



16 - 19
Bursary Fund
Policy 2023 / 2024

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Signed Chair of Local Governing Body Dated

Signed Headteacher Dated

What is the 16-19 Bursary Fund?

A key priority for the Government is to close the gap in attainment between those from less well-off and more affluent backgrounds, and to ensure every young person participates in and benefits from a place in 16 to 19 education or training.

The fund is made available from the government through its funding body, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), to provide assistance to students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers.

Oldbury Wells School will determine the eligibility criteria for Discretionary Bursaries, and the frequency of and conditions for payments for all awards. The 16 - 19 Bursary will only be awarded to a student that is eligible and facing genuine financial barriers to participating.

Free School Meals

Due to Government changes, Shropshire Council no longer administer free school meal allocations for Sixth Forms. These allocations are now administered by individual Sixth Forms through their Bursary Application process.

Who is eligible to apply for 16-19 Bursary Funding?

To be eligible to receive a 16 – 19 Bursary in the 2023-2024 academic year, the student must be aged 16 or over and under 19 on 31st August 2023.

Students must also satisfy the residency criteria set out in the EFA Funding Guidance. (*A person on 1st September who is settled in the UK, and has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for three years preceding the 1st September*). If you are in any doubt, please speak with Tracy Fyfe, the Sixth Form Administrator.

Students should be participating in provision that is subject to inspection by a public body that assures quality and funded within the relevant guidelines. (*Attendance at Oldbury Wells School meets the criteria.*)

Withdrawal of Bursary

By way of example, in the following range of circumstances the Bursary Awards Panel (see page 3) would consider withdrawing Bursary payment:

- Unauthorised absence
- Serious failure to progress with courses / studies.

In the event that one of these circumstances arose, the student would be notified in writing, by the Bursary Awards Panel, that withdrawal was being considered and steps recommended to attempt to rectify the situation.

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Types of Support Available

Two types of award are available, and students must meet any of the criteria shown (providing documentary evidence where required) in order to be eligible.

Bursary for students in Vulnerable Groups

Students in the following defined groups will be eligible for a Bursary of £1200 a year (if they are participating on a study programme that lasts for 30 weeks or more; a pro-rata amount is paid to students on study programmes of less than 30 weeks)

The defined groups are students who are:

- in care
- care leavers
- receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner
- receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right

This would be paid in six instalments of £200 at the start of each half-term by BACS transfer directly into the student account. Payments will be subject to review by the Bursary Awards Panel.

Note: You will not be able to continue to claim Child Benefit if the student successfully applies for ESA.

An application form is available, from the Sixth Form Office or the Bridgnorth Sixth Form Website, for students who believe they are eligible for a Vulnerable Group Bursary.

Discretionary Bursary

Discretionary Awards will be targeted at those who are facing the greatest financial hardship. The following priority groups will be used to manage applications:

Priority Group 1

Learners in receipt of Free School Meals* (FSM). To be eligible for FSM the family must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit (household income restrictions apply)

(Further evidence / clarification of household income may also be requested).

** please note that receipt of Transitional FSM's will not automatically qualify a student for a bursary award.*

All evidence of household income will be dealt with in strict confidence.

If eligible for a Bursary contribution towards school meals, an agreement will be made with the school canteen using the cashless catering system. No money will be paid directly to students.

Where home / school transport costs are to be met by the Priority Group 1 Bursary Award, payments will be made direct to the transport company where possible.

Where appropriate, some payments may be transferred to the student's bank account via BACS. These payments will be made in arrears. There may be delays in some cases if there is any query regarding attendance.

The sum awarded to eligible students will be subject to the number and type of applications received and the courses undertaken.

Students will be informed of any non-payment in writing. However, students should check their payments regularly and, in the case of non-payment, they should contact the Sixth Form Administrator for clarification.

Payments will be subject to review by the Bursary Awards Panel.

An application form is available from the Sixth Form Office for students who believe they are eligible for a Priority Group 1 Bursary Award.

