

16-19 BURSARY FUND

2026 - 2027

Students living in a household with an annual income of £32,000 or less may be eligible for financial assistance from the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is in place to help with the essential costs associated with participating in their college course



BURSARY USES

TRAVEL

RESOURCES

COMPULSORY EDUCATIONAL VISITS

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROGRESSION
(UCAS, Careers, University Open Days etc)

Plus much more!

HOW TO APPLY

All applications will need to be made via our 16-19 Bursary Portal which can be accessed from our college website.

The award of financial support from the fund will be based on an assessment of the financial support a student requires for participation in their course, alongside a household income assessment.

Therefore, we will require evidence of all household income to be provided along with the completed online application form

CONTACT US

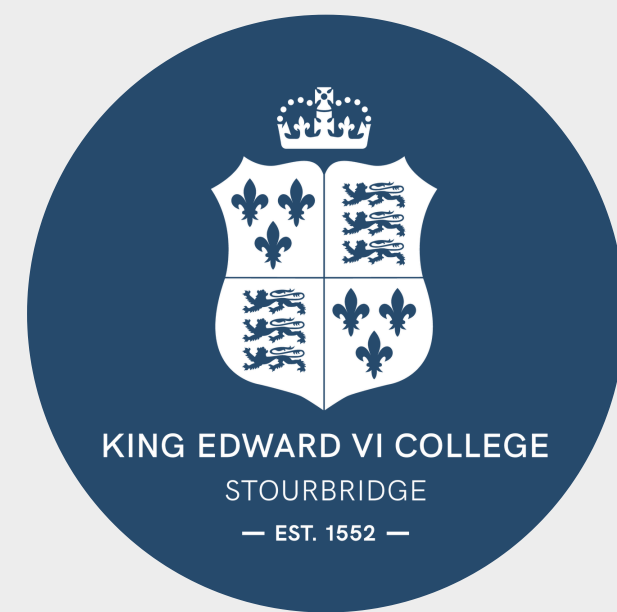
If you need any additional information, support or help with completing the application form, please contact us.

Please make sure that you read our guidance notes before making an application.

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Free Meals

Students may be eligible for free meals at college if they or their parents/guardians are in receipt of Universal Credit



APPLICATIONS OPEN 6 JULY 2026

Eligibility for Free College Meals is assessed as part of the Bursary Fund application process. This ensures that financial support is directed to students who need it most.

Following updated Government policy, students are eligible for Free College Meals only if their household is in receipt of Universal Credit. This means that, unlike in previous years, other forms of benefit alone will not qualify for free meals.



As part of your application, you will be required to provide recent evidence confirming receipt of Universal Credit for your household. This documentation must clearly show the claimant's name and current entitlement.

Please note that:

- **Applications cannot be approved without the required supporting evidence.**
- **Eligibility will be reviewed in line with Government guidance and may be subject to change.**
- **If your circumstances change during the academic year, you should inform the bursary team, as this may affect your**
- **entitlement**

How can I apply?

If you believe you meet the eligibility criteria to receive free meals, please complete our 16 -19 Bursary Fund application form via our online portal. Additional guidance can also be accessed via our website.



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