

What is the Sixth Form Bursary?

- The Government allocates funds to educational institutions to give to students who need financial help to stay in education.
- Beths Grammar School has been given a fixed budget by the government which we will use to help those students overcome their individual financial challenges.
- The Bursary is an annual award, paid to students in instalments
- Students need to complete the application process and provide documentary evidence.



The types of bursary

- **Vulnerable Bursary** – An award of up to £1,200 per year for those students defined as a vulnerable group (definition is in the policy document on the school website).
- **Discretionary Bursary** - made at the discretion of the school and dependent on household income. Financial assistance will be provided for a specific educational purpose this can (see '*What I can use the bursary for?*')



Am I eligible?

The criteria include:

- You must be aged 16 or over but under 19 as at 31 August 2025
- If you are aged 19 or over, you are only eligible to receive a Discretionary Bursary if you are continuing a study programme you began aged 16 to 18 OR have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- If on post-16 enrolment form you have legally lived in the UK for the 3 previous years or have right of abode
- You may be entitled if you were eligible for free school meals up to Year 11
- Check if you should apply for Pupil Premium – this is set on Gov.org website and can be accessed through school website



You should complete a bursary application if you are:

- In care
- Leaving care
- Receiving Income Support and / or Universal Credit
- A disabled person in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (or Universal Credit) and Disability Living Allowance



What I can use the bursary for?

Bursary can be used to pay for or towards:

- books,
- Equipment that is essential for your course,
- uniform,
- transport,
- field trips,
- University interviews,
- University Open Days
- UCAS application fee
- Some examination resit fees (only where you are still registered at school)



Does part time employment affect my eligibility and entitlement to the bursary?

- NO

- Part time employment is useful in helping you to develop important interpersonal skills and independence
- ***However*** you should not be working more than 8 hours in a week as this will seriously affect your studies.



For further information / questions...

- Email: bursary@beths.bexley.sch.uk
- Visit:
- [Bursary section of the school website](#)
- Government guidance on the [Gov.uk website](#)