Priority Group 2

Learners who are not in receipt of Free School Meals but who are from a low-income family who receive the following state benefit:

- Child Tax Credit/Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with household take-home pay of less than £1,500 per month (3 month average).

(Further evidence / clarification of household income may also be requested).

All evidence of household income will be dealt with in strict confidence.

If eligible for a Bursary contribution towards school meals, an agreement will be made with the school canteen using the cashless catering system. No money will be paid directly to students.

Where home / school transport costs are to be met by a Priority Group 2 Bursary Award, payments will be made direct to the transport company.

Where appropriate, payments may be transferred to the student's bank account via BACS. These payments will be made in arrears. There may be delays in some cases if there is any query regarding attendance.

The sum awarded to eligible students will be subject to the number and type of applications received and the courses undertaken.

Students will be informed of any non-payment in writing. However, students should check their payments regularly and, in the case of non-payment, they should contact the Sixth Form Administrator for clarification.

Payments will be subject to review by the Bursary Awards Panel.

An application form is available from the Sixth Form Office for students who believe they are eligible for a Priority Group 2 Bursary Award.

Priority Group 3

Learners who are not in receipt of Free School Meals but who are from a low-income family and can demonstrate that they have:

- Household take-home pay of less than £30,000

A Priority Group 3 Bursary Award can provide a contribution towards specific educational needs. These include:

- Costs of transport
- Meals in school
- Books and equipment
- Educational trips
- Household income can be evidenced by:
 - Receipt of proof of parental income (P60) and proof of means tested benefits
 - Tax Credit Award Notice
 - Universal Tax Credit Award Notice
 - Evidence of self-employment income.

(Further evidence/clarification of household income may also be requested).

All evidence of household income will be dealt with in strict confidence.

Payments will be made only on receipt of a receipted claim for approved purchases. Alternatively, the Sixth Form will arrange purchases direct on behalf of the student subject to advance agreement on what is required.

On receipt of the award, students will be required to agree, in writing, that they will apply the funding for the intended purposes. The school reserves the right to withhold or reduce a Bursary where payments no longer support education or attendance.

Payments will be subject to review by the Bursary Awards Panel.

An application form is available from the Sixth Form Office for students who believe they are eligible for a Priority Group 3 Bursary Award.

Shropshire Council - Post 16 Transport

Shropshire Council does not provide free transport for students over the age of 16, however they can provide subsidized travel to students upon proof of eligibility. Parents/Carers may request a place on a school bus if a seat is available, but this will be at a cost of £850 (cost may vary), which might exceed the cost of public transport. Whatever arrangements are made, the Bursary will contribute to the costs depending on category.

If seeking support with transport costs, students should provide details of the costs they will

incur, either by payment to Shropshire Council or by means of public transport. Transport costs will not be met for students whose home address is within a reasonable walking/cycling distance from the school. For this purpose, a reasonable distance is two miles.

Exceptional Circumstances

If a student believes they have exceptional circumstances that warrant financial support outside the criteria set in this policy document, they should discuss this with the Sixth Form Administrator in the first instance, e.g. the student's family income falls just outside the bandings set, but the courses they are participating in have particularly high costs, e.g. for equipment or specialist clothing.

Contingency Fund

All students will also be able to access a small emergency fund for exceptional circumstances if they can show identifiable financial need. There will be an application form available from the Sixth Form Office where all requests will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Assessment

The Bursary Awards Panel will assess each application with supporting documentation in the strictest confidence. Any student who believes they are eligible for any level of funding from the 16 - 19 Bursary Fund should complete an application form and hand it in to the Sixth Form Administrator as soon as possible after admission in September. The closing date for applications will be Friday, 22 September 2023. A student in receipt of any level of Bursary must inform the Sixth Form Administrator of any changes to family circumstances that may affect the support during the academic year.

NOTE: Applications will be accepted any time during the academic year and will be made pro rata from the date of application to the year-end date.

