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CHILDREN IN WALES

Benefits and Entitlements- Education

A young person's guide for
Isle of Anglesey

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You may also like to read these resources:

- Benefits and Entitlements
- Money- I need some
- Budgeting
- Getting Around- Isle of Anglesey

Getting Ready Project

COLLEGE-GRANTS

Useful websites

For further information go to:

- <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/fe.aspx>
- <https://www.gllm.ac.uk/financial-support-and-finance/school-leavers/>
- <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/get-funding-train-learn>



If you are looking to go to College there is support available to you. Let's start with grants.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

This is an allowance could receive when you attend College.

You:

- must be 16-18
- must live in a house with low income
- will receive £30 per week
- must carry on attending College to carry on receiving the money

Apply for this by end June before your course starts.

For further information speak to Student Support Services



Welsh Government Learning Grant

If you are aged 19+ you can get some support towards the cost of studying:

- you can get up to £1500 for a full time course
- you can get up to £750 for a part time course
- how much you get depends on your income

It is recommended you apply by end June before your course starts.

Princes Trust

For young people aged 16-30

You can apply for help towards the cost of:

- course fees
- equipment

You have to be:

- studying less than 14 hours per week or not in compulsory education
- unemployed or working less than 16 hours per week



Further information

Coleg Menai is part of Grwp Llandrillo Menai
For general information about the College:

- <https://www.gllm.ac.uk/>
- email: learnerservices.menai@gllm.ac.uk

For information about Learner Support go to:

- <https://www.gllm.ac.uk/student-information/student-support/>

For information about financial support go to:


- <https://www.gllm.ac.uk/financial-support-and-finance/school-leavers/>



This page describes the support available to young people attending Coleg Menai

Learning Support Service

- Support could be for a short time or throughout your studies
- If you are struggling with a personal matter, you can ask to speak to the Student Welfare Coordinator
- If you are struggling with your studies, you can get support from a Learning Coach
- Learning Support Service can also provide guidance on: careers, higher education, job opportunities, health and welfare



If you live over 3 miles from the campus you may be eligible for free transport to/from College.

Learner Support Fund

- Coleg Menai have a fund to help students who may struggle to afford some of the costs of the course
- Things you may need help with include: uniforms, equipment for your course, trips, transport or a DBS check
- Speak to Learner Services staff for more information

Support from Isle of Anglesey Council

If you were 'looked after' by Isle of Anglesey Council you will get some support when going to University

- Laptop and software (if you didn't get this when in College)
- Textbooks- **£100 voucher** for essential course books
- Registration and exam fees- will be paid each year
- A yearly transport pass (if you live over 3 miles from the University)
- Accommodation- they will top up any student loan to the equivalent of housing benefit
- Personal allowance- they will top up any student loan to the equivalent of you receiving state benefits
- Graduation ceremony- **up to £100** towards cost of gown etc.
- Vacation accommodation costs- will be covered if you return to Anglesey



Been to College and thinking about the next step? Here we will look at support you can receive if you want to go to University

Higher Education Bursary

- You are entitled to a Higher Education Bursary
- This is worth £2000
- It is paid by your local Council
- You do not need to pay this back
- Ask you personal advisor about this



The University you are applying to may have its own bursaries or grants to support care experienced young people



If you want to go to a University further afield, go to the Propel website to see what support is offered to care experienced young people.

<https://propel.org.uk/UK/>

Special Support Grant

This is available to:

- Single parents
 - Those on the housing related part of Universal Credit
- If you are eligible for this grant you could receive £5,161 per year

Welsh Government Learning Grant

- The amount you get as a grant will depend on your income
- The higher the income the less you receive!

Maintenance Loan

- You can apply for a maintenance loan.
- The amount you receive depends on your income
- If you are on a low household income some of the money you receive may also be a grant which means you won't have to pay some of the money back.

HIGHER
EDUCATION



Thinking of going to University? Here you can get a flavour of what support is available at Bangor University.

Nominated person

The first point of contact when applying to Bangor University is Wendy Williams:

- 01248 383637
- wendy.williams@bangor.ac.uk

You may also find the Student Union website useful

- <https://www.undebbangor.com/>

Useful information

For general information about University life take a look at:

- <https://www.themix.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nus.org.uk/>
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying-for-university/university-life>
- <https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/university/life/what-university-is-really-like>

Pre-entry support

If you have said you are care experienced in your application or at your College, the University will:

- Help you fill in your student finance application
- Pre-entry guidance from their Centre for Skills and Employability



Make sure you state on your UCAS application that you are a care experienced young people
This helps the University give you better support

On campus support

Once you start you can access:

- Peer guide support
- Counselling services
- Money support
- Regular meetings with the named contact (if you want them)
- Access to student services offering advice on: housing; disability; mental health etc.

Wellbeing

- Going to University can be stressful
- It may involve big changes such as moving to a new area, making new friends.
- Make sure you look after your mental health and wellbeing to ensure you keep a positive state of mind
- For wellbeing tips and support go to:
<https://platform.org/project/young-people/>

Money and accommodation!

- You will receive a bursary of £1000 per year
- This is in on top of the Higher Education Bursary you will receive from Isle of Anglesey
- Guaranteed accommodation for the first year
- Accommodation for University holidays if needed
- Access to a hardship fund if you are struggling

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