

## LEARNER SUPPORT FUND

A range of financial support from the Learner Support Fund is available depending on your personal circumstances; if your household income, from earnings, before tax, is £35,000 or less OR you are in receipt of a means-tested benefit, please complete the on-line Learner Support Fund (LSF) application form in the **Pay MyStudent portal** - <https://lmc.paymystudent.com/portal/>

- **HE courses, eg HNC, HND or Degree** - please apply for support via Student Finance England [gov.uk/studentfinance](http://gov.uk/studentfinance)
- **Apprentices** - please contact Student Money as a different application form is required.
- **16-18 Vulnerable Bursary** - if you meet the criteria stated below in section 5, complete the online Learner Support Fund application form. You will need to attend a meeting, with a member of the Student Money Team, to discuss your individual financial needs. You are welcome to bring someone with you.

Any queries speak to either Sharon or Rosette in the Hex or contact us on **01524 521469/01524 521572** or [studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk](mailto:studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk)

### IF YOU MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA YOU CAN APPLY FOR:

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## TRAVEL

### FULL-TIME STUDENTS

A LSF funded Stagecoach termly bus pass is available if you live 1.5 or more miles from college. A new bus pass will be issued each term.

If you live in **Galgate or further south AND only require** a Stagecoach termly bus pass, you still need to complete the LSF form, but you do NOT need to provide any income or benefits evidence.

**Discounted** termly bus passes are available to buy from the Hex for all students not eligible for a bus pass through the Learner Support Fund.

If you live in one of the areas served by the **College bus**, you will be expected to use this free service.

If you are on a **Supported Internship AND** you live 1.5 or more miles from college and/or your placement you can submit bus tickets for a refund.

### PART-TIME STUDENTS

If your course is 30 hours or more in total AND you live 1.5 miles or more from the venue, you can submit bus tickets for a refund.

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## CHILDCARE

If you are a **parent under 20** on 31 August 2024, please apply direct online to Care to Learn [gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://gov.uk/care-to-learn)

If you are a **parent aged 20 or over** on 31 August 2024 **AND your course is 30 hours or more in total**, please complete the **on-line LSF application form Pay MyStudent portal** - <https://lmc.paymystudent.com/portal/>

You will need to contact Student Money for the additional childcare application form – one childcare form is required for each childcare provider that you use.

We pay session rates (or a maximum £6.00/hour if your provider charges an hourly rate) term-time only, for your timetabled days. The maximum weekly contribution is £180 per child. \*\*sliding scale of support dependent on income, speak to Student Money.

You must use an **Ofsted registered childcare** provider that accepts the free 15 and 30 hour funding for 2 and 3 year olds. If your child qualifies for the free 15 hours, these must be used for the childcare required whilst attending College. College will contribute towards the outstanding hours.

If you receive the childcare element of tax credits/UC, we are unable to fund your childcare. **Childcare costs can only be paid from the start of the half term in which your application is approved.**

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## FREE LUNCH

Full-time students can access a **free lunch at Main Site** for each day they are on timetable to attend College.

If you attend **Lancaster Training Services (LTS – Offsite)** lunch money will be paid into your bank.

If you are on a **Supported Internship** you will be paid lunch money into your bank for your work placement and College days.

If you are on placement lunch money will be paid into your bank.

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## COURSE EXPENSES

If your **course is 30 hours or more in total**, help is available with the cost of the approved items for your course, such as kit, uniform and trips. Please check with Student Money if you are uncertain which items are approved for financial help.

You will receive a full refund on approved items purchased for your course once you have been approved for funding and submitted receipts/on-line order details to Student Money.

If you are a full-time student, additional help could include costs related to UCAS applications.

**Laptops** can be borrowed from Learning Services in The Hex.

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## 16-18 VULNERABLE BURSARY

If you are aged 16-18 on 31st August 2024 and you state your Student Status as one of the following categories, you will be assessed for the vulnerable bursary. This is funding up to a maximum of £1,200, available to help pay for College related costs such as free lunches, kit, uniform, bus pass and trips. You will need to attend a meeting, with a member of the Student Money Team, to discuss your individual financial needs and you are welcome to bring someone with you.

### Categories:

- In Care (classed as a child looked after by the local authority)
- Care Leaver (classed as a care leaver by the local authority)
- In receipt of UC, financially supporting yourself, living independently or within a family unit and any dependent/s.
- In receipt of DLA/PIP **AND** UC/ESA.