



### MRS SUE LAIRD

Mrs Laird has worked for St Peter's for 14 years. She enjoys her role as Sixth Form Administrator, providing support to our students and families on their Sixth Form journey.

**EVERY STUDENT IS ENTITLED TO EAT WELL WHEN THEY'RE AT SCHOOL. IF YOUR FAMILY FINDS IT HARD TO AFFORD A DECENT LUNCH FOR YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE SIXTH FORM BURSARY ADMINISTRATOR**

# SIXTH FORM FINANCIAL SUPPORT



## HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Scan the QR code below or see <https://tinyurl.com/yxs4cxhe> to apply for Student Financial Support. You will need to complete and submit an application during the first few weeks of your course (check the date on this year's application form for the specific deadline). Remember to supply all of the required supporting documents via email or in person.

Student Financial applications are made annually at the start of each Academic Year, therefore if you applied for Student Finance in Year 12 you will need to reapply in Year 13.

If your application is successful you must inform the Sixth Form Administrator if there are any changes to your family circumstances that could affect the level of support you receive.

Life can throw challenges at us when we least expect it and at times, we have all found ourselves struggling financially.

Should you find yourself struggling, please contact the Sixth Form Bursary Administrator. While we cannot fix everything, we may be able to offer support in other ways such as Food Bank Vouchers.

Please contact the Sixth Form Administrator for further details regarding Student Financial Support on 01202 421141, Ext 2212 or email [sixthform@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk)

**For families applying for the 16-19 Bursary Fund**



WE WANT YOU TO HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED SO YOU CAN ENJOY YOUR EXPERIENCE & FOCUS ON GETTING THE VERY BEST RESULTS YOU CAN



## WHAT IS STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Student Financial Support is a government scheme to support young people facing financial hardship to continue in full time higher education. To qualify for student financial support you must be aged between 16-18 years on 31 August and meet the residency conditions. There are lots of ways in which the fund can support you at St Peter's.

There are two types of student financial support options that students can access...

### VULNERABLE BURSARY

Up to £1,200 per academic year for those most in need of financial support, for young people in care; a care leaver; get Income Support, or Universal Credit; get Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments and Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit.

You will need to provide evidence of eligibility in order to receive a weekly payment throughout the academic year, this will be paid directly into the young person's bank account.

### DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

This is for students who are in receipt of free school meals, or where the total household income is £30,000 or less. Discretionary payments will be made 'in kind'.

If you already receive free school meals you won't need to provide further evidence as you will automatically be considered eligible for the discretionary bursary.

Proof of household income will be required for all other applications, for example; Parent/Carer's P60 if they are in employment, evidence of self-employment income (SA302), Tax Credit awards, Universal Credit documentation.

## HOW THE FUND WORKS

St Peter's receives a grant from the government to pay Student Financial Support. As the amount of funding available is set each year we aim to make maximum use of it by helping the maximum number of students. Please note the assistance you receive may vary annually and applications are not guaranteed, especially later in the year.

In year applications may be considered if there are specific financial issues that arise throughout your time in the Sixth Form. Have your parents recently separated or divorced? Are one or both of your parents deceased? Are one or both of your parents now disabled? In these circumstances Student Finance will commence from date of approval.

## HOW CAN THE FUND SUPPORT ME?

One of the biggest priorities is supporting you with getting to and from school each day, but here are some ways in which the fund could also help you...

- ▶ Providing course-related books and revision guides or essential stationery, like paper, pens, files or memory sticks.
- ▶ Ensuring you can take part in educational course-related trips and helping you get to and from university open days.
- ▶ If you are studying music at St Peter's the fund can support you with peri music lessons, or if your course requires specific clothing it can help with that too.

## FUND REQUIREMENTS

Financial support is paid to enable you to study at St Peter's School and will only be paid if your **attendance and behaviour meet the required standard**. Financial support is aimed at students whose families have a gross annual income of less than £30,000.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS - WHO QUALIFIES?

You might be able to get free school meals if your family receive any of the following:

- ▶ Income Support
- ▶ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ▶ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ▶ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ▶ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ▶ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit. You must also have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ▶ Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ▶ Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals they will access meals the same way as other students, via the cashless system. Parents may top up the daily allowance using the ParentPay system if required.