Returning of Books and Equipment

Books and equipment, including any ICT and uniform, purchased through the Bursary scheme must be returned to the Sixth Form at the end of the course in order that they can be re-used for the benefit of other students. Any exceptions must be agreed by the Head of Sixth Form.

The Bursary Awards Panel

The Bursary Awards Panel will normally meet three times per year (October, January and May to consider and review applications). Additional meetings may be held as necessary.

The Bursary Awards Panel consists of:

Miss N Carter	School Business and Operations Manager
Mrs A Bishell	Head of Sixth Form
Mr T Williams	Director of Sixth Form and Deputy Headteacher

The Panel will consider each application and ensure that awards are granted fairly and equitably in accordance with the fund guidelines detailed in this Policy. The Panel will also meet to consider any cases where payments could be withdrawn and will recommend approaches taken in individual cases where temporary withdrawal may become necessary.

Criteria for Allocation

The Bursary Awards Panel may consult with other members of staff to seek information about an applicant's circumstances, well-being, behavior, progress, and attendance. Any decision will rest with the Panel.

Application Procedure

To make an application, a student must obtain advice from the Sixth Form Administrator and, if necessary, arrange an interview before completing the application form. The purpose of the interview is to advise the student on the application process and to ensure that appropriate documentary evidence is provided.

After the application has been received, the Sixth Form Administrator will log the application and organise a meeting of the Bursary Awards Panel. The Panel will consider each claim and make a decision in accordance with the fund guidelines. A brief explanation of the decision will be recorded on the form for audit purposes.

Students and Parents will then be notified, by letter, of the Panel's decision and a Bursary Contract issued. The contract will outline the conditions and expectations required for the award. This must be signed by both the student and the parent and returned to the Sixth Form Administrator before the award is activated. A copy of the signed contract will be given to the student.

Throughout the year, the application will be monitored, by the Sixth Form Administrator, to ensure that the terms and conditions of the Bursary Contract, and school policies, are being met.

All Bursary Awards will be reviewed termly, by the Sixth Form Team, and any changes or issues notified to the Bursary Panel for consideration or re-assessment.

Payments

Students are only eligible for payments if they are legitimately enrolled and attending as defined by the criteria. **Students should ensure they have a bank account in their name through which to receive funds.**

Bursary for students in Vulnerable Groups

Payment for the Bursary for students in Vulnerable Groups will be made by BACS transfer to the student's own bank account on a half termly basis. Payments will not be paid into another person's account unless there are exceptional circumstances where the student is unable to administer their own account. 'In kind' Bursary payments may also be made, e.g. travel passes, meals, course materials; the value of which will be deducted from the total Bursary awarded.

Discretionary Bursary

All Discretionary Bursaries will be made 'in kind', except in circumstances agreed by the Panel.

Payment for the **Discretionary Priority Group 1 Bursary** will be agreed on an individual basis. **Discretionary Priority Group 1 Bursary** monies will be available within two weeks of the Bursary application being agreed. Any agreed Discretionary 'one off' payments will be

made within 28 working days of the application being approved. Where direct payments are necessary, they will be made by BACS transfer into the **student's own bank account**.

Payment for the **Discretionary Priority Group 2 Bursary** will be agreed on an individual basis. **Discretionary Priority Group 2 Bursary** monies will be available within two weeks of the Bursary application being agreed. Any agreed Discretionary 'one off' payments will be made within 28 working days of the application being approved. Where direct payments are necessary, they will be made by BACS transfer into the **student's own bank account**.

Payment for the **Discretionary Priority Group 3 Bursary** will be agreed on an individual basis. **Discretionary Priority Group 3 Bursary** monies will be paid within two weeks of the Bursary application being agreed. Any agreed Discretionary 'one off' payments will be made within 28 working days of the application being approved. Where direct payments are necessary, they will be made by BACS transfer into the **student's own bank account**.

