



Headteacher: Niamh Arnall

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Dear Parents / Carers

### 16-19 Bursary Fund

We would like to make you aware of the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This fund is available to support students financially with their studies whilst here at Finchley Catholic High School.

The 16-19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific financial barriers so that they can remain in full-time education. The fund is money given to the School by the Education Funding Agency to help students experiencing financial difficulties.

There are two elements to this scheme and eligibility must include the student being enrolled here as a full-time student, aged 16-19 on the course start date and meet the resident requirements as set out in our bursary policy, as well as the following criteria:

#### Criteria for Vulnerable Bursary (up to £1,200 per annum)

- You are in care or have recently left local authority care **OR**
- You are claiming Universal Credit (Income Support) **in the student's own name OR**
- You are receiving Employment Support Allowance and Personal Independence Payment or Disability Benefit **in the student's own name**
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#### Criteria for Discretionary Bursary (Amount dependent on number of eligible students)

- who are in receipt of Free School Meals
- who are young carers
- whose household income is less than £20,000 per annum (please note we are happy to consider annual household income up to £25,000, but it will depend on our funding from the EFA)

If you feel that your son/daughter may be eligible for either the bursaries mentioned above, please either collect application forms from Mrs Cronin, Sixth Form Administrator, or complete both the pupil and student bursary application forms via the link on our website ([click here](#)).

If successful, awards be split into equal weekly payments for the duration of the course, excluding holidays. Payment will be made half termly (in arrears) and will be paid straight into the student's bank account. These payments will only be made if students achieve 100% attendance and no more than 2 late marks for the relevant week.

Yours faithfully

**Niamh Arnall**  
Headteacher

**Mr G Crosby**  
Director of Sixth Form

**Mrs I Cronin**  
Sixth Form Administrator