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Dear Parents/Carers

16-19 Bursary Fund Scheme

We are writing to inform you of the St Ivo 16-19 Bursary Fund Scheme.

Eligibility for Bursaries
The Government has directed the following eligibility criteria for students who are under 19 in the academic year when they start their course of study.

1.   A vulnerable student bursary for young people who are:
- In care or are care leavers.
- In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own right, because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner.

2.   Discretionary bursaries for young people who are:
- Facing financial barriers to participation in Further Education.
- Eligible to receive a Free School Meal.
- Whose household income is below £20,817 per annum.
- Who have been affected by a sudden, exceptional change in financial circumstances.

Applications for the 16-19 Bursary can be submitted at any time, but it is important to recognise that there is a limited amount of funding available; therefore, all applications are subject to availability of funding, at the time of your application. Applications will not be considered once all funds have been distributed.

What can the Bursary be used for?

The bursary can be used for course related costs such as books, equipment, trips or exam resit fees.

Application Process

Students may apply for a bursary in one of the above categories. The application process requires that students specify what they intend to use the bursary for. The application form is considered in school and a decision made on the award of a bursary.

A Guidance Booklet and an Application Form is available from the school's website www.astreastivo.org and paper copies are available for students from the Sixth Form Admin Office.

Yours sincerely
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