

24th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bursary Programme 2026/27

You will be aware that, each year, a number of students from Blacon High School go through a rigorous selection process with a view to studying for their A Levels at one of the country's top independent schools on a fully funded bursary scheme. In real terms, this can be worth in excess of £100,000 over the two year period.

Well over forty students from this school have been successful at securing a bursary place in the last ten years and almost all of them have subsequently gone on to university. Many are now in the workplace and have embarked on exciting careers in Veterinary Science, Astro Physics, Scientific Research, Law, Teaching, Physiotherapy, Politics and Sports Science, amongst a host of other professions. Assuming that they achieve appropriate GCSE outcomes, we have a further four students who have been awarded bursary places this year and they will commence their A Level studies in September at independent schools up and down the country.

The bursary programme is selective, is based on academic outcomes and is means tested to a total household income not exceeding £45,000. However, this figure is sometimes negotiable and available disposable income after outgoings is sometimes considered. It is also hugely competitive as there is a very limited number of places available nationally.

In the first instance, I will be hosting an information evening on **Tuesday 3rd March** at 6.00pm, along with my colleagues Robin Oldman and Sue Tedford, who represent our partners at the Hope Opportunity Trust. This event is an opportunity to find out more about the scheme, decide if you would like to investigate it further and possibly proceed to the application process.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Blacon High School/Hope Opportunity Trust bursary scheme, I look forward to meeting you on 3rd March.

Many thanks,



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