All applications received will be considered by the Bursary Awards Panel who reserves the right to award funding as it sees appropriate. The decision made by the Bursary Awards Panel on the level of funding awarded is final. The TrustEd CSAT Alliance Schools Partnership Audit Committee will receive and determine only upon any appeals where funding is refused.

Payment Appeals

Bursary for students in Vulnerable Groups

Eligibility – Students will have the right of appeal to the Bursary Awards Panel in all cases if it is felt the payment has been withheld without justification.

Discretionary Priority Group 1 Bursary

Eligibility – Parents, guardians and students will have the right of appeal to the Bursary Awards Panel in all cases if it is felt the application has been denied without justification.

Issues with Payments – As payments are made directly to the student concerned, it is therefore the student who must contact the school in case of difficulty and not the parent. Students will have the right of appeal in all cases if it is felt the payment has been withheld without justification.

Discretionary Priority Group 2 Bursary

Eligibility – Parents, guardians and students will have the right of appeal to the Bursary Awards Panel in all cases if it is felt the application has been denied without justification.

Issues with Payments – As payments are made directly to the student concerned, it is therefore the student who must contact the school in case of difficulty and not the parent. Students will have the right of appeal in all cases if it is felt the payment has been withheld without justification.

Discretionary Priority Group 3 Bursary

Eligibility – Parents, guardians and students will have the right of appeal to the Bursary Awards Panel in all cases if it is felt the payment has been withheld without justification.

Issues with Payments – As payments are made directly to the student concerned, it is therefore the student who must contact the school in case of difficulty and not the parent. Students will have the right of appeal in all cases if it is felt the payment has been withheld without justification.

Administration and Audit Requirements

10% of the Bursary Fund allocation will be retained for emergencies until April of each year.

5% of the total Bursary Fund will be retained to assist with administration costs.

The School will retain all relevant documentation and evidence for audit purposes. The records will be stored securely for a period of 7 years after which all records will be confidentially destroyed.

Appeals Procedure

The Bursary Awards Panel reserves the right to award funding as it sees appropriate. The decision made by the Bursary Awards Panel on the level of funding awarded is final. Applicants should be aware that funding available for Discretionary Bursaries (Levels 1, 2 and 3) is limited.

Students who consider that their claim has been inappropriately assessed can appeal, in writing, within 4 weeks of the Panel's decision. This will be passed on to the TrustEd CSAT Alliance Schools Partnership Audit Committee to be reviewed. Additional evidence to support the appeal may be required. The claim will be reassessed, and the student informed of the decision in writing within 10 days of the Committee meeting.

Students who consider that their claim has been inappropriately withdrawn can appeal, in writing, within 4 weeks of the Panel's decision. This will be passed on to the TrustEd CSAT Alliance Schools Partnership Audit Committee to be reviewed. Additional evidence to support the appeal may be required. The claim will be reassessed, and the student informed of the decision in writing within 10 days of the Committee meeting.

The TrustEd CSAT Alliance Schools Partnership Audit Committee will receive and determine only upon any appeals where funding is refused. Appeals should be addressed to the Clerk of the Governing Body c/o Oldbury Wells School.

Confidentiality

We will handle all applications confidentially and will make sure that students are not singled out (please talk to us if you are worried about this). Copies of information given in evidence to support applications will be retained by the school for audit purposes and will be kept confidentially.

Fraud

If students and/or parents/carers provide false or incomplete information or we are not told about part of the household income that is relevant, the matter may be referred to the Department for Education or the Police. The student and parents/carers could face prosecution and the school will recover any payments for which the student is not eligible.

Individual Responsibilities

Student

- a) Students making applications undertake to provide accurate information and appropriate documentary evidence where needed.

- b) Students in receipt of an award should comply with school rules and regulations as detailed in their Bursary Contract, Sixth Form Contract and Fact File.
- c) Students must inform the school of any changes in their financial circumstances.

