

# Free College Meals (FCM) Terms and Conditions

## Academic Year 2026-2027

- All students whose households are in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a 'free college meal'.
- Free College Meals are funded by the Department for Education.
- The college will require evidence of receipt of Universal Credit in order to provide the funding for FCM. Three recent statements in full, as a pdf will need to be uploaded alongside the application.
- Students should apply using the application form located under the Bursary section of the Huish website.
- The amount of £2.61 will be added to students' ID cards which will allow them to make contactless payment for food and or drink in any of the outlets around the college campus.
- There will be options available up to the £2.61 limit and over should students wish to add to their food or drink choice using their own money.
- Funds cannot be accrued and should be used on a daily basis.
- If an overpayment has been claimed or made in error then we reserve the right to request this money be returned to the college as soon as the discovery is made or withheld from future payments.
- When completing the application form for Free College Meals, please be aware that giving false or incomplete information that leads to incorrect/overpayment may result in future payments being stopped and any incorrectly paid funds being recovered. This could result in a referral to the police with the possibility of the student and/or their family facing prosecution.
- We encourage applications to be made as early as possible in order that we can ensure the correct provision is put in place. The **closing date** for applications to the 2026-2027 Free College Meals is **30 September 2026**
- Funds cannot be backdated and students will be eligible from the date of approval.
- All queries regarding Free College Meals should be directed to [bursary@richuish.ac.uk](mailto:bursary@richuish.ac.uk)
- Follow the link for [Privacy notice](#)

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