

4. Bursary Funding statement

1. Summary information					
School	The Duston School				
Academic Year	2026/27	Total Bursary budget	TBC	Date of most recent Bursary Review	July 2026
Total number of pupils	TBC	Number of pupils eligible for FULL Bursary	TBC	Date for next internal review of this strategy	December 2026
2. Barriers to future attainment					
A.	The cost of uniform for sixth form				
B.	The cost of travel to and from sixth form				
C.	Limited opportunities to visit universities or experience different work place environments				
D.	Limited access to academic books and resources				
E.	Low attendance rates				
3. Outcomes					
	Desired outcomes and how they will be measured			Success criteria	
A.	No student should miss out on the opportunity to attend The Duston School sixth form because the cost of clothing adhering to the sixth form dress code is too high. Nor should this have an impact on sixth form attendance.			Students eligible for bursary have a 96% attendance or above. The number of PP students from KS4 applying to sixth form is in line with that of non-PP students. The retention rate of bursary students is above the national average and in line with all other students.	
B.	The cost of travel should not impact upon a student's decision to stay at sixth form, and the cost of travel should not play a factor in a student's attendance.			Students eligible for bursary have a 96% attendance or above. The number of PP students from KS4 applying to sixth form is in line with that of non-PP students.	
C.	Students eligible for bursary should have the same opportunities as all other students to visit universities, take part in summer schools, take part in work experience days and have the same opportunities when applying for universities or other career opportunities.			Students eligible for bursary and all other students have the same percentage of students applying to university.	
D.	Students eligible for bursary should have the same access to academic resources as all other students. This includes textbooks, practical equipment and technical equipment.			The academic results for those students eligible for bursary is in line with all other pupils and their value added is above that of the national average.	
E.	The attendance of pupils eligible for bursary should be above 96% to ensure that this does not have a negative impact on their overall academic outcomes.			Students eligible for bursary have a 96% attendance or above. The academic results for those students eligible for bursary is in line with all other pupils and their value added is above that of the national average.	

4. Planned Expenditure - Academic Year 2026/27

Desired outcome	Chosen action/approach	Cost	What is the evidence and rationale for this choice?	How will you ensure it is implemented well?	Staff lead	When will you review implementation?
Key Strategies 2023/2024						
A,E	Any student who is eligible for bursary will be provided with between £150 and £75 per term towards the cost of sixth form clothing. All clothing in line with the sixth form dress code.	£5600	Appropriate dress code is compulsory for sixth form. This should not be a barrier for any student wishing to apply to sixth form nor should a lack of sixth form appropriate clothing affect a student's attendance to school.	Ordered through the assistant head of sixth form. No student is allowed to order over the allocated amount. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
D	Any student eligible for bursary will have access to a laptop which will be loaned to them for the duration of their time in sixth form.	£3000	Students may not have access to computers or laptops at home and home study is an essential part of sixth form study.	Distributed through the assistant head of sixth form. Monitored through I.T. Signed loan agreements are in place. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
D	Any student eligible for bursary will be able to loan any technical equipment they require for their course, including calculators and Art & Design equipment.	£500	Students will require this equipment to complete the course and have access to the higher grades. The cost of this should not be a barrier to a student's education.	Distributed through the assistant head of sixth form. Monitored through individual faculties. Signed loan agreements are in place. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
D	Any student eligible for bursary will have access to the text books needed for their course.	£300	Textbooks are required for many sixth form courses and the cost of this should not be a barrier to a student's education. Having access to their own text book allows for study to be completed outside of lesson time.	Applied for through subjects and the assistant head of sixth form. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
D	Any student eligible for bursary will have the access to revision guides, resources and the stationary required.	£1000	Revision guides and resources provide students with the additional support they need in the run up to their exams. Having access to these resources should not be a barrier for any student.	Applied for through subjects and the assistant head of sixth form. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.

B,E	Any student eligible for bursary will be allocated a £15 a week bus pass if required.	£9,000	The cost of travel should not be a barrier for any student wishing to apply to sixth form and nor should this have an impact on a student's attendance to school.	Organised through finance and the assistant head of sixth form. Ordered weekly. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
C	Any student eligible for bursary will have the cost of an education trip covered, this includes university visits paid for in full.	£1,800	Educational trips can enhance a student's educational experience, open up new opportunities and allow them to access the higher grades.	Applied for through subjects and the assistant head of sixth form. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
C	Any student eligible for bursary will have the cost of a UCAS application covered paid for in full.	£375	The cost of applying through UCAS should not be a barrier when it comes to students applying to university.	Completed by assistant head of year. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
C	Any student eligible for bursary will have the cost of any work experience days, summer schools, university entrance aptitude tests and any careers preparation sessions paid for in full.	£2,500	These experiences prepare students for the next stage Post 18. All students should have access to the same opportunities and the cost of these experiences should not impact on a student's future.	Applied for through the assistant head of sixth form. Signed off by the head of sixth form and head of year.	NMO/TWA /SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.
A,B,C,D,E	Any student that is not eligible for bursary may be able to apply for financial support towards the cost of any of the initiatives above.	£5,000	Although some students do not meet the required threshold to automatically receive bursary in full, it does not always imply that students/parents can afford/access the initiatives above. In this case, students can apply on a discretionary basis if and when it is needed. In most cases when financial support is then offered, it is to fund a partial amount of the overall cost and not in full.	This is monitored and agreed through the assistant head of sixth form, the head of sixth form and through finance.	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review of funding. All students' access to full bursary is reviewed yearly. New applications reviewed weekly.

	Throughout the academic year students may need additional support which cannot be predicted or accounted for through an annual plan. This may include a short term access to school meals or the provision of toiletries/personal hygiene products.	Up to £500	The cost of food or personal hygiene products should never be a barrier to students attending school.	Agreed through all parties involved in bursary support – NFL/GMA/TWA/NMO	NMO/TWA/ SBA	Half termly review.
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