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Dear Parent/Carer and Students,

Re: 16 to 19 Bursary Fund 2025 – 2026 and Free School Meals Eligibility

The Department for Education (DfE) established the 16-19 Bursary Fund to financially support students during their Sixth Form studies with education related costs. For example, items such as textbooks, uniform and travel passes can be purchased with this fund.

If your household gross income is below £30,000, your child may be eligible for the Bursary Fund. Please read our policy: <https://www.matrixacademytrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Matrix-Bursary-Fund-policy-1.0-RD-DLE76-1.pdf>

If you meet the criteria, then please complete the application form on our website by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/TspDVKyqiU>



The Sixth Form team will then assess your application and inform students, on an individual basis, whether their application has been successful.

For those who are eligible, please note the following: -

- All payments will need to be made directly into the student's bank account. Please ensure that your child has a current account set up.
- Before any purchases are made, the student must discuss what they need with Miss Sandilands (Head of Sixth Form).
- The Sixth Form Team can then order items on their behalf.
- Students may choose to purchase items themselves. We will then reimburse them once we have received proof of purchase. **Please note that this must be a till receipt or an invoice for on-line orders.** It can take up to 30 days for the money to be deposited into the student's bank account.
- Students will be able to order items throughout the school year as and when they are needed.

If your circumstances change at any point during the year, applications for Bursary Fund and/or Free School Meals can be made at that time.

Yours faithfully

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