

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

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16-19 Bursary Fund 2019 - 2020

The 16-19 Bursary Award is available to students who qualify for additional financial support during the period of their Sixth Form studies. There are two different bursaries: a **Vulnerable Student Bursary** and a **Discretionary Bursary**.

1. **Vulnerable Student Bursary:** A bursary of up to £1,200 may be available to students who meet the age criteria and at least one of the other conditions below.
 - Aged between 16 and 19 as of 31st August 2019;
 - In or have recently left local authority care;
 - In receipt of Income support or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves;
 - In receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in their own name and either Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit
 - In receipt of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in their name and either ESA or Universal credit.
2. **Discretionary Bursary:** This Bursary is at the schools' discretion and is given to students who face financial barriers to participation. This can be awarded from the start of the year or can be applied for during the course of the year should a student suffer a specific hardship at a particular time. This bursary is intended to cover costs relating specifically to the academic progress of the student, for example costs of transport, materials, books and equipment.

Students who may qualify for a discretionary bursary will meet at least one of the following criteria;

- In receipt of Free School Meals;
- Live in a household where the household income is below £22,000 per annum;
- Experiences a personal/family emergency e.g. a family break-up, temporary loss of accommodation etc.

The Discretionary bursary is a limited fund and it is the responsibility of the school to administer it. Final allocations are determined by the number of applicants and the awards are paid at the start of each term. This decision will be made after all applications have been received.

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Please be aware that the payment of bursaries is subject to the student meeting our expectations with regards to punctuality, attendance and attitude to learning. The bursary may be withdrawn if expectations in these areas are not met.

If you believe that you are entitled to one of the **Vulnerable Student Bursaries** or if you would like to be considered for a **Discretionary Bursary**, please complete the attached application form together with **documentary evidence in support of your application**. It is possible to apply for the Discretionary Bursary if your application for the Vulnerable Student Bursary is unsuccessful. It is essential that evidence is provided to support an application for either of the bursaries. As the Discretionary Bursary is based on annual household incomes, please provide a copy of either the household Tax Credits form or P60. The highest level of confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Please ensure your evidence is attached to the application form (photocopies of original paperwork are acceptable).

If you would like to apply for one of these bursaries, please ensure that you return your completed application form by **Tuesday 1st October 2019**. Please note that we are unable to accept **any** late applications because the monies will have been allocated. Payment for this term will be backdated to 5th September, the start of the school year.

Yours sincerely



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