

## Six 21 Financial Support: Key Information

### 16 to 19 Bursary Fund

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to students who need financial assistance with the costs of staying in education. Eligibility to receive this bursary and the amount awarded is based on two factors. Firstly, the student's family income including an assessment of household income including Universal Credit, where received. Secondly, an assessment of the individual need of the student in meeting the costs of continuing in education such as the costs of travel, essential books, or equipment.

### Vulnerable Bursary

A bursary of up to £1,200 a year is available for young people who are included in one of the defined groups listed below (this is referred to in official documentation as the vulnerable bursary). This is determined nationally and not by individual sixth forms. You are eligible for this if you are:

- in care
- care leaver
- are receiving Income Support (UC) or Income Support (IS) in your own right
- receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in your own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC in your own right.

### Free School Meals

Lunch is served daily in the canteen and is free of charge for any student on Free School Meals. To apply for Free School Meals, please go to the [Free School Meals](#) page on Newham Council's website.

### One-off Bursary Payments

A small amount of money is also available for one-off expenses throughout the year, for example for exceptional travel costs associated with work placements or university visit.

### How to apply

All students wishing to be considered for a bursary will be required to complete an online application shared on arrival at Six21 in September. In preparation to apply please ensure you have completed the following steps where applicable:

- Have your three most recent Universal Credit statements
- Hold written confirmation of your previous looked-after status from the local authority which looked after you or provides their leaving care services.
- Please note **you must have your own bank account**. Proof of bank account must be provided in your application.

Following careful consideration of all the applications received, you will be accepted or rejected for a bursary for the academic year 2022 - 23.

**If accepted, how does it work?**

If successful, the total amount awarded will vary depending on perceived financial need and the costs particular to you continuing in post-16 education as explained above. Please note the payment nor the amount is not guaranteed and is based upon your punctuality nor your attendance dropping below 97%. The bursary will be paid at the end of each half term and may be paid in cash or in kind with, for example, the school purchasing equipment on your behalf.

To give some sense of the likelihood being accepted for a bursary award, last academic year students in receipt of the bursary had an annual family income of less than

**Please note the deadline to submit applications is Friday 16th September 2022**