

2019 / 2020

Financial Assistance

Financial Support

- Bursaries of up to £1,200 pa
- Maintenance grants up to £550 pa
- Assistance for books, equipment and trips

Transport Assistance

- Up to £550 pa
- Free College bus pass

Free College Meals

- Details available upon application

All financial support subject to status and availability of funding.

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Grants and Bursaries

- All students regardless of where they live and where household income is less than £25,000 per year are eligible to claim a maintenance grant or a bursary worth up to £550 per year towards the cost of attending College.
- A guaranteed bursary of £1,200 per year is available to students who are in care, care leavers, students in receipt of income support or disabled students in receipt of both Universal Credit AND Personal Independence Payment
- There are also additional learner support funds for students to apply for in cases of financial hardship to supplement costs such as books, equipment, trips and exam re-sit fees. Further details and application forms are available from Liz Wallace in the Finance Office (Room 132).

Free College Meals

For students where household income is less than £16,190 free meals worth up to £2.50 per day are available - contact the Finance Office for more details or to request an application form.

Transport Bursaries

Students living more than 2 miles from the College and with household income up to £35,000 per year can also claim for financial assistance towards the cost of travel to College. For some students this could be worth up to £550 per year.

Further details and application forms are available from Liz Wallace in the College's Finance Office (Room 132).

How much will I be entitled to?

	My household Income is less than £16,000	My household Income is between £16,000 and £25,000	My household Income is between £25,000 and £35,000
I live less than 2 miles from College	£550 Bursary + A Free Meals Card	£270 Bursary -	- -
I live between 2 and 5 miles from College	£550 Bursary + £275 Transport Bursary + A Free Meals Card	£270 Bursary + £135 Transport Bursary -	- £105 Transport Bursary -
I live over 5 miles from College	£550 Bursary + £550 Transport Bursary or free College bus pass* + A Free Meals Card	£270 Bursary + £270 Transport Bursary -	- £210 Transport Bursary -

*worth £596 to use on one of the College buses

I am living in care or a care leaver	£1200 Bursary regardless of household income
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To claim financial assistance in the form of a grant or bursary, transport assistance or free College meals, you will be asked to complete an application form. Evidence of household income, usually in the form of an HMRC tax credit notice (TC602), will also be required. Any local authority assistance received will also be taken into account. Applications are taken from students following enrolment in September each year.

All bursaries offered by the College are means tested and are not guaranteed. The levels of assistance published are for guidance only - the College reserves the right to increase or decrease awards dependant on individual circumstances and availability of bursary funds. Availability depends on annual government funding and the number of applicants. As funds are limited, late applications (after the end of September) unfortunately cannot be back-dated.

Local Authority Assistance

Your home local authority may be able to provide financial assistance in certain circumstances. Each authority applies different rules and assists in different ways. Please contact your local authority to find out about arrangements they have in place for financial assistance.

Contact details for the College's nearest local authorities can be found below.

Examples of local authority assistance include:

- if a student lives in an area where there is no public transport service, the Council may be able to provide transport to link up with either the nearest public service or with one of the College buses.
- North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) currently subsidise some students living in North Yorkshire who can demonstrate that their course at QE is necessary for their future career and is not available at a nearer school or college. In exceptional circumstances NYCC may pay for a place on a College bus.
- students living in Stockton can apply for a Stockton Pathfinder bus pass that enables them to travel for half-fare on service buses. The Pathfinder can be ordered from the College Finance Office for £10.00. Stockton local authority does not provide financial support for these services.

Local Authority Contacts

Darlington Borough Council www.darlington.gov.uk

(school transport – post 16 transport) - **Telephone: 01325 388448**

Durham County Council www.durham.gov.uk (transport to sixth form and college)

Telephone: 03000 264 444

North Yorkshire County Council www.northyorks.gov.uk

(school transport – post 16 transport assistance) - **Telephone: 01609 533693**

Stockton Borough Council www.stockton.gov.uk (children and young people

-school transport) - **Telephone: 01642 527117**