

25th March 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Student Finance England Applications Open

I wanted to write with an update to advise you about the Student Finance applications process, which has recently opened.

The following information has also been sent to students. Applications for Student Finance England for entry into university in the autumn of 2026 are now open. The vast majority of students will be eligible to apply for a tuition fee loan (to cover the cost of their tuition fees) and a maintenance/living costs loan (to cover the costs of things like accommodation and food if they are going to live away from home). These are loans that students only start to pay back incrementally once they earn above a certain salary in later life. Some students will also be eligible for certain grants, which provide additional support money that depend on family circumstances, and which they would never have to pay back. Students can find out what they are eligible for by using the student finance calculator (click [here](#)).

Students can use this website to begin their application: <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/going-to-uni-2026/>
The timeline for this year's application process can be found here:
<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/student-schedule/>

The deadline for them to apply in order to receive funding in time for September is 15th May 2026, but they should aim to apply as soon as possible in order to secure their funding.

On a separate note, it is natural that the upcoming few months in the lead up to the summer exams will be challenging for students. I therefore wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the following support that is available to your child. Students are, of course, reminded of this on a regular basis:

- As students' Head of Year, I always have an open door policy. Students are reminded that they can see or email me at any time. They can also speak to their form tutor.
- Students are reminded that they can also access free online counselling at www.kooth.com, as well as a range of other useful external support websites [linked here](#).

A reminder that all Year 13 students and parents/guardians are invited to attend an important post-18 information evening at school. This will take place at school on Monday 27th April, starting at 5pm. For more details please see the original letter which was sent home [here](#).

Should parents/guardians have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via office@ruisliphigh.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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