



**Dorset
Community
Foundation**

Raising funds for those most in need

DCF Bursary Fund

2019-20

Impact Report

Students Funded in 2019/20

The DCF Bursary fund awarded bursaries to 53 students in 2019/20. All students were in financial disadvantage and some faced additional issues such as those with disabled parents, those with Special Educational Needs and those not living with parents/guardians.

	College	Course	Amount awarded	Expenditure
1	Bournemouth & Poole	Media Level 3	£304.99	Laptop £178.99, Mileage £126
2	Bournemouth & Poole	UAL Art & Design	£324.00	Laptop
3	Bournemouth & Poole	Hairdressing Level 2	£178.99	Laptop
4	Bournemouth & Poole	Access to HE: Humanities	£231.82	Laptop £231.82
5	Bournemouth & Poole	Level 3 Art	£85.00	Art materials
6	Bournemouth & Poole	Access Course HE: Healthcare Professions	£363.99	Mileage £160, Laptop £178.99, trip £25
7	Bournemouth & Poole	PVP 1 (For students with SEN)	£223.27	Laptop £223.27
8	Bournemouth & Poole	Music Production Level 3 (two year course)	£734.33	Laptop and software
9	Brockenhurst College	Foundation Sports	£420.00	Train
10	Brockenhurst College	Level 2 BTEC Health and Social	£400.00	Train
11	Brockenhurst College	Fine Arts	£420.00	Train
12	Brockenhurst College	Media Level 3	£290.00	Train
13	Brockenhurst College	A Levels: Psychology, Film & Photography	£348.00	Train
14	Brockenhurst College	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Travel and Tourism	£380.00	Train
15	Brockenhurst College	Level 3 Diploma in Sport	£380.00	Train
16	Brockenhurst College	Music Technology (first year)	£420.00	Train
17	Brockenhurst College	Level 3 Expended Diploma Childcare	£500.00	Train
18	Brockenhurst College	A-level Business/Film Studies/English Literature (2nd year)	£590.00	Travel

19	Kingston Maurward	Level 3 Animal Management	£268.99	Bus £90, laptop £178.99
20	Kingston Maurward	Animal Science and Welfare level 2	£454.99	Bus £276, Laptop £178.99
21	Kingston Maurward	Level 1 Practical Animal Care	£165.00	Bus £100, clothing £65
22	Kingston Maurward	Fabrication, Welding & Blacksmithing Level 1	£829.60	Bus £704.60, Equipment/clothing £125
23	Kingston Maurward	Level 2 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	£90.00	Bus
24	Kingston Maurward	Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management	£268.99	Bus £90, laptop £178.99
25	Kingston Maurward	Level 2 Sport & Fitness	£300.00	Bus
26	Kingston Maurward	Practical Animal Care	£321.00	Bus £274, clothing £47
27	Kingston Maurward	Level 3 Animal Management	£178.99	Laptop
28	Kingston Maurward	Uniformed Public Services	£276.00	Bus
29	Kingston Maurward	level 3 advance technical diploma in animal management	£268.99	Bus £90, laptop £178.99
30	Kingston Maurward	Level 2 Public Services	£178.99	Laptop
31	Kingston Maurward	Floristry Level 2 Technical Diploma	£178.99	Laptop
32	Kingston Maurward	Level 3 Animal Management	£268.99	Bus £90, Laptop £178.99
33	Kingston Maurward	Level 1 Agricultural Course	£175.00	Bus £90, clothing/trips £85
34	Kingston Maurward	Animal Care level 2	£598.00	Bus
35	Kingston Maurward	Military Preparation Level 2	£737.00	Bus
36	Kingston Maurward	Level 2 Welding, Fabrication & Blacksmithing	£444.96	Travel £108.40, kit £100 and laptop £236.56
37	Kingston Maurward	Animal Care	£415.00	Travel, food vouchers
38	Weymouth College	Level 3 Public Services	178.99	Laptop
39	Weymouth College	Level 2 Art & Design/GCSE Functional Skills Maths	£300.00	Mileage
40	Weymouth College	Performing Arts Level 2	£170.00	Mileage

