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Dear Student

Sarah Cowley Educational Trust

We are writing to remind you about the existence of the Sarah Cowley Educational Foundation, which assists eligible young people with their education or training.

The purpose of this Scheme and the criteria under which an application can be made is clearly detailed on the application form, a copy of which is available on the College website. In summary, applications are typically considered for items such as equipment, tools, instruments, books, travel and clothing which are required to support attendance at University and Further Education institutions or to assist entry into some trade, profession or calling from young people aged between 16 and 24 years of age who are resident in the Borough of St Helens.

The Sarah Cowley Committee has requested that students who the College considers may be eligible to apply for, and benefit from, an award of this nature is made aware of this Trust. We would however like to take this opportunity to stress that only a very **limited amount of funding is available for distribution** and whilst applications are welcome from all eligible young people, the Committee are particularly keen to encourage applications from those who have experienced a background of **significant financial hardship**. It is a requirement of the application process that details of parental, guardian or spouse's income must be declared.

The next meeting of the Sarah Cowley Committee is scheduled for 1st December 2016. Applications must be submitted by **30th October 16** for consideration at the meeting.

A copy of the application form can be obtained from the St Helens Council website www.sthelens.gov.uk and typing "Sarah Cowley" in the search engine box, by visiting the page direct at the following address : <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/sarah-cowley-educational-foundation/> or by contacting CYPS Finance at the following address:

Finance Section, St Helens Council, Children & Young People's Services Department, Atlas House, Corporation Street, St Helens, Merseyside, WA9 1LD (01744) 671816 / 671829.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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