

DISCRETIONARY BURSARY FUND

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021

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Applications for discretionary bursary funds are open to students who were aged 19 to 24 on 31 August 2020. The funds can help with a range of things such as the costs of travel to, and uniform for, work placements, books, equipment, resources and trips out, where these areas relate to their study programmes.

All decisions about which students receive a discretionary bursary, and how much they receive, will be based on each student's individual circumstances and their actual financial need. These will vary from student to student, depending on, for example, their household income, the distance they need to travel to the institution and the requirements of their study programme. We will need to look at information that sets out your household income. ***Please note that our policy is to maintain strict confidentiality in the review and storage of these documents.***

Completed application forms, and supporting information, are considered by a panel to ensure that funds are used for those students who genuinely need them.

If your young person is successful in receiving bursary funding it does not affect receipt of other means-tested benefits paid to families, such as Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Housing Benefit or, generally, Universal Credit.

If you require any further information, or have questions about how to complete your application, please contact the College on 07851 762 736. If you would prefer, you can request that an application form is posted to you or sent home with your child.

Email: office@theparkcollege.org

There is also a guide for students (and parents) which can be found on the government's website as follows: <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>

All applications and full supporting evidence must be submitted to the College by 4pm on Friday 18th December 2020. Please note this is a strict deadline and extensions will not be given.

**A panel will consider applications between 5th and 9th January 2021
Catch Up Funding – COVID 19**

Students who are eligible will receive individual tutorial sessions in Maths and Computing. The tutorials will support them progress towards the next level of their accredited courses. The tutorials will be in addition to the regular training sessions scheduled into the programme.

The 16 – 19 Tuition Fund

This statement sets out how The Park College is planning to use its 16 to 19 tuition fund allocation. The targeted and strategic use of the fund will reflect our ethos and mission, in helping young people with autism to realise their potential to work and live independently.

Background and Eligibility

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is for the 2020 to 2021 academic year only. It is specifically to help colleges address the disruption to learning from COVID-19. The funding is being provided to support small group tuition in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted. Young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 16 to 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are eligible for support.

Our Commitment

The Park College will use this fund to provide individual and small group tuition. These sessions have been developed to match the individual needs of each student. The tuition sessions will be timetabled in addition to the planned training programme hours. Tuition and additional support will be delivered in sessions based at college.

We are committed to ensuring that the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund by:

- producing this statement setting out how the fund will be used to support students
- publishing this statement on our website
- recording the use of the fund, including references to individual students who receive support, the needs of those students, the number of hours of tuition delivered and retaining the evidence of the tuition provided

- delivering the extra tuition and spending the allocated funds in the academic year 2020/21
- notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.

Contact – Please email office@theparkcollege.org if you have any questions.