

# Student Money Team

## we can help you with...

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### LEARNER SUPPORT FUND

Any queries come and speak to either Claire or Debs in the Hex or contact us on **01524 521469** or email: [studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk](mailto:studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk)

A range of financial support from the Learner Support Fund is available for you depending on your personal circumstances; if you are in receipt of certain means tested benefits or your household income is **£35,000** or less.

Please complete a LSF Financial Support form in all cases\*

For any HE courses, eg HNC, HND or Degree, please apply for support via Student Finance England

[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

Apprentices qualify for help with travel costs only.

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### TRAVEL

Free Stagecoach termly bus passes are available if you live 1.5 or more miles from college AND you are in receipt of certain means tested benefits or your household income is less than **£35,000 AND** you are on a **FULL TIME** course. A new bus pass will be issued each new term.

If you live in **Galgate or further south AND** you are on a **FULL TIME** course, you can apply for a free Stagecoach termly bus pass – complete the LSF form, but you do NOT need to provide any income or benefits evidence if you require the BUS PASS ONLY.

**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 **Traineeship AND** you live 1.5 or more miles from college or your placement **AND** you are in receipt of certain means tested benefits or your household income is less than **£35,000**, we can support your travel costs.

If you are an **Apprentice**, please contact Student Money as there is help available for your transport costs from Lancashire County Council and charitable funding, a separate application form is required.

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### LUNCHES

If your household is in receipt of certain means tested benefits or your household income is below **£35,000 AND** you are on a full time course, you will qualify for a free lunch:

If you are based on main site – you can access a free lunch for each day you are on timetable to attend college.

If you attend **Lancaster Training Services** (LTS – Offsite) on a FULL TIME course, your lunch credit will be paid direct into bank – see Student Money for the payment schedule.

If you are on a **Traineeship** – your lunch credits will be paid direct into your bank – see Student Money for payment schedule.

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### COURSE EXPENSES

If your household is in receipt of certain means tested benefits or your household income is below **£35,000\*\* AND** your **course is 3 hours or more** each week, you will qualify for help with approved course expenses such as kit, uniform and trips. Please check with Student Money which items are approved for financial help.

You will receive an 80% refund on approved items purchased for your course and must submit receipts, signed by your tutor, with your form. Refunds will be paid at the end of the first term as long as you continue to attend your course.

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### CHILDCARE

If you are a **parent under 20** on 31st August 2020, please apply direct online to Care to Learn [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)

If you are a **parent aged 20 or over** on 31st August 2020 AND your household is in receipt of certain means tested benefits or your household income is below **£35,000\*\* AND** your **course is 3 hours or more** each week, please complete both the LSF Financial Support form AND a childcare application form – one childcare form is required for each childcare provider that you use.

\*\*sliding scale of support dependent on income, speak to Student Money.

We pay session rates, or a maximum £5.25/hour if your provider charges an hourly rate, term-time only, for your timetabled days. The maximum weekly contribution is £160.00 per child.

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.

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### VULNERABLE BURSARY

If you are aged **16-18 on 31st August 2020** and you state your Student Status as one of the following categories, you will be assessed for the vulnerable bursary. This is a weekly payment, paid during term time in arrears, based on 100% attendance each week.

#### 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.*

**For further help please call 01524 521469**