41	Wiltshire College	Level 3 Games Development (second year)	£245.00	Train
42	Wiltshire College	Uniformed Public Services Level 3	£460.00	Meals £360, equipment/clothing £100
43	Wiltshire College	Level 1 Culinary Skills	£75.00	Catering kit
44	Wiltshire College	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design	£178.99	Laptop £178.99, Mileage £126
45	Wiltshire College	Level 3 Art & Design	£175.00	Bus £75, Trip £100
46	Wiltshire College	Uniformed Public Service Level 3	£127.5	Equipment
47	Wiltshire College	Film and TV Level 3 (year 2)	£127.5	Filming equipment & props
48	Wiltshire College	Cookery Skills Level 1	£377.57	Mileage £214.40, bus £75, chef package £88.17
49	Wiltshire College	Uniformed Public Services	£127.50	Equipment/clothing
50	Wiltshire College	Level 3 extended diploma in Performing and Production Arts	£500.00	Mileage
51	Yeovil College	Engineering BTEC level 3 top up (2nd year)	£178.99	Laptop £178.99, Mileage £126
52	Yeovil College	Year 1 of BTEC level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering	£331.00	Laptop £331
53	Yeovil College	Health and Social Care Level 3 Diploma	£189.00	Meals at college
			£16,755.91	

Evaluation forms

At the completion of the academic year we send evaluation forms to the students we have supported, in order to understand what difference the bursaries have made to their lives and to their education, and to give the student an opportunity to provide feedback. 37 of the 53 students completed the evaluation forms. This year, we asked students to consider the impact of Coronavirus when completing their feedback forms.

- All report that the bursary helped them to attend college and that the course has improved their skills and knowledge in the chosen subject
- 25 say they wouldn't have been able to attend the course without the assistance of the bursary
- 6 say that although they may have been able to attend, the bursary greatly reduced financial pressure and anxiety (which can affect performance)
- 5 say that although they may have been able to attend, the bursary enhanced their performance and achievements due to having a laptop at home for assignments

Future plans:

- 29 students will be continuing in education, studying the same or a similar subject at a higher level and all feel that doing so will give them more confidence to seek work or knowledge to go onto university
- 24 will be looking for employment (either alongside studies, as apprenticeships or instead of studying) and tell us that the course has highlighted the aspects of the vocations they enjoy the most, which will inform decision making and progression into work

Student comments

"The course has improved my skills and confidence and I have been able to have a job as a junior metalworker at Newton Forge. Unfortunately I was made redundant a few months ago due to Covid-19, however, the course has given me the skills needed to be able to start working in this area, which I would not have been able to do before I started the course."

"Coming from a low-income household, I feel I am often forced to compromise my ideal career journey, with the one I/my family can afford. Knowing there are grants such as the DCF allows me the freedom to choose what I really want to do."

"I would like to say how grateful I am for the bursary I was allocated; it was a major help in getting supplies and helping me excel in my course."

"Attending the course has increased my knowledge and skills Yes, but I feel I have missed out on a lot of learning due to the lockdown. Thank goodness for the bursary and having access to a laptop to communicate with my college teachers and be able to do my coursework on it."

