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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. Bursary of up to £1,200 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.
  - In receipt of **both** Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments and Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit in their own right.
2. A discretionary bursary of up to £800 for young people who are:
  - Facing financial barriers to participation in Further Education.
  - Eligible to receive a Free School Meal.
3. Discretionary bursaries of up to £400 for young people:
  - 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. The school may choose to pay this as a cash payment or provide 'in kind' support, for example, by bulk purchasing the equipment students will need for a particular course.

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## 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](http://www.astreastivo.org) and paper copies are available for students from the Sixth Form Admin Office.**

Yours sincerely



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