Sixth Form Administrator

- a) Oversees the administration of the awards.
- b) Assists the student to make an appropriate application.
- c) Ensures the form is completed appropriately and that documentary evidence is provided or confirmed where required.
- d) Ensures that reasons for the TrustEd CSAT Alliance Schools Partnership Audit Committee's appeals decisions are accurately recorded.
- e) Notifies the student at the termly review dates as to whether attendance conditions are being met before making / withholding a payment.
- f) Acts as the first point of contact to receive any appeal.
- g) Liaises with the School Business and Operations Manager to ensure timely payment of Bursary funds.
- h) Liaises with the School Business and Operations Manager to ensure that audit requirements are met.
- i) Liaises with the Head of Sixth Form on ensuring students meet the requirements of Sixth Form study.
- j) Produces reports on administration of the fund for the Resources Committee.
- k) Ensures that the Bursary Fund is publicised in an appropriate manner.

School Business and Operations Manager

- a) Ensures funds are paid to students in accordance with the decisions of the Panel.
- b) Administers the cash-flow in accordance with audit and EFSA requirements.
- c) Liaises with the Sixth Form Administrator to ensure that audit requirements are met.

TrustEd CSAT Alliance Schools Partnership, Resources Committee

Receives a termly report from the Sixth Form Administrator detailing the take-up against the criteria used and a financial analysis of the expenditure.

Contact Us

We are happy to help and guide you through the 16–19 Bursary Fund Policy and if you have any questions or concerns please do get in touch.

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Review of the Policy

This Policy will be reviewed annually by the Oldbury Wells School Local Governing Body in accordance with recommendations from the school's audit services and ESFA requirements.

Appendices

- 1) Application form
- 2) Letter to students
- 3) Bursary Contract

Appendix 1

Version dated: 29 June 2023
Sixth Form Administrator:
Mrs T D Fyfe



BRIDGNORTH SIXTH FORM

Oldbury Wells School 16 – 19 Bursary Fund Application 2023 – 2024

Please read the Oldbury Wells School Bursary Fund Policy 2023 - 2024 before completing this form. (Available on the Bridgnorth Sixth Form website or from the Sixth Form Office).

Student Details

Surname	
Forenames	
Address	
Postcode	
DOB	

Bursary for students in Vulnerable Groups

Identified vulnerable students eligible for £1200.00 bursary	
I am a young person in care	
I am a young care leaver	
I am in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit	
I am in receipt of both Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) and Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (or Universal Credit as a replacement to ESA)	

Discretionary Bursary – Priority Groups 1/2/3 – please tick which level of payment you are applying for:

Discretionary Priority Group 1 Bursary

<u>Priority Group 1</u> – Identified students eligible for a discretionary bursary	
I am in receipt of Free School Meals	
My total household income is less than £16190.00	

Please briefly outline the nature of the expenses to be covered by the discretionary bursary funds. A separate form must be completed when making a request for Level One funds during the academic year and receipts for any items purchased must be attached for audit purposes. (Please see Mrs Fyfe for further information).

Transport requirements	
Meals in school	
Books and equipment	
Educational trips/University visits	

Discretionary Priority Group 2 Bursary

<u>Priority Group 2</u> – Identified students eligible for a discretionary bursary for specific educational purposes.	
My total household income is more than £16190.00 but less than £20,000.00	

Please briefly outline the nature of the expenses to be covered by the discretionary bursary funds. A separate form must be completed when making a request for Level Two funds during the academic year and receipts for any items purchased must be attached for audit purposes. (Please see Mrs Fyfe for further information).

