

How to spend my bursary effectively to support my studies at Great Barr Academy Sixth Form



Why is it important?

According to the Department for Education, the 16-19 bursary is a sum of money paid to eligible students to help with education-related costs. It is designed to help pay for things like clothing, books and other equipment for your course as well as transport, enrichment opportunities and visits. At **Great Barr Academy sixth form** we operate a system whereby bursaries are used **only** for educational purposes, therefore we monitor each individual claim ensuring that you are utilising the money to fully support your academic journey with us. If you are in any doubt as to whether a purchase will be funded, please check with Mrs Garvey **PRIOR** to purchase

What can I buy and where can I buy it?

Resource	Ways in which it will aid my studies	Where can I get it from?	How much would I expect to pay?
Revision Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidation of taught information - Supplement notes made in class - Will contain exam-style practice questions - Includes straight to the point information which can then be further consolidated to form your own revision aids 	<p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/revision-guides-Books/s?page=1&rh=n%3A266239%2Ck%3Arevision%20guides</p> <p>https://www.ebay.co.uk/sch/i.html?_nkw=revision+guides</p> <p>https://www.whsmith.co.uk/dept/books-education-study-and-revision-guides-02x00408</p> <p>You may be able to order them via school/ your teacher</p>	<p>Depending on whether you buy them new or pre-owned they can cost anything in the region of £2-£20. A lot of students will sell their pre-owned revision guides and textbooks, so shop around!</p>

<p>Wider Reading</p>	<p>- Wider reading around your subject is integral to academic success. It helps develop and further understanding as well as contributing to the formation of application and analytical skills. - Your teachers will direct you towards subject-specific wider reading material</p>	<p>https://www.whsmith.co.uk/?gclid=CPuyu_OmneECFcV7Gwodmv8OHQ&gclid=ds https://www.waterstones.com/ https://www.amazon.co.uk/books-used-books-textbooks/b?node=266239 https://www.ebay.co.uk/sch/i.html?_nkw=books</p>	<p>Again, this is totally dependent upon whether you buy them new or pre-owned.</p>
<p>Travel</p>	<p>- Students are eligible for travel discounts. There are no excuses for absence from and lateness to school with a 16-18 photo card.</p>	<p>https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes/students/</p>	<p>A 16-18 student bus pass costs approximately £30 per month, there are a variety of different ways to pay as well as opportunities to add on metro/rail transport.</p>
<p>Clothing</p>	<p>- We operate a smart/ business-like dress code at GBA sixth form (please refer to dress code for more detail). There are a number of retailers which stock suitable clothing.</p>	<p>https://www.matalan.co.uk/discover/schoolwear/college-and-sixth-form https://tuclimbing.sainsburys.co.uk/c/women/women-sixth-form-and-college https://www.tuclimbing.sainsburys.co.uk/c/men/men-sixth-form-and-college?INITD=GNav-BTS-MensSixthForm https://www.primark.com/en/features https://www.next.co.uk/</p>	<p>Clothing which adheres to the dress code at GBA sixth form will be funded. It is possible to buy an entire outfit for less than £20! Shoes -Up to £70 will be funded</p> <p>Designer clothes and clothes outside the dress code (eg logo'd tops, hoodies, jeans, mini skirts) will not be funded</p>
<p>Stationary</p>	<p>- A wide variety of stationary is key to good organisation and producing appropriate and worthwhile revision materials.</p>	<p>Any supermarket, pound shop, devoted stationary provider such as Ryman or W H Smith.</p>	<p>You can spend as much, or as little on stationary. The pound shops have some fantastic deals and the quality is great!</p>
<p>Bags</p>	<p>- You will carry books, stationary, laptops, kit etc. around with you whilst at sixth form. It is therefore extremely important that you have a heavy duty bag that will not break or be uncomfortable to carry.</p>	<p>Almost all clothing/ supermarket retailers will stock appropriate bags to carry sixth form supplies. Sports shops are great for selling larger holdall type bags which are designed to carry larger amounts of belongings.</p>	<p>You can expect to pay anything from £10-£30 plus. Up to £30 will be funded</p>
<p>Electrical Equipment</p>	<p>- Here at GBA sixth form we have a wide variety of technological equipment to support your studies that you will have full access to. Outside of sixth form access to your own laptops, internet devices such as tablets or even Dictaphones may help to enrich your studies further.</p>	<p>https://ao.com/ https://www.currys.co.uk/gbuk/index.html https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/shop/home-and-ents/technology/all https://www.argos.co.uk/</p>	<p>Our advice would be to shop around! A lot of retailers will operate a price match policy and have offers on throughout the year. Also, we do not advise you spend the entirety of your bursary on an electrical item such as a laptop!</p>

