

## Eligibility for Band 1

These are based on the requirements for Free School Meals

Free School Meals are available to students whose parents receive:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual total income of less than £16,190)
- State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

In addition, students who are identified as Young Carers will be considered for Band 1 support.

In your application, please also include the following as we cannot process your application without them:

- your **date of birth**
- your **National Insurance (NI) number**
- student **bank details** for payment

## Eligibility for Vulnerable Students Bursary

This Bursary is available to students who are:

- young people in care or having recently left Local Authority care
- receiving Income Support or Universal Credit
- disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

The 16–19 Bursary Fund aims to provide all students facing financial hardship with the support they need to stay in school and complete their studies.

Where applicable, payments will be made into a student's bank account. If a student does not have a bank account they will need to open one in order to receive their bursary as we are unable to make payments into a parent's bank account.

The Sixth Form Team will be responsible for deciding who receives the awards based on the criteria outlined in this leaflet. The Bursary Fund is given to the school each year by the EFA (Education Funding Agency). Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis and rely on full compliance with any requests for extra evidence of your financial situation. Once money from the fund has been allocated the school will be unable to make further grants until the new academic year.

If you have any questions relating to the Bursary contact Ms Rayment (ERA) by email: [era@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:era@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)



Eligibility details

What is the 16–19 Bursary Fund?

16–19 Bursary Fund  
2019–20

You can expect your Sixth Form studies to be challenging, rewarding and fun. While you are at Cheney School you should feel able to take advantage of all the opportunities on offer, without worrying about the cost. There are many ways to receive financial support from Cheney School. Read on to find out what you could be eligible for.

### **Band 1 – Free School Meals and contributions towards transport, school trips and equipment costs.**

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive:

- payment for half the cost of essential educational visits during the academic year
- a contribution towards the cost of a bus pass or bike (provided students live more than 1.5 miles from school)
- all the equipment and travel reimbursements offered to students in Band 2

If you wish to receive the support described in Band 1 without a lunch allowance, please continue to complete and submit a Free School Meals Form but include a note to let us know

### **Band 2 – Fixed contributions towards school trips and essential school equipment**

Students who received Pupil Premium (PP) support in Year 11 may also be eligible for:

- a contribution towards the cost of a bus pass or bike (provided students live more than 6 miles from school)
- textbooks and essential equipment to complete their studies
- support with extra costs for subjects that require you to purchase expensive equipment/resources:  
e.g Photography, Art, English and Music
- reimbursement of the cost of visiting university open days or interviews (upon production of travel receipts)

### **Band 3 – Discretionary contributions towards transport, school trips and equipment costs**

Students may apply at any point during the academic year for financial assistance towards specific costs. These costs can relate to your subjects or more generally to allow you to stay in further education. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis and depend on the number of requests made to the fund and full compliance with any requests for extra evidence of your financial situation.

### **Vulnerable students bursary: Up to £1,200 per academic year for those most in need of financial support.**

In addition to the support listed in Band 1, extra money is available for students who are living independently of their family.

## What's the next step?

➔ **Check your eligibility overleaf. Complete and return a Free School Meals form and a Bursary Application Form/Declaration. These forms are available from the Sixth Form Office and on the school website.**

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➔ **Go straight to [www.bit.ly/BursaryRequests2019to20](http://www.bit.ly/BursaryRequests2019to20) to apply for financial assistance for a specific cost**

➔ **Check your eligibility overleaf and contact ERA directly before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**