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Re: Student Finance Applications – now live

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

If your son/daughter has applied to university, I wanted to alert you to the fact that the government's 'Student Finance' website is now live for you to apply for:

- tuition fees loans
- maintenance fee loans

This relates to full-time students who intend to start university this coming Autumn. You are strongly advised to apply by May. We recommend all students (even those who are considering university as a 'PLAN B') apply for student finance. Please [click here](#) to apply for student finance.

Please note in the past few years, there have been a number of changes to the terms and conditions of student loans, in particular the salary levels at which students pay back the loan.

When your son/daughter applies for undergraduate finance, please note that the Student Finance England asks for you to advise them which university your son/daughter will be studying at in the Autumn; obviously at this stage this is unknown. Please enter the university that you feel they will be selecting as their 'firm' choice – it is fine if they do not end up at that institution, as this initial information will be amended by you following the publication of A Level results and final confirmation of which university they will be attending.

For more support:

- Student Finance England has a dedicated Youtube channel with lots of short videos which cover many of the key questions you may have – [click here](#)
- An 'Information guide' has been produced by the government – [click here](#)

If you wish to research the topic yourself, then I would recommend the following sources of information:

- UCAS website – section on student finance – [click here](#)

If your son/daughter was not born in the UK, or does not hold a British passport, you will need to ascertain their 'fee status' to determine whether they will be charged 'home fees' or 'international student fees'. This is a complex issue and will be based on your own family's situation, as well as potentially when you arrived in the UK. I would strongly recommend you: a) go to the [UK Council for International Students Affairs](#) to research your personal situation b) contact university finance departments directly to ascertain how they will treat your son/daughter's fee status. The school is unable to offer an advice in this situation.

We will be completing some work with students in form time in the coming 2 weeks and all students will receive their own copy of [The Money Charity's 'Student Money Manual 2024'](#). This is useful for all students (whether going to university or not) as it gets them to find out about budgeting and the cost of living, when they are no longer living in the family home. Also, can I recommend that you look at the following website:



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<https://www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/student-money-and-budgeting>

If we can do any more to support your son/daughter in the remaining weeks, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Bell

Deputy Head: Director of 6th Form