



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Student Finance Information for Students Applying to University (2026 Admission)

We wanted to share helpful information, resources, and events that may support you as you approach helping your young person with making decisions about UCAS offers and student finance.

Applications for **Student Finance England (SFE)** for 2026 admission will open on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Both students and parents/carers will need to register with SFE and provide information as part of the process. The recommended deadline to apply is by the end of April/start of May 2026. There is no need to have made final course choices before applying for SFE. Applying for student finance early helps to ensure necessary finance is in place for the start of the course.

### For Parents and Carers

Understanding student finance can feel complicated, so several universities and organisations provide helpful guidance sessions. These sessions typically cover:

- *Student Finance overview* – an introduction to *Student Finance England (SFE)*
- *Types of loans* - Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans
- *Types of support* - financial support e.g. *Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)*
- *Application process* - How students apply and how parents/carers support the application.
- *Loan repayments* - how the process works after graduation.
- *Budgeting* - tips for students living away from home.

We recommend you spend time reviewing the guidance and resources here:

- [Student Finance England - Parent/Carer Guide](#)
- [Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)
- [UCAS Student Finance - Parent/Carer Guide](#)
- [ONLINE EVENTS - Student Finance University events](#) –dates in March and April

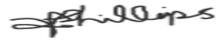
### For Students

Students will receive guidance on student finance, making decisions about their UCAS offers and preparing for the transition to university during upcoming Career Assemblies. We advise that they make a balanced decision by carefully considering a range of factors including course content and assessment; required grades; distance; city v campus and wider support/student life.

- [Making the right decision | UCAS](#)
- [Student Finance England 2026](#)
- [UCAS Guide to SFE](#)
- [Gov.UK Guide to Student Finance](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,



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