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Dear Bursary Applicant,

De Lisle College, in common with other Sixth Form centres, has been allocated a sum of money to be awarded to Sixth Form students facing financial hardship to help them remain in education. If a student believes that they are unable to remain in education for financial reasons or financial hardship is limiting their education, they are encouraged to discuss this with a member of Sixth Form staff. To be eligible for funding a student must meet certain criteria. If a student is deemed eligible, they will be directed to submit a bursary application to request financial support.

There are currently two bursary schemes that can be applied for:

1. **Vulnerable Student Bursary** – Students aged 16-19 who meet one of 4 criteria (plus other criteria for residency) and who have a financial need can apply for a bursary for vulnerable groups of up to £1,200 per year. This reflects that students in these groups may need a greater level of support to enable them to continue to participate in education.

2. **Discretionary Bursaries** – De Lisle College will make discretionary bursary awards to Sixth Form students to help them overcome the individual barriers to participation they may face, for example:

- Daily transport costs
- Meals in college
- Textbooks
- Educational equipment (e.g. calculators)
- Specialist clothing (e.g. PE) or college dress code items.
- Costs linked to Higher Education/Apprenticeships (e.g. travel, application fees)
- Any other item that a student may require to support their education (e.g. a laptop, which may be loaned)

Items will usually be purchased directly by the college. Payments may be reimbursed to a student by prior agreement only, and approval of the request prior to purchase. Payments will normally be made to students by direct payment directly to the student claiming support. **Students should not commit to purchasing any item until a bursary application has been fully approved.**