

## **HURTWOOD HOUSE CAREERS DEPARTMENT**

### **HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL MATTERS**

UK and EU students in the final year of their A level courses can apply for Student Loans and grants from the government – and, in many cases, a bursary from your university or college. Applications should be made as soon as possible once a student has selected their first choice university. **Please remember that tuition fees will rise substantially for many courses in 2012.** The whole process can be done on line by visiting [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

#### **2011/2012 APPLICATIONS**

- Higher education institutions in Northern Ireland and England may charge variable fees of up to £3,375 per year. Scotland and Wales can make different arrangements and you are advised to check these on individual university websites.
- The good news is that these fees are not repayable until the course is completed; a student has entered employment and crossed the earning threshold of £15,000.
- You can take out a loan to cover the cost of fees; this is not means-tested and you can apply via the direct.gov website listed below. Contributions to help with the cost of being a student are available on a sliding scale up to a maximum residual household income level of £50,020.

For queries your first point of contact should be to visit the Student Finance website at [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance). Please feel free to contact me on 01483 279104 or [sue.teal@hurtwood.net](mailto:sue.teal@hurtwood.net) if you think I can be of any assistance.

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