,
- Young people who live independently and receive Income Support (or Universal Credit) in their own right.
- Disabled young people in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments).

will be eligible to receive a Guaranteed Bursary Award of £1200 per year.

We will then make individual **Discretionary Bursary Awards** that best fit the needs and circumstance of our students. Bursary awards will be targeted towards students facing financial barriers to participation and achievement, such as the costs of transport, meals, books or equipment etc.

To be eligible to receive a discretionary bursary you must be:

- Aged over 16 and under 19 on 31 August in the academic year in which you start your course.
- Resident in the EU for 3 years or more.
- Enrolled on post 16 courses.
- Not in receipt of the full £1200 Bursary

The following groups of students would be considered for receipt of a discretionary bursary

- Students who received Free School Meals in Year 11
- Students from a household where the total income is below £16,000
- Students who are registered carers for a relative



Learner Support Funds (Hardship Fund)

The Learner Support Fund is an additional fund that offers financial support to students.

The fund can help with things such as transport costs, trips and visits, interviews, the costs of specialist equipment and even living expenses. Assistance can also be provided in case of a sudden emergency. Students can receive both Bursary and Learner Support Funds. Each application is considered on an individual basis and is dependent on personal circumstances.

If you would like to make an application for support you can get the application form from the Attendance and Student Finance Office after you have enrolled with us. Funds are available throughout the year and can be accessed as and when you need them. Each case is considered on an individual basis and is dependent on personal circumstances.

Child-Care Support

Any student, male or female, who is the parent of a child who requires childcare, may apply for financial support through the Government “**Care to Learn**” childcare scheme.

Up to £160 per week plus travel is available for each student in full-time education.

For more details and an application form use the web-site:

<https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn/overview>

Please let your Head of Learning know if you have a child so that we can arrange all the support you may need.

Travel

There are no free travel passes for students in full-time further education unless you have a disability, however, all full-time 16-18 students from Manchester can apply for the TFGM Scholars permit which allows travel to college as follows:

- Bus: half fare
- Train: half fare
- Metro link: half fare

Applications forms can be downloaded at

<http://www.tfgm.com/Corporate/Documents/ApplicationFormsForTravelConcessions/Scholars-Concess-permit-form.pdf>

Young Persons Bus Saver Card: Students studying full-time can obtain a “System One” travel cards to entitle them to unlimited travel on any bus throughout Greater Manchester.

<http://www.systemonetravelcards.co.uk/travelcards/details/young-person-bus-saver-weekly>

Tickets can be bought from TFGM travel shops.

Other discounted travel cards are available from the individual bus operators (e.g. Stagecoach - ‘Mega-rider’)

Child Benefit

Please be aware that your parents can still receive Child Benefit after the 31st August on or after your 16th birthday **but they must inform the Child Benefit Office that you are in approved education or training.**

Approved education or training is:

Education which is full-time (more than an average of 12 hours a week supervised study and or course-related work experience) and can include:

- A levels or similar - eg Pre-U, International Baccalaureate
- Scottish Highers
- NVQ up to level 3
- home education - if started before your child turned 16

