

FREE SCHOOL MEALS POST-16

How you apply for Free School Meals for **post-16** students has changed. A student is only eligible to receive a free meal when they, or a parent/guardian on their behalf, have made a successful application to the institution where they are enrolled.

Student Eligibility

- Students must be aged between 16 or over but aged under 19 at 31 August 2017 to be eligible for a free meal in the 2017 to 2018 academic year.
- Free meals are targeted at disadvantaged students. For the purposes of eligibility for free meals, 'disadvantage' is defined by the students being in receipt of, or having parents who are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:
 - Income Support
 - income-based Jobseekers Allowance
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
 - Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
 - during the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit
- Students must also satisfy the residency criteria set out in the EFA 'Funding regulation' guidance for the 2017 to 2018 academic year

How to apply

Please contact Mrs Arlott for an application form on 01531 638451 or t.arlott@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

16-19 Bursary

The 16-19 Bursary is a separate fund which provides financial assistance to young people with their studies. Information has already been sent home about how to apply and copies of the guidance and application forms can be found on the school's website: www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk. If you have any query, please contact Mrs Arlott on the number shown above.

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