Dear parents/carers

Welcome to you weekly college update. Just a few key messages and information we would like to share with you this week, as we approach the end of week 4 at college.

**Assessments**

All students will have completed initial assessments on their courses now. These are useful as they enable teachers and students to know what their starting points are and what they need to work on to improve.  Do discuss these with your young people.

**Bursary**

Did you know that you could be eligible for help towards the costs of your young person's college course?

If your household income is less than £35,000 per year, you can apply for financial support covering items such as kit/uniform/equipment, travel, trips, books and free college meals in some instances. All applications are assessed on an individual basis and evidence of household income is required.

Struggling with the application process? You and your young person could drop in to one of our bursary drop-in sessions being held from **5.00pm - 7.00pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Student Services**, where one of our staff can help with the application process. Your young person will need to log-in to their PayMyStudent account and please remember to bring your evidence.

**Fundraising activity**

We encourage our students to participate in any college wide fund raising activity. The first event is on 05th October which is a Macmillan coffee morning. This is being organised by our student hub.  Donations of cakes would be most welcome.

That’s all for this week. Enjoy your weekend.

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