

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2025 / 2026

COMPUTER LOANS

If you do not have a computer at home, the College may be able to lend you one for the duration of your course. Preference is given to students who are receiving financial assistance from the College.

LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE

Your home local authority may be able to provide financial assistance in certain circumstances. Each authority applies different rules and assists in different ways. Please contact your local authority to find out about arrangements they have in place for financial assistance.

Examples of local authority assistance include:

- If a student lives in an area where there is no public transport service, the council may be able to provide transport to link up with either the nearest public service or with one of the College buses.
- North Yorkshire Council currently subsidise some students living in North Yorkshire who can demonstrate that their course at QE is necessary for their future career and is not available at a nearer school or college. In exceptional circumstances NYC will pay for a place on a QE bus.

CARE TO LEARN

If you are under 20 and have one or more children, Care to Learn can help with the cost of childcare and related travel costs while you are learning. You could receive up to £180 per child per week.

For more information call Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989 or visit www.gov.uk/care-to-learn. For further information please contact Elizabeth Wallace: bursary@qeliz.ac.uk

Local Authority Contacts

DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

www.darlington.gov.uk
Tel: 01325 388448

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

www.durham.gov.uk
Tel: 03000 264444

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

www.northyorks.co.uk
Tel: 01609 533693

STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

www.stockton.gov.uk
Tel: 01642 527117

MIDDLESBROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

www.middlesbrough.gov.uk
Tel: 01642 245432

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Tel: 01642 774774

PLEASE NOTE THE INFORMATION IN THIS LEAFLET MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

The College actively promotes equality of opportunity and values diversity

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QUEEN ELIZABETH
Sixth Form College

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial Support

- Bursaries of up to £1,200 pa
- Maintenance grants up to £650 pa
- Assistance for books, equipment and trips

Transport Assistance

- Up to £750 pa
- Free College bus pass

Free College Meals

- Details available upon application

All financial support subject to status and availability of funding.



The 16-19 Bursary Fund is to provide financial support to help students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so that they can remain in education. The Bursary is made up of two parts: the Student Support funding and the Free Meals funding.

Please refer to the table on page 3 which sets out clearly what support is available.

GRANTS AND BURSARIES

All students regardless of where they live and where household income is less than £30,000 per year are eligible to apply for a general bursary worth up to £650. Payment of the bursary is in kind and may include an allowance towards the cost of food and drinks in the College café or help towards the cost of equipment, UCAS application and College trips which are essential to their course.

VULNERABLE STUDENT SUPPORT

Another form of bursary of up to £1,200 per year is available to vulnerable students who are in care, care leavers, students in receipt of Universal Credit/Income Support or disabled students in receipt of both Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment. Payment will be made in kind, eg, subsidy towards the cost of food and drinks in the College café, travel support or help towards the cost of equipment and College trips etc.

The fund is intended to help students with the essential costs of participating in their study programme. It's not intended to support extra-curricular activities or provide learning support, mentoring, counselling or extra tutoring. It is not intended to cover living costs.

FREE COLLEGE MEALS

For students where household income is less than £16,190 (the official DFES prescribed amount) or if students were eligible for free meals at school help towards the cost of food and drinks in College, worth a maximum of £5.00 per day, is available via the student catering app.

TRANSPORT BURSARIES

Students living more than 2 miles from College and with household income up to £40,000 per year can also claim financial assistance towards the cost of travel to College. Some students could also qualify for a free College bus pass – please refer to the table.

If you wish to discuss bursary support or require assistance, please contact Elizabeth Wallace: bursary@qeliz.ac.uk or call 01325 461315.

ARMED FORCES BEREAVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

is for children of those who have died in service and whose death was attributable to service and helps to cover some of the costs incurred in obtaining further education qualifications. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/support-military-bereaved-children>

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How much will I be entitled to?

	My household Income is less than £16,190	My household Income is between £16,191 and £30,000	My household Income is between £30,001 and £40,000
I live less than 2 miles from College	A general bursary allowance worth up to £650 plus a free school meal allowance**	A general bursary allowance worth up to £450	
I live between 2 and 5 miles from College	A bursary worth up to £650 plus a free school meal allowance** plus a transport bursary worth up to £3/day or a free College bus pass*	A general bursary allowance worth up to £450 plus transport bursary worth up to £3/day or a free College bus pass*	Transport bursary worth up to £3/day or a free College bus pass*
I live over 5 miles from College	A bursary worth up to £650 plus a free school meal allowance** plus a transport bursary worth up to £5/day or free College bus pass*	A general bursary allowance up to £450 plus external transport bursary worth up to £5/day or a free College bus pass*	Transport bursary worth up to £3/day or a free College bus pass*
I am living in care or a care leaver	Up to £1200 Bursary regardless of household income		

*Worth £750 to use on one of the College buses

** Free school meal allowance based on current income or past free school meal allowance entitlements