

Financial **Assistance**

2023 / 2024

Financial Support

- Bursaries of up to £1,200 pa
- Maintenance grants up to £650 pa
- Assistance for books, equipment and trips

Transport Assistance

- Up to £605 pa
- Free College bus pass

Free College Meals

- Details available upon application

All financial support subject to status and availability of funding.

GRANTS AND BURSARIES

- All students regardless of where they live and where household income is less than £25,000 per year are eligible to claim a bursary worth up to £650 per towards the cost of attending College. Payment may be made in kind, eg, subsidy towards the cost of food and drinks in the College café or help towards the cost of equipment etc.
- A bursary of up to £1,200 per year is available to students who are in care, care leavers, students in receipt of income support/Universal Credit or disabled students in receipt of both Universal Credit AND Personal Independence Payment
- There are also additional learner support funds for students to apply for in cases of financial hardship to supplement costs such as books, equipment, trips and exam re-sit fees.

Further details available from Liz Wallace: bursary@qeliz.ac.uk.

FREE COLLEGE MEALS

For students where household income is less than £16,190 free meals worth up to £3.50 per day are available - contact the Finance Office for more details: bursary@qeliz.ac.uk

TRANSPORT BURSARIES

Students living more than 2 miles from College and with household income up to £35,000 per year can also claim financial assistance towards the cost of travel to College. For some students this could be worth up to an additional £605 per year or you could qualify for a free College bus pass worth £750.

Computer Loans

If you do not have a computer at home, the College may be able to lend you one for the duration of your course. Preference is given to students who are receiving financial assistance from the College.

Childcare

If you are under 20 and have one or more children, Care to Learn can help with the cost of childcare and related travel costs while you are learning. You could receive up to £180 per child per week. For more information call Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989 or visit www.gov.uk/care-to-learn.

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HOW MUCH WILL I BE ENTITLED TO?

	My household Income is less than £16,000	My household Income is between £16,000 and £25,000	My household Income is between £25,000 and £35,000
I live less than 2 miles from College	Up to £650 Bursary + Free Meals	Up to £325 Bursary	
I live between 2 and 5 miles from College	Up to £650 Bursary + Up to £330 Transport Bursary + Free Meals	Up to £325 Bursary + Up to £165 Transport Bursary	Up to £165 Transport Bursary
I live over 5 miles from College	Up to £650 Bursary + Up to £605 Transport Bursary or free College bus pass* + Free Meals	Up to £325 Bursary + Up to £350 Transport Bursary	Up to £330 Transport Bursary
I am living in care or a care leaver	Up to £1200 Bursary regardless of household income		

*Worth £750 to use on one of the College buses

To claim financial assistance in the form of a grant or bursary, transport assistance or free College meals, you will be asked to complete an application form. Evidence of household income, usually in the form of an HMRC tax credit notice (TC602), will also be required. Any local authority assistance received will also be taken into account. Applications are taken from students via an online form that is available from June for the following academic year.

All bursaries offered by the College are means tested and are not guaranteed. The levels of assistance published are for guidance only - the College reserves the right to increase or decrease awards dependant on individual circumstances and availability of bursary funds. Availability depends on annual government funding and the number of applicants. As funds are limited, late applications (after the end of September) unfortunately cannot be back-dated.

LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE

Your home local authority may be able to provide financial assistance in certain circumstances. Each authority applies different rules and assists in different ways. Please contact your local authority to find out about arrangements they have in place for financial assistance.

Contact details for the College's nearest local authorities can be found below. Examples of local authority assistance include:

- if a student lives in an area where there is no public transport service, the Council may be able to provide transport to link up with either the nearest public service or with one of the College buses.
- North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) currently subsidise some students living in North Yorkshire who can demonstrate that their course at QE is necessary for their future career and is not available at a nearer school or college. In exceptional circumstances NYCC may pay for a place on a College bus.
- students living in Stockton can apply for a Stockton Pathfinder bus pass that enables them to travel for half-fare on service buses. Contact Stockton local authority directly for more information - 01642 528499.

LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTACTS

Darlington Borough Council www.darlington.gov.uk
(school transport – post 16 transport) - Telephone: 01325 388448

Durham County Council www.durham.gov.uk (transport to sixth form and college)
Telephone: 03000 264 444

North Yorkshire County Council www.northyorks.gov.uk (school transport – post 16 transport assistance) - Telephone: 01609 533693

Stockton Borough Council www.stockton.gov.uk (children and young people - school transport) - Telephone: 01642 527117

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The College actively promotes equality of opportunity and values diversity