Transport requirements	
Meals in school	
Books and equipment	
Educational trips/University visits	

Discretionary Priority Group 3 Bursary

Priority Group 3 – Identified students eligible for a discretionary bursary for specific educational purposes.	
My total household income is less than £30,000.00	

Please briefly outline the nature of the expenses to be covered by the discretionary bursary funds. A separate form must be completed when making a request for Level Three funds during the academic year and receipts for any items purchased must be attached for audit purposes. *(Please see Mrs Fyfe for further information).*

Transport requirements	
Meals in school	
Books and equipment	
Educational trips/University visits	

Household Income *(Required for Priority Groups 1, 2, and 3 applications)*

Please include all required original supporting documentation with this form. All evidence will be photocopied and dealt with in the strictest confidence. *Please do not send any original documentation in the post. Students should bring all documentation straight to Mrs Fyfe, in the Sixth Form Office, who will photocopy and return as soon as possible.*

My total household income is:	£
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Please tick to indicate the supporting documents* provided

Receipt of benefit	
P60 (tax year 2022 – 2023)	
Tax Credit Award (tax year 2022 – 2023) (All pages needed)	
Universal Tax Credit Award (last 3 months)	
Evidence of self-employment income (tax year 2022 – 2023)	

*(*please supply as much detail as possible)*

Other Circumstances

Please let us know of any other circumstances you would like us to take into consideration, eg. siblings, travel distance

Bank Account Details *(Required for Levels One, Two and Three applications)*

Where bursary payments are made to a bank account, they will only be made to the **student's bank account**. Payments may be made to a joint account, as long as the student is one of the account holders.

You **must** attach an original account statement, letter or form from your bank or building society that shows your name, account number, sort code, and home address. Mrs Fyfe will photocopy the documents and return the original documents. The photocopies will be held in a secure location.

Please complete the table below:

Student Bank or Building Society Details

Full name of account holder (this should be as it appears on your cash or debit card, or statement)	
Name of Bank or Building Society	
Branch address	
Sort Code	____ - ____ - ____
Account Number	

Your account number may not be the same as the cash or debit card number; you can find it on a bank or building society statement. Most account numbers are 8 digits long. If you are unsure your bank or building society can advise you.

I/we confirm that the details provided to support this application for the 16 to 19 Bursary are true and accurate. I/we understand that the above-named student must comply with the terms of the Oldbury Wells School 16-19 Bursary Fund Policy, and that funds may be withheld if they fail to do so. I/we understand that I/we must notify the Sixth Form Administrator immediately if there are any changes in financial circumstances to ensure that funding is paid at the correct level.**

Signed **Date**
(Student)

Print Name:

Signed **Date**
(Parent/Guardian)

Print Name:

**Please note that giving false or incomplete information which leads to incorrect or over payment may result in the stoppage of future payments and the recovery of funds that have already been paid. It may also result in a referral to the police with the possibility of the student/or their family facing prosecution.

This information was correct at time of printing but may be subject to change

Sixth Form Use Only			
Date Application Received		Supporting documentation provided, photocopied and returned	
Date Application Reviewed		Level of Bursary agreed	
Comments/Notes			

Appendix 2

Ref: TZW/AKB/tdf
June 2023

16-19 BURSARY FUND & FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

To provide assistance to sixth form students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers we operate a Bursary Fund. The money for this is made available from the government through its funding body, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

You may be eligible for a bursary award if your household income is less than £30,000 per household. Please see our Bursary Policy for further details, available on our website or from the Sixth Form Centre.

The scheme is made up of two parts:

Bursary for students in Vulnerable Group

The Bursary for students in Vulnerable Groups is for the most vulnerable young people aged 16 to 19, made up of:

- Children in care
- Care leavers
- Those children on income support in their own right
- Disabled young people in receipt of Employment Support Allowance who are also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance

This is designed to help those most in need, these students will be awarded a bursary of up to £1,200, which the school will administer throughout the year to assist these students with their transport and costs incurred by their course.

Discretionary Bursary

Other students who need financial support to help them stay in education can apply for the Discretionary Bursary.

Payments will be linked to attendance, achievement and behavior. Discretionary Bursary payments will depend on personal circumstances, will be set by the school and will be paid in arrears.

