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Dear Parent/Carer

When the Government took the decision to close the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) scheme in 2012, a Bursary Fund to help the most vulnerable 16-18 year olds continue in full-time education was put in place. It will be a small discretionary amount based on need and availability of funds. The Bursary Fund has two elements:

### 1. Priority/Vulnerable Groups

The following students will be eligible to receive a bursary worth up to £1,200 per year, if agreed standards of behaviour and attendance are met:

- young people who are looked after children in the care of the Local Authority or foster parents
- care leavers
- those young people who receive Income Support in their own right
- disabled young people in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Personal Independence Payment

Evidence of meeting the above criteria will be necessary. **Attendance is expected to remain above 90% and behaviour must not contravene the KS5 Code of Conduct beyond Stage 2.**

### 2. Discretionary Bursaries for other Young People

These awards will be targeted towards young people facing financial barriers to participation in Sixth Form studies. **Priority will be given to those young people whose families have a household income of less than £20,817.** Agreed standards of behaviour and attendance as outlined above must be met. **Students must be under 19 years of age on 31 August 2018.**

*Please note: there is a **limited** amount of funding which means that it may not be possible to support every application and priority will be given to those students from the families with the lowest household income and/or highest demonstrated need. **This cannot be determined until enrolments for the academic year are confirmed and the eligible applicants are known by the Sixth Form team.***

Application packs are available from the Sixth Form Office should you feel your son/daughter may be eligible to apply. They will also be available on Results Day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'V. Verrill'.

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