

# Financial Support



## For students aged 16 to 19

The government gives schools additional money to support 16 to 19 year old students who need help with their education-related costs such as meals, books, equipment, and travel costs to school.

### WHAT DO WE OFFER?

There are three types of financial support we can offer to eligible students:

- Free school meals
- Vulnerable bursaries
- Discretionary Bursaries

### WHAT ARE BURSARIES?

A bursary is money that the school will allocate to you to help you with your education-related costs such as books, equipment, essential trips, and travel costs. Wherever possible, the school will purchase the items on your behalf. If this is not possible, you will be asked to provide receipts and the school will reimburse you by BACS payment into your bank account.

There are two categories of 16-19 bursary available:

#### Vulnerable Bursary

This bursary is available for specific vulnerable groups such as students in care, those who have recently left care and students who are financially supporting themselves.

#### Discretionary Bursary

The school can award discretionary bursaries based on your household income, the costs you need help with, and the funding available. You may be entitled to up to 100% of the cost of travel fees, course equipment, essential trips, university application fees and more.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for a 16-19 bursary you will need to complete the online application form and provide supporting evidence. To access the form go to the school website or

SCAN HERE



#### Free School Meals

You will qualify for free meals if your household is in receipt of one or more types of benefits. To find out more and apply please go to:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Full details of 16-19 bursaries can be found in our '16-19 Bursary Fund Statement' on the school website. If you have any queries, please email the finance team at [finance@tltrust.co.uk](mailto:finance@tltrust.co.uk)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**