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Dear Bursary Applicant

Rawlins, in common with other Sixth Form centres, has been allocated a sum of money to be awarded to Sixth Form students facing financial hardship to help them remain in education.

If a student believes that they are unable to remain in education for financial reasons or financial hardship is limiting their education, they are encouraged to discuss this with a member of Sixth Form staff. To be eligible for funding, a student must meet certain criteria.

There are currently two bursary schemes that can be applied for:

1. Vulnerable Student Bursary – Students aged 16-19 who meet one of four criteria (plus other criteria for residency) and who have a financial need can apply for a bursary for vulnerable groups of up to £1,200 per year. This reflects that students in these groups may need a greater level of support to enable them to continue to participate in education.

2. Discretionary Bursaries – Rawlins will make discretionary bursary awards to Sixth Form students to help them overcome the individual barriers to participation they may face, for example:

- Buss Pass/Push Bike repairs
- Meals in college
- Textbooks
- Educational equipment (eg calculators)
- Specialist clothing (eg PE)
- Costs linked to Higher Education/Apprenticeships (eg travel, application fees)
- Any other item that a student may require to support their education i.e lap top/trips

Items will be purchased directly by the school. All items will remain property of the school, and should be returned if requested at the end of the course. No refunds will be given for items purchased independently, all requests must be made by 31st May 2024.

The full guidance for the Sixth Form Bursary can be found on the Government web site <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide-2023-to-2024-academic-year/16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide-2023-to-2024-academic-year> . An application form for the Sixth Form Bursary can be found on the Rawlins Sixth Form website.

If you are in any doubt about eligibility for a bursary award, please contact a member of the Sixth Form Team.

Yours faithfully
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