15 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

**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 financially support students ensuring they are able to attend and progress in further education without any disadvantage. Bursaries of up to £1000 are available.

Eligibility Criteria for these Bursaries is outlined below:

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

* Applicants must be aged 16 to 25, unless there are exceptional circumstances
* Applicants must be attending a vocational course of any length, including access courses, traineeships and supported internships – students studying a vocational course alongside some A-Levels are also eligible
	+ Students studying ***only* A-Levels are not eligible**
	+ Students studying apprenticeships are *only* eligible from Weymouth College as part of our pilot scheme
* Applicants must live in a household with income of less than £35,000 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
* Applicants must attend one of the colleges listed below
* Applicants must live in the Dorset or BCP area
* Applicants must have applied for a Bourne Academy 6th form bursary (you do not have to be successful in the Academy bursary application to be eligible for the DCF Bursary)

**Funding Rounds 2025 - 2026**

* **Round 2** – Applications received by the 10th of October will receive a decision by late November. We can support applicants with costs incurred from the end of Autumn half term to the end of their course
* **Round 3** – Applications received by the 21st of November will receive a decision by late December. We can support applicants with costs incurred from the 1st of December to the end of their course
* **Round 4** – Applications received by the 4th of January will receive a decision by late February. We can support applicants with costs incurred from the start of the Spring term to the end of their course
* **Round 5** – Applications received by the 2nd of February will receive a decision by late March. We can support applicants with costs incurred from after Spring half term to the end of their course

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
* Meals at school.

*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
* The Dorset Community Foundation 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**