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Dear Student

16-19 Student Finance Support

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about financial support which at the school's discretion is available for students whose families have difficulty in supporting their continuing education Post-16. The government has introduced a scheme for Post-16 students. This scheme allocates a modest amount of money to the school to administer payments. This is a cash-limited fund to support learners who are economically or socially disadvantaged and face the greatest barriers to continue in education Post-16.

The fund has 2 elements:

16-19 Higher Mandatory Bursary is only available to **young people (16 to 19) who are:**

- In care
- Care Leaver
- Receiving Income Support (IS), or Universal Credit (UC) because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC in their own right

16-19 Discretionary Fund is available for eligible learners to help with travel to Sixth Form, equipment, books, essential trips, or attending HE interviews. It applies to expenses during the current academic year. The Fund can also help with hardship needs arising from a sudden change in circumstances such as redundancy or a sudden drop in household income.

Applications to the **Discretionary Fund** will be considered from Sixth Form students. Students who have a **total household income below £20,000 (gross)** will be eligible to apply. However, applications will be considered where a total household income is just above £20,000 (gross), but where other circumstances may be considered.

The discretionary fund must be targeted at learners who **'face the greatest barriers to continuing in education and training Post 16'** and eligibility does not guarantee an award if Cardinal Newman Catholic School judges' other applications to have greater priority. **All payments are made on an individual basis.**

The full policy regarding the administration of Cardinal Newman Catholic School 16-19 Student Finance Support is on the school website in the Sixth Form area alongside the application form. If you require any assistance in completing the application please contact Mrs Pears via the school or by e-mail on: christina.pears@cncs.school

Yours sincerely

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