

ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE

Economic disadvantage should not be a barrier to achievement.

What college aims to do

- Ensure those experiencing economic disadvantage are treated equally, that they have the same opportunities as everyone else.
- Recognise that their circumstance does not mean they are low achievers; it may mean they haven't had the chance to achieve the levels they can.
- Ensure they have everything they need at the start of their course (access to bursaries, funding for uniform, free meals) to make their life at college as easy as possible.
- Ensure they know there is a 'confidential ear' and that they are able to get the support they need.

- Provide clear opportunities so that they are aware of their career path. Build aspirations and encourage them to look forward. Believe in them.

These materials provide an overview to help raise awareness and understanding. If you have concerns always speak to a member of staff. For support outside of College hours visit our [Out of Hours](#) page your GP, call 999 or visit A&E. You can also visit the [Student support information](#) or [counselling](#) for a list of support services.



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