

Financial Support



You can only apply for financial support once your enrolment is complete. You will receive the link to start your application for financial support and your new Xaverian student email address on enrolment day.

Bursary applications are processed through the **'PayMyStudent'** online form. To activate your account, you must register your details using your new Xaverian email address and then log into your account.

All applications for financial support (Free School Meals, Bursary and Travel Support) can only be made online.

To make your application for the 2026-27 academic year, please log into PayMyStudent or use the **'Forgotten your password?'** link, if required.

Financial support is available for childcare costs through the government's **'Care to Learn'** scheme. To find out if you are eligible for support and how to apply, visit: www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

What you will need to apply for financial support at Xaverian:

Your application will not be processed unless you upload proof of household income, the student's bank account details and any additional evidence requested whilst making your application.

- You must provide evidence of household income. We require the latest three months of Universal Credit Statements (no screenshots) or all the pages from your latest Child Tax Credit Award or Working Tax Credit.
- If you are not in receipt of either Tax Credits or Universal Credit, please upload proof of income documents, e.g. P60 for April 2026.
- All students must have their own bank account to receive bursary payments. You'll need to provide the bank name, sort code, account number and student's name.

We cannot pay the bursary into a parent or guardian's account.

Travel Bursary

If you travel more than 12 miles to college and are not eligible for the **'Our Pass'** card, you may be entitled to a monthly travel subsidy. Any applications for financial support with travel can be made via PayMyStudent.

Train Travel:

We recommend students travelling by train apply for the 16-17 Saver Railcard at www.railcard.co.uk. With proof of purchase, we will reimburse the cost of the card. Travel costs will be assessed assuming you have this card.

Important: We can only make payments once we receive valid train tickets showing proof of payment.

Bus Travel:

Students aged 16-18 years and living in Greater Manchester are eligible to apply for an **'Our Pass'** card, which gives free bus travel across the region for the two years you are a student with us. There is a one-off £10 registration fee payable for the card. Apply at www.ourpass.co.uk.

Vulnerable Bursary

Students, who meet the government's vulnerable student criteria and who have a financial need, may apply for support. Support will be assessed on an individual basis and may include financial assistance for meals, travel, course-related costs and other essential support. You will need to provide evidence to confirm your eligibility for support.

Eligibility for college support (subject to available funds)	Free school meal (£4.50 daily)	Bursary	Other support including course costs
• You are young person in care	✓	Subject to eligibility and assessment	✓
• You are a care leaver	✓	Subject to eligibility and assessment	✓
• You live independently and receive Income Support (IS) Universal Credit (UC) in your own right	✓	Subject to eligibility and assessment	✓
• You are receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP), Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC, all in your own right	✓	Subject to eligibility and assessment	✓

Discretionary Bursary

Students awarded a discretionary bursary may receive up to £20 per week, subject to acceptable levels of attendance and the availability of funding.

Household circumstances and eligibility for Bursary support	Free school meal (£4.50 daily)	Bursary	Other support including course costs
• Income support	✓		Exceptional circumstances only
• The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit	✓		Exceptional circumstances only
• Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	✓		Exceptional circumstances only
• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance	✓		Exceptional circumstances only
• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)	✓		Exceptional circumstances only
• Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit	✓		Exceptional circumstances only
• Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)	✓		Exceptional circumstances only
• Household income below £35,000 and NOT receiving Universal Credit or other qualifying benefits		✓	Exceptional circumstances only

Work Experience

Students, who receive the daily free school meal and attend an approved work experience placement, where College catering facilities are not available, may receive the equivalent meal allowance payment directly into their bank account. Work experience attendance must be confirmed by the Careers Team before payment can be made.

Essential Course Materials

In exceptional circumstances, students may apply for assistance towards essential course-related items such as stationery, equipment and specialist course materials. Requests must be agreed by the Bursary Team prior to purchase and, once the purchase has been made, a receipt must be supplied before a reimbursement can be issued.