



RICHARD  
TAUNTON  
Sixth Form College

# MONEY MATTERS

2020-21



This leaflet details the payments we will be asking you to make when you enrol in August 2020, and the equipment that you should expect to provide yourself with before starting your courses. It also explains how we can provide financial support through our Bursary Scheme.

## PAYMENTS

### TUITION FEES

For most students, the cost of tuition is covered by government funding. However, students over 18, or who have not been resident in the UK for three years before the start of their course, may have to pay tuition fees. This will be discussed at interview.

### COURSE PAYMENTS

Most courses will require an annual payment to cover the cost of additional activities and extra items which are built in to our normal, day-to-day study programmes – but which are outside of the basic requirements of the course covered by government funds. A table which details all of our course payments - including an explanation of what they help pay for - is available to view on the “Finances” page of our website.

**Pay on the Day:** We are happy to offer a 10% discount on course payments if paid at enrolment. Alternatively, we will accept full payment on the second day of term.

Course payments may be refunded in certain circumstances before 31st October 2020.

10%

**COURSE PAYMENT DISCOUNT  
IF PAID AT ENROLMENT**

### THE STUDENT FUND

Students are asked to donate £20 per year towards our Student Fund. The college enhances these donations by claiming gift aid. The Student Fund helps towards the cost of General Enrichment and The Students Union. For more information on what these entail, please refer to the list of enrichment opportunities in the pre-enrolment pack.

### OTHER PAYMENTS

**Stationery:** Students will be expected to provide their own basic stationery (e.g. pens, paper, memory sticks)

**Trips:** Students will be informed about any trip costs which are not covered by the course payments.



### PLANNING AHEAD

To ensure you are fully equipped to start your courses, keep hold of this information so that you can plan ahead to make the required payments at enrolment.

**Printing:** The college grants students a non-cashable £5.00 credit at the start of each academic year. Students will be charged 5p per side for black and white A4 prints and 10p per side for colour ones.

**Exam fee deposit:** For GCSE evening classes only, we ask for a £50 exam fee deposit which will be refunded in full once all exams have been attended.

**Miscellaneous items:** Car park passes can be purchased for £20 which is non-refundable. Locker keys can be bought for £10 which will be refunded when keys are handed back to Student Services. Lost ID Cards cost £10 and replacement bus passes for college-operated routes cost £20.

### TRANSPORT

The college is situated in the heart of Southampton and is easily accessible via public transport. Students must make their own arrangements for travelling to and from college; our Student Services team are happy to advise on the available options.

**College buses:** Our college-operated bus routes will serve students according to the level of demand in areas where journey times via public transport would be unreasonable.

To use this service, students must purchase a bus pass before the start of each term\*. Bus passes for the autumn term must be purchased at enrolment in August. Please note that refunds cannot be given for days when the bus is not used.

Reminders will be issued to college bus users before the end of each term, to purchase a pass for the following term before the holidays start.

For full details regarding transport routes and pricing, please visit the “Transport Information” page of our website.

\*Any bus passes purchased on or after the start of each term will incur a £20 surcharge. The same additional charge of £20 will be applied to any spring or summer term passes which are not purchased before the start of the term.

**Other travel requirements:** Students may be expected to make their own way to and from any local trips, matches or events. If the activities take place further afield, the college will arrange transport.

## PAYMENT METHODS

Students can make payments using WisePay. WisePay is a cashless payment system which can be accessed via our website. Students will receive login details for WisePay from our Finance Team.

Please note: our onsite café will accept both cash and card payments.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### THE BURSARY SCHEME

We offer a Bursary Scheme designed to support young people who are facing barriers to post-16 education or training.

Full-time students will qualify for a guaranteed bursary of £1,200 per year if:

- you are a young person in care or leaving care
- you are in receipt of income support in your own right
- you are a disabled young person in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

Students may qualify for a discretionary bursary if:

- you can prove financial need based on household income
- you have specific travel challenges when attending the college e.g. you are living on the Isle of Wight or coming from a significant distance. Other special cases can also be taken into account.

Bursaries will be provided in the form of discounted bus passes, the loan of a portable device to assist with your studies, free school meals, or payments into your bank account.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Some students aged 16-18 may be eligible for daily free school meals from our college café.

### ACCESSING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students who believe they may be eligible for the Bursary Scheme and/or free school meals should complete the bursary form which can be found on the “Finances” page of our website. Applications are accepted during and after enrolment.



If you have any questions about any of the information in this leaflet, then please contact our Student Services team on 02380 514720.

Richard Taunton Sixth Form College  
Hill Lane, Southampton,  
SO15 5RL  
[www.richardtaunton.ac.uk](http://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk)

 /RichardTauntonOfficial  
 @RT6thForm  
 @rt6thformcollege  
 /RTSFC

#### **Disclaimer**

Richard Taunton Sixth Form College make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information published in our leaflets and on our website. All content is subject to change. The college reserves the right to change the policies and fees outlined in this leaflet, and on the website, without prior notice.