



THE SIXTH FORM at GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL

9 July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Within our school, there are many students whose families experience some level of financial hardship or other tricky life circumstances. We want to ensure that these students are supported so that they can thrive in their learning and make the most of the excellent opportunities that belonging to George Abbot Sixth Form offers.

Funding for these students is slightly more complicated than it is lower down the school, and this pack contains a number of different forms for you to complete so that we can get the maximum possible support for each student. All the details and application forms for the 16-19 Bursary fund and other support options that we will be operating at George Abbot School for 2019-20 are enclosed in this pack.

Please start by completing the **Bursary Application Form**. This will allow us to check if students are eligible for the full, guaranteed bursary. If a student is not eligible to receive this full bursary, we will then be able to consider them for a discretionary bursary or other financial support which may include assistance with one-off costs for educational activities and expenses.

Next, please complete the **Free School Meals** application form. If students are eligible for the 16-19 bursary, they may also be eligible for free school meals, and these can still be provided for Sixth Form students.

We also enclose an application form for **assistance with travel expenses** for 16-19 year olds which is available through Surrey County Council.

We recommend that you make an application for the Bursary, Free School Meals & assistance with travel expenses (through Surrey County Council), even if you believe that you may not be eligible.

Completed **Bursary** and **Free School Meal** application forms should be returned to Mrs Singh in Elmslie Office as soon as possible and the **assistance with travel expenses** form should be returned to the Admissions & Transport team, Surrey County Council Woking (as stated on the form).

Once we have processed all applications, we will be able to give more guidance about the type and amount of funding that may be available to students. The paperwork process takes up to 4 weeks after the start of the autumn term, because we have to wait for a response from the Department for Education. Please make contact with me if your student will need financial support to get them through these early weeks of term.

Please do contact me at school if you have any questions regarding the financial support options we provide and how they apply to students.

Yours sincerely

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