

The College has access to a range of financial support packages, these are known as Bursaries. To be eligible to receive a 19+ Bursary in the 2016/17 academic year, you must be aged 19 or over.

All applications will be assessed on an individual basis.

We recommend that you apply early as funds are limited and demand is always high. If you would like a more detailed discussion about the financial support which may be available, then please contact the Student Admin Team on (01254) 354197 / 354032, email studentadministration@accross.ac.uk or call into Info+ (Broad Oak Centre).

20+ Child Care

Learners aged 20 or over can apply for a bursary where they are at risk of not starting learning or not continuing learning as a result of child care costs. The allocation of funds is purely on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Continuing and progressing learners need to apply each academic year – there is no automatic allocation of funds

To be eligible for funding from the 20+ Child Care Learner Support Fund, learners should be in receipt of either:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Working Tax Credit with an annual gross income of no more than £18,000
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £18,000 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs
- Low income with an annual gross income of no more than £18,000
- In receipt of Universal Credit to replace either of the above benefits.
- If you are 19 you can apply to Care 2 Learn to help with child care costs. Please call Info+ for more details.

Discretionary Bursaries

Discretionary bursaries are awarded to help with the costs associated with participation whilst attending College, and includes, for example, travel, bus passes, food, books, uniforms, equipment, and support with domestic emergencies.

To be eligible to a discretionary bursary you must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support

- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Working Tax Credit with an annual gross income of no more than £18,000
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £18,000 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs
- Low income with an annual gross income of no more than £18,000
- In receipt of Universal Credit to replace either of the above benefits.

Advanced Learner Loan Bursary

An Advanced Learner Loan Bursary is available to learners who are 19 or over, studying a level 3, 4, 5 or 6 qualification financed by an Advanced Learner Loan.

The Advanced Learner Loan Bursary is aimed at vulnerable learners such as those with learning difficulties or disabilities, parents who need help with child care and ex-military personnel to help with hardship and child care.

Financial support or additional financial support may be available in special circumstances where there is an identified need (subject to funds being available)

Please refer to the Advanced Learner Loan flyer for more information.

Advanced Learner Loan

Travel Passes

The College provides travel passes from Lancashire Bus (Transdev) and Rosso Bus. The passes can be used anytime, including evenings and weekends and all holidays (with the exception of the summer holidays) and are available to learners to purchase on a termly basis.

For more information regarding routes and timetables, please visit www.lancashirebus.co.uk or <http://rossobus.com/>

For further details about travel, please contact a member of the Student Admin Team on (01254) 354143/354039.

Part-Time Courses

Call into Info+ to find out what financial support may be available to you

Full-Time 16-18 Learner Financial Support & Bursaries

The College has access to a range of financial support packages, these are known as Bursaries. You can apply for financial support to help with the costs associated with your study, for example, travel costs, food, kit & uniform.

To be eligible to receive a 16-19 Bursary in the 2016/17 academic year, you must be aged 16 or over and under 19 on 31 August 2016. If you turn 19 during your programme of study, you will continue to be supported to the end of the academic year in which you turn 19, or to the end of your programme of study, whichever is soonest.

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Vulnerable Bursary

Learners in the defined vulnerable groups will be eligible for a bursary of £1,200 for courses that run for 30 weeks or more (pro-rata for courses that run for less than 30 weeks a year). Vulnerable bursaries are paid weekly by Bacs direct into the learner's bank account.

A vulnerable bursary is available to young people in one of the following defined vulnerable groups (subject to evidence being provided):

- Young people who are looked after (in care)
- Young people leaving care
- Young people receiving Income Support (or the equivalent Universal Credit) in their own name
- Disabled young people getting **both** Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (or

Personal Independence Payments) and Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (or Universal Credit to replace ESA) in their own name

Free Meals

To be eligible to 'Free Meals' you or your parents must be 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 and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (but must not be in receipt of Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- In receipt of Universal Credit to replace either of the above benefits.

Care to Learn

Care to Learn is child care for young learners. You may be able to claim 'Care to Learn' funding if you are less than 20 years of age and need help with child care costs.

For further details about Care to Learn, please contact a member of the Student Admin Team on (01254) 354143 / 354039, or visit the official website at: <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>

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- Child Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £18,000 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs
- Low income with an annual gross income of no more than £18,000
- In receipt of Universal Credit to replace either of the above benefits.

Travel Passes

The College provides subsidised travel passes from Lancashire Bus (Transdev) and Rosso Bus. The passes can be used anytime, including evenings and weekends and all holidays (with the exception of the summer holiday).

These will be available to learners at a cost of £30 per term. Payment can be made in advance of main enrolment

If the above travel arrangements do not meet the learners needs, they can apply for a contribution towards travelling expenses.

Learners can apply for a full refund at the end of each term subject to 100% attendance in all classes, learners must apply for a refund via Info+, so in effect their travel is then free.

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