



Financial support for students in 2011/12

The following information applies to students aged 16 to 18 on 31st August 2011 taking a full-time further education course in 2011/12.

EMA update

If you're currently receiving EMA and will be on a full-time course in 2011/12, you may continue to receive it until the end of the 2011/12 academic year.

- > If you first received EMA in 2009/10, you will continue to receive EMA at the same rate as now (£10, £20 or £30 per week).
- > If you first received EMA in 2010/11 and are getting the highest rate of £30 per week, you will continue to get EMA next year but your weekly payments will be reduced to £20.
- > If you first received EMA in 2010/11 but are getting the lower weekly rates of £20 or £10, you will not get EMA in 2011/12. However, you may still be able to get financial help through the Learner Support Fund (forms available from student services).

Learner Support Fund

The college will be given an additional fund from the government to help students in financial need with the costs of coming to college. If eligible, you could receive money for things like transport to college, the cost of books and equipment and other related expenses.

Details of how this will work will not be finalised until the end of May and we will let you know more information then. In the meantime, you should apply now to the Learner Support Fund for financial help. You can get a form from student services or download it from www.cwa.ac.uk/advice. The earlier you apply, the more chance you have of getting help.

£1200 bursary

The government has also announced that some students will be entitled to a bursary of £1200* next year. You could get this if you are in one of the following categories:

- > You are living in care and are aged 16 or 17
- > You are a care leaver and are aged 16, 17 or 18
- > You are aged 16, 17 or 18 and receiving income support

If you think you are eligible for this £1200 bursary and intend to continue at college in 2011/12, please contact your campus student services supervisor:

- > King's Lynn: Julie Robinson (01553 815339)
- > Isle / Wisbech: Helen Holmes (01945 582561)
- > Cambridge: Deborah Goodwin (01223 860701)

**If you are eligible for this and the continuing EMA scheme, you will receive this bursary instead of the EMA - you will not be able to claim both.*