THE SIXTH FORM AT GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL

September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Within our school, many students experience some level of financial hardship or other difficult life circumstances. We want to ensure that all students are supported so they can thrive in their learning at George Abbot Sixth Form.

The 16-19 Bursary offers financial assistance specific to the needs of the individual student. It cannot include any 'block' payment of funds and is typically allocated to prevent any barriers to learning, such as inability to afford educational resources or support with travel expenses.

If you think you may be eligible, please start by completing the **Bursary Application Form,** which can be found on the School website under the Sixth Form tab. This will allow us to check if your son/daughter can be awarded the Vulnerable or Discretionary Bursary. Please complete all sections carefully and provide details on the specific needs you child requires financial support with.

We ask for the three most recent monthly award statements to help provide evidence of financial need. Using three months statements will act as a guide to the household income for a quarter of a year. We will then estimate assumed income for a full year. Please contact me if you have difficulty providing this evidence and can support you with the process.

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

Completed **Bursary** and **Free School Meal** application forms should be returned to me in the Sixth Form 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 your son/daughter.

Please do contact me at school if you have any questions regarding the financial support.

Yours faithfully,

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