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Free School Meals (FSM)

Changes made by the Government mean that our ESFA allocation now includes funding for free school meals. Therefore, if you were awarded FSMs at any point from 1 April 2018**, or believe you now qualify, you **must apply through our Sixth Form Bursary system** and not through Shropshire Council.

Should you wish to apply for FSM or either of the Bursaries, there are always application forms available on request from the Sixth Form Centre or on the Sixth Form website. Requests can be made in person or via phone or email. In order for us to assess your eligibility for a bursary you will need to complete and return the form to school by 30 September 2023 along with the necessary financial documents listed. All applications will be assessed by the school, and you will be advised of the outcome by the end of October. Please be aware that applications can also be considered at any time during the academic year.

****FSM - Transitional Protection**

This protection means that all students who have applied for and received free school meals on or after 1 April 2018 continue to be eligible to receive free meals whilst Universal Credit continues to roll out as long as they remain in education. This will apply even if your household earnings rise above the new threshold during this time. This also applies to students who were eligible for free school meals prior to moving into further education provision.

We are aware that personal circumstances can change, and applications are accepted throughout the school year.

Transport

Please note that all bus passes must be applied and paid for by the student/parent in the usual manner. If your Bursary application is successful, and includes transport costs, any monies paid will be refunded. A copy of our 16-19 Bursary Fund Policy is available upon request or from the Bridgnorth Sixth Form website.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact Tracy in the Sixth Form Centre.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 3



Bursary Contract
2023 - 2024

I/we agree to the terms and conditions laid down in this contract:

- Terms and Conditions
- Attend all timetabled sessions (including Registration, Core and Assembly).
 - Ensure my attendance remains above 95%
 - Catch up on all work missed due to any absence.
 - Follow the Sixth Form Policy for absence.
 - Take responsibility for my own study.
 - Manage free time effectively to ensure that all my work is completed and deadlines are met.
 - Make appointments such as the dentists after school. (With the exception of hospital appointments).
 - Be a role model for the rest of the school.
 - Respect the Sixth Form facilities provided.
 - Represent the Sixth Form and School in an appropriate manner.
 - Attend parent’s evenings where possible.
 - Comply with the Sixth Form sanctions policy.
 - Adhere to the dress code.
 - Sign in and out when arriving and leaving the school site during the normal school day.
 - Wear my ID badge and lanyard at all times when on the school site.
 - Notify the Sixth Form Administrator of any changes that may affect my Bursary Award.
 - Return any textbooks and re-usable equipment, bought through the Bursary Award, to the Sixth Form Office at the end of the course.

Signed **Date**
(Student)

Print Name:

Signed **Date**
(Parent/Guardian)

Print Name:

Signed **Date**
(Sixth Form Administrator)

Print Name:

Appendix 4

Version dated: 15 July 2023

Sixth Form Administrator:

Mrs T D Fyfe

Oldbury Wells School 16 – 19 Bursary Fund Continuation Request 2023 – 2024

Please read the Oldbury Wells School Bursary Fund Policy 2023 – 2024 before completing this form. (Available on the Bridgnorth Sixth Form website or from the Sixth Form Office)

Student Details

Surname	
Forenames	
Address	
Postcode	
DOB	

Bursary Group Awarded for 2022-23

Vulnerable Group

Priority Group 1

Priority Group 2

Priority Group 3

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I/we confirm that the details provided to support our 2022-23 application for the 16 to 19 Bursary were true and accurate and there are no changes in circumstances/finance that need to be considered for the 2023-24 academic year.**

I/We understand that the above-named student must continue to comply with the terms of the Oldbury Wells School 16-19 Bursary Fund Policy, and that funds may be withheld if they fail to do so.

I/We understand that I/we must notify the Sixth Form Administrator immediately if there are any changes in financial circumstances to ensure that funding is paid at the correct level.

Signed **Date**
(Student)

Print Name:

Signed **Date**
(Parent/Guardian)

Print Name:

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Date Application Reviewed		Level of Bursary agreed	
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