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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

16-19 Bursary Fund for Academic Year 2025-2026

I am writing to inform/remind you of a government initiative called the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is specifically targeted towards young people who need financial support to help them stay in education or training after the age of 16. The complete 16 to 19 Bursary Fund guide is available from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and can be accessed through the following web address:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-education-financial-support-for-students#to-19-bursary-fund-1>

Details of Apperley Centre 16-19 Bursary Fund Policy, Bursary Fund information and an application form can be found on the school website: <https://shrubberies.secure-primariesite.net/16-19-bursary-information/>

Hard copies of the information are attached- please do read this carefully to see if you think your child might qualify for funding.

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals are likely to meet the requirements for our Discretionary Bursary funding. Therefore, if you haven't applied for FSM we suggest you do so as soon as possible by completing the application process via Gloucestershire County Council's website.

The address for this is as follows <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Please note the deadline for return of the completed application form for the Bursary Funding is Monday 15th September 2025. Applications received after this time will be reviewed but will be dependent on remaining funds after the initial allocations have been made.

Bursary funding can be used to purchase items needed for college, such as wellies, waterproof clothing, aprons etc. and can also be used to cover snack money, and pay for any chargeable activities that are offered as part of the curriculum.

Please do contact me if you need any additional information,

Kind Regards,

Jude Shackell
Head of the Apperley Centre