**Moodle update March 2016 - FINANCIAL SUPPORT TEAM**

Welcome to Financial Support

**The Financial Support site on Moodle has been created to help share up to date Financial Support Information which may be applicable to Students attending HRC.**

**The Financial Support Team is located in the Information Centre, next to the Main Reception area of both the Broxbourne & Ware Campus. (Please note opening times apply) or contact us directly by email on** financialsupport@hrc.ac.uk **or call us on 01992 411961/01992 411396.**

**The Team are here to support students with up to date financial support information, impartial advice & guidance, to support students that may have a financial barrier to coming to college. There are several funds, Government schemes, Bursaries & Charitable Trust’s available that student’s may be entitled to apply for.**

**We may be able to help students with support towards the costs of Travel to college, essential kit & course related materials, Books & Equipment, fees, Childcare Funding & Free College Meals for students aged 16 -18 on a Means Tested Household Income (MTB).**

**Students Household Income does not have to be benefit related to receive support) we have a Hardship Fund available to students facing difficult financial situations whilst studying at college, we will make an assessment based on individual personal circumstances.**

**Financial support is available subject to Funding availability at the time of application & is for enrolled learners on eligible courses, for students who meet the Financial Support criteria.**

**The team can offer information & advice to all students on various Travel schemes covering Hertfordshire, Essex, Enfield & London Boroughs. Attached below is a list of Travel Information & routes.**

**If you have any further questions regarding Financial Support or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Team.**

**To apply to the 16-18 Bursary, Guaranteed 16 -18 Vulnerable Bursary (for students In care /Care Leaver),19+ Bursary & 24+ Bursary, please collect an Application & guidance form the Financial Support advisors based in the Information Centre. (Students under 18 Years will require a Parent or Guardian to sign the application form & submit the relevant Household Income evidence required). The guidance sheet provides a step by step guide to help with completing the application form correctly & how to return the form to the Financial Support Team.**

**How students can apply for Childcare Funding:**

**Students 20+ & 24+ Bursary Students – Application forms are available from the Financial Support Advisors – a full guidance for completing the form can be found on the front page of the application form.**

**Childcare Funding for Students aged 16-19 as at the 31st August 2015 are required to complete the online’ Care to Learn’ application found on** [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)

**If you have any further questions regarding Financial Support or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Team.**

**The HRC Financial Support Criteria & Procedures for 2015 -2016 & The Financial Support Guidelines are available to view as Read .**

**Please find some additional links below for information & services that may support your individual needs.**

<https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn/how-to-claim>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-18-education-free-meals>

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/south-east/journey-planner/>

<https://photocard.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/showLogon.do?selection=16plus>

<https://savercards.hertsdirect.org/herts/about_us>