

# Bursary Scheme

2024 - 2025

## The Northgate Sixth Form Bursary Scheme

The Northgate Sixth Form Bursary Scheme<sup>1</sup> is designed to help those students in need of financial support whilst they undertake their studies. Details of how to apply are shown overleaf and we would really encourage those that may be eligible to submit an application. The purpose of the bursary is to address barriers to learning so that students have the best opportunity to engage in Sixth Form life. Bursary is designed to pay for items that a student would otherwise have to pay for in order to participate. 45 students have benefitted from the fund this academic year.

Throughout the school year we keep an open dialogue with students so that funds can be allocated appropriately throughout the academic year. Bursary funds have helped with the start of course costs, student's daily travel costs, education visits, university visits, laptop/iPad/camera loans, books and other resources. The costs of a school lunch for those bursary students that are not entitled to free school meals has also been supported by these funds.

<sup>1</sup> Bursary Funding is provided by the Government.

**For the 24/25 academic year, applications for the bursary for students joining our Sixth Form as follows:**

<p><b>Statutory Group</b></p>	<p>Students in care and care leavers and unaccompanied assylum seeking children – under 18 only.</p> <p>Students receiving Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC) because they are financially supporting themselves or has someone who is dependent and living with them such as a child or partner.</p> <p>Students receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit (UC) in their own right.</p>	<p>Up to £1,200.</p>
<p><b>Discretionary Students</b></p>	<p>Household income below £30,000 and other exceptional cases of hardship.</p>	<p>Personalised award depending on need.</p>

## Other things that you need to know about the Northgate Sixth Form Bursary

- Students need to attend Northgate Sixth Form to receive payment. Of course the impact of any illness, caring responsibilities or other exceptional circumstances will be taken into account<sup>2</sup>.
- The amounts that students receive will depend upon their personal needs and those of other students bearing in mind that the overall bursary fund is reliant upon a government grant.
- Payment can be stopped in the event of serious misconduct/ behaviour<sup>3</sup>.
- Payments will be made by BACS into the student's bank account.
- Students must provide receipts for all items purchased with Bursary Funds and money can be taken back from the student if the funds are not used for reasons it was given.
- Loans of equipment and other resources will be made where applicable, paid for by Bursary funds.
- If you have any queries about how your application is handled, please contact Mrs Southgate, Principal Finance Officer or Mr Alexander, Head of Sixth Form, in the first instance<sup>4</sup>.

**If you would like to apply for a bursary for the 2024 Academic year, Please visit our website: [www.northgatesixthform.co.uk/sixth-form/about-us/sixth-form-bursary](http://www.northgatesixthform.co.uk/sixth-form/about-us/sixth-form-bursary). Or scan the QR code below.**



**We look forward to receiving your application.**

<sup>2</sup> Payment will be stopped where students have been absent for a period of 4 continuous weeks or more (excluding school holidays, or if there is evidence that the student intends to return) and where students have made a decision to withdraw from a study programme.

<sup>3</sup> Our students generally conduct themselves extremely well and stopping payments is not a sanction that Northgate has needed to use.

<sup>4</sup> Any student or parent who is unhappy with how Northgate has handled their application for bursary funding should follow the Northgate complaints procedure, which is on the school website.