31 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: 6th Form Bursary Opportunities - from the Dorset Community Foundation**

We have once again been invited by the Dorset Community Foundation to join their exciting Bursary Scheme for 16-25 year olds. The aim of the scheme is to assist and support individuals to ensure they are able to attend and progress in further education without any disadvantage.

Eligibility Criteria for these Bursaries is outlined below:

**DCF Bursary** : [DCF Bursary Scheme - Dorset Community Foundation](https://www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org/funds/dcf-bursary-scheme/)

* Must be studying at least 1 vocational course – this can be mixed in with A-levels (any subject)
* Household income under £30,000 or have other challenges, such as care leavers or cared for young people; those who have caring responsibilities for other members of their family; disabled young people and those with special educational needs
* Must apply for the Bourne Academy Bursary first, then, no matter what the result, students can apply directly to DCF
* Students must have and address in Dorset
* Can apply up to £1000
* Must be aged 16-25, unless there are exceptional circumstances

**This fund opened in July 2023**

1. Applications received by 10th November will receive a decision in mid December
2. Applications received by 12th January will receive a decision by the end of February

Grants of up to £1000 may be used to support essential costs associated with your course. Examples include the full cost or a contribution towards:

* Travel costs
* Cost of required equipment or clothing
* Essential study trips
* IT equipment eg. laptop.

*This list is not exhaustive and if you have an idea that fits within the scope of education or training, please discuss with a member of the grants team before making the application.*

If you are eligible, and would like to apply for financial support, please read the instructions carefully and click on the links above to fill in the Application Forms.

* Make sure you SAVE your work every time you work on your form, by selecting the SAVE at the bottom of the form
* You can use link to resume the application process at any time
* When you are ready SUBMIT your application, select SUBMIT at the bottom of the form
* Shortly after submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email
* We may come back to you with further questions by email

**Contact Information -** Should you have any queries regarding the above process, please contact Alice Cable by email: bursary@dorsetcf.org

We really hope you will apply for this incredible financial opportunity to enhance your education – Good Luck

**Kind regards**

**The Bourne Academy**