

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Is your son or daughter entitled to £2.20 to spend in the canteen each day?

Free School Meal eligibility does not automatically transfer from your previous school or Year 11 into College

If you receive any of the following support payments, your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support;
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit;
- **Child Tax Credit** (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit;
- **Universal Credit** - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

FSM does not affect any other benefits you are claiming

FSM is completely anonymous – due to the cashless catering system, no other student or member of catering staff will be aware of the FSM allocation.

How do I apply?

If you think your child is entitled to FSM, you will need to apply online using the academies web-checking service. You will need to provide your name, National Insurance number and address details. You will need to apply separately for each child in your household. This service gives an instant response to your child's eligibility.

Please use the link below:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/ofsm-east>

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Mr R Scott at the academy and we can provide a paper form to allow you to provide your consent for the academy to check your eligibility.