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Dear Parent/Guardian/QAC student,

IMPORTANT! QAC Bursary for 2024-2025

Queen Alexandra College currently has a small, annual allocation of bursary money that can be used to support learners experiencing financial hardship. Our aim is to support learners who might otherwise be financially disadvantaged from accessing their learning at QAC. Bursary money can be allocated as either payment 'in kind' towards transport costs, meal costs ('School Pay' system) and/or learning materials or, as a termly payment **made directly to the student**. Most of the Bursary allocation goes towards supporting increasing transport and meal costs for students and families.

There are specific 'government set' criteria to meet in order to be eligible for a bursary award. Please consider the information below *carefully* before deciding whether to apply.

Even if you have applied previously for the bursary from QAC, you will still need to apply again and provide the information requested in the eligibility criteria.

Bursary details

1. **Enhanced bursary award** – this is only available if a young person meets the following government set criteria:

Is aged 16 or over and under the age of 19 on the 31st August in the year that they commenced learning.

Any 1 (or more) of the following:

- Is in care
- Is a care leaver
- Receives Income Support (IS) or Universal Credit (UC) in place of Income Support **in their own name**
- Receives Employment Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit

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and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) **in their own name**

2. Discretionary Bursary award

- A learner **MUST** be 16 or over and under the age of 24 on the 31st August in the year that they commenced learning.
- A learner who does not meet the 'Enhanced Bursary Award' criteria but who does come from a low household income bracket **proven** to be less than £35,000 per year (original evidence is required to be submitted as proof at time of application)

If you believe you might be eligible for one of these bursaries:

1. Please complete the online application form (QR code is attached to the letter or via the link in QAC website) as soon as possible. If you need assistance with the application, please email **bursary@qac.ac.uk**.
2. For the online application, you will need to scan and upload any supporting evidence. Please scan original documents.

If you have specific questions or concerns regarding the Bursary or completing the form, please contact bursary@qac.ac.uk.

All applications and supporting evidence must be submitted to QAC by midday on Friday 18th October 2024.

In order to enable a fair and effective process a strict deadline is in place and extensions are not given.

Please scan the QR code for the bursary 2024-25 application form and the link will be available on the QAC website.

Yours sincerely



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