"The course has enabled me to seek employment and strengthen my communication skills. I have recently been employed as a volunteer management role on a small holding which could lead to a permanent paid position... I would really like to thank the people who provide the bursary for enabling me to continue with passion for animals and further my skills, passion, and future. Without this help I wouldn't have been able to follow this dream and I am truly thankful. I hope this continues to be able to support other people in the same position as myself. Thank you"

"Due to the mental health problems I had at Senior School I had to miss out on education and experience. But I have learnt many new skills on this course and made many new friends. It is like being given a second chance. Thanks to my DCF Bursary"

“This bursary enabled me to do so so so much, it enabled me to continue my studies and drop my hours at work without losing anything... Thank you for all that I was able to achieve because of this scheme”

“I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to do the things they are interested in and with the help from the bursary fund that was possible for me. Thank you”

“Thank you, the bursary has meant I am able to work in the area I want and have my dream job, which I would not have been able to do without the bursary as my family could not afford the transport cost to college”

“Thank you for the bursary and now at the end of level 2 I have been offered a full time job in a forge which is my perfect outcome after 2 years studying, I can't thank you and Kingston Maurward enough for all of your help”

“This bursary funded a laptop for me, and because of Covid-19 I had to finish all my coursework at home so without it I wouldn't have been able to complete the course!”

Case studies

A 16-year-old student at Kingston Maurward College studying Level 1 Fabrication, Welding & Blacksmithing, lives in a single-parent family and was inspired by a family friend who had a forge in his garden, to get a job in metalwork. Living in Shaftesbury, the 46-minute journey to college using the college bus was an expense the family could not afford. The college provided some help and DCF was able to provide the remaining travel costs, enabling the student to attend the course. During the course and prior to Coronavirus, the student gained employment as a Junior Metalworker at Newton Forge but was sadly made redundant following the outbreak. The student is continuing onto Level 2 and has thanked the DCF bursary for enabling him to work in the area he wants and to have his dream job.

A 19-year-old student living in a bedsit provided by a local homelessness charity was suffering with mental health issues and as such took a year out from education. During the year out, the student found working with animals beneficial and signed up to Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management at Kingston Maurward college. The DCF Bursary supported the student with a laptop and travel costs. The student explained that having use of a laptop ensured that on days when her mental health stopped her from attending college, she was able to complete work from home and as such did not fall behind. The student has since completed the course and has a job in the animal care field. She has told us that the job has will build on the skills gained in college in order for her to build her career.

A 16-year-old student at Wiltshire college from a single parent family, could not afford to attend college to study Level 3 Uniformed Public Services. She worked in a local pub to try and generate additional funds to support the travel costs. The DCF Bursary was able to provide funds to cover travel costs, meals at college and essential equipment required for her course. The funding meant she was able to reduce her hours at work and focus on her studies. The course has improved her confidence, as well as skills and knowledge and she will be returning to college to continue studying Uniformed Public Services.

A 23-year-old student studying Level 3 Animal Management at Kingston Maurward, lives independently and on a low-income. She was financially supporting herself through college and following a bereavement was struggling with mental health problems. In addition, she suffers from health conditions including fibromyalgia and dyslexia. She requested a laptop, which the DCF Bursary funded, enabling her to successfully complete the course with a distinction. She has since gained employment in her chosen field as a Volunteer Manager, which is expected to lead to a paid position. The course allowed the student to “continue with my passion for animals and further my skills, passion and future”.

A 17-year-old studying Level 3 Diploma in Sport at Brockenhurst College was supported by a DCF bursary during the academic year 2018/19 with funds towards travel costs, equipment for the course and college meals. Due to his mother's ill health, the family requested support during the 2019/20 academic year. The student had been working in a local pub as a foodrunner and also had a paper round to support himself as much as possible. The college bursary covered the equipment required for his course and the DCF Bursary supported travel costs, which alleviated financial pressures on the family. Since completing his second year, the student has felt more confident in himself, particularly when attending interviews and will be returning to college to study the final year in Level 3 Sports Performance.

An 18-year-old student living with her partner was working part-time alongside studies to support living and college costs. Studying Floristry Level 2 Technical Diploma at Kingston Maurward college, she applied for a DCF bursary to purchase a laptop and provide college meals, which was awarded. The student has advised that she would not have been able to complete the course without the use of a laptop as all coursework needed to be completed at home as result of Covid-19. In addition, she has secured a part-time job as a Florist and will be continuing to study Level 3 in September.

