

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Connolly Foundation Award – Discretionary Award**

Wootton Academy Trust has a partnership with the Connolly Foundation. The Foundation runs a range of activities including a bursary award scheme for sixth form students with the aim of offering financial support for their next steps.

Whilst the main award has particular criteria which unfortunately means your child is not eligible to apply, the discretionary award has no requirements on subjects studied or on grades achieved and students can be planning on going to university or into employment. The award is worth up to £500. Successful applicants not attending University would receive one payment only. Students going onto University can apply for further awards in years 2 and 3 of their degree course. Further information/guidance will be provided in a virtual presentation by myself on the evening of **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. If you would like to attend this online presentation, please book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-13-connolly-foundation-awards-information-evening-tickets-144020115041>

We would like to invite your child to apply for this award. The foundation’s Discretionary Award Scheme enables each partner institution to nominate **six students** from those who apply. All applications will be considered equally and we will consider a variety of factors when shortlisting an application to send to the Connolly Foundation.

In summer 2020, 6 Kimberley College students were nominated to the foundation and all 6 were successful in their application, with a total of £3,000 in scholarships being awarded.

I have provided information below about the timeline and application process.

Task	Who	Deadline
Application form support available	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Complete the Connolly Foundation Main Award application form in full (see attached)	Eligible students	Final application deadline – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Confirmed A Level results provided to the Connolly Foundation	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	August 2021
Kimberley College receives a list of awards allocated to students	Connolly Foundation	October 2021
Award funds received and transferred to successful students	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	November 2021

We are very happy to be able to offer this fantastic opportunity for our students and hope to receive a good number of applications.

If you have any further questions at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me at [yashby@wootton.beds.sch.uk](mailto:yashby@wootton.beds.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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