

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

# **Bursary Allocation Criteria**

#### **Full Bursaries**

These bursaries, of up to £1,200 per year, maybe available to students in any of the following categories:

- Young people in care
- Care leavers
- Young people in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit
- Disabled young people in receipt of Employment Support Allowance who are also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments

### **Discretionary Bursaries**

In keeping with current practice on financial support for school activities, Parmiter's School may provide bursaries to support students' costs (eg books, trips and equipment) for those whose parents are entitled to any of the following state benefits:

- Free School Meals (now or in the past six years)
- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Income related employment & support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit an annual income assessed by HMRC which does not exceed £16,105
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Parents may need to provide proof of entitlement to the benefits prior to payment. Students may also need to provide a copy of their passport.

## **Payment**

The School Bursary available is based on funds allocated by the ESFA (Education & Skills Funding Agency) on an annual basis. Student allocations will vary according to demand and to the total funding given to us by the ESFA.

The school's preference is to make bursary payments in-kind rather than to give money directly. This could be by buying items for students such as books, revision courses or laptops.

#### **Exceptional Circumstances Application**

Any remaining funds may be available for distribution to students in exceptional circumstances for specific curricular requirements, if approved by the Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form.

## **Entitlement Expectations**

Students eligible for the 16-19 Bursary must meet the criterion of 95% attendance, unless absence is authorised. Students in receipt of bursaries will be expected to abide by the Behaviour Policy of Parmiter's school

## **Applications**

Parents and students should complete the <u>online application form</u> and submit it to the Sixth Form Team with supporting evidence. The process of application and payments will remain confidential