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# Inspire Education Group Educational Trust

A charitable trust supporting learners  
at Peterborough & Stamford Colleges

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## **Trustees:**

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# Introduction

Inspire Education Group (IEG) Educational Trust was established in 2011 to support learners at Peterborough and Stamford Colleges. The fund is supported by donations from the Group and the local community.

The trust fund awards scholarships and bursaries in four categories:

1. Vocational, academic or sporting excellence
2. Overcoming a barrier to learning
3. Young people not in education, employment or training
4. Financial barriers to education

Details of the criteria for each category are given on the following pages.

All applications will be considered by the Trustees. Awards of up to **£5,000** will be made annually. Awards will not normally be made to the same individual in a subsequent year.

Please note that the trustees have limited funds and cannot guarantee that every application is awarded.



## Category 1 - Vocational, Academic or Sporting Excellence

### How to qualify?

Students will need to provide evidence of excellence in the chosen area of study. This might be in the form of grades achieved in previous exams or recognition of achievements outside of college.

Examples of this could be:

- Sport - representing either college in your sport at a regional or national competition. Support towards entry fees, kit, travel, accommodation or memberships
- Arts - exhibition of work completed
- Music - public performances
- Media/Journalism - publication of work submissions
- Construction & Engineering - work experience reference
- Care - voluntary work

Applicants who have started work could submit evidence from their employer.

This is not an exhaustive list and applications demonstrating evidence of ourstanding achievement is always welcome.

### How to apply

Please click [HERE](#) for the application form.

## Category 2 - Overcoming a Barrier to Learning

### How to qualify?

A barrier to learning is anything that prevents students from fully engaging in learning.

Some examples of expenses that could be paid for are, transport to and from College and special equipment that you may need to overcome your barrier to learning.

### How to apply

Please click [HERE](#) for the application form. If support is required to complete the form, let the college know for assistance. Alternatively, the form can be completed by another person on your behalf.



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## Category 3 - Young People (Under 19) Not in Education, Employment or Training

### How to qualify?

For potential students, if aged 19 and under and have not been in education, employment or training for the last 6 months the fund can help. This category is intended to assist individuals to re-engage with education and training.

### How to apply

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## Case studies

### Vernon Horne - Sports Student

I started my education at Deepings and came to Peterborough College, looking to progress my rugby career. I received a lot of support from the College, financially and just simple good advice, all to help me progress.

Following on from this, I was then selected by Bob Crooks at Cambridge to be part of the Elite Development Programme for highly talented young players. I then made it into an England schoolboy squad as well.

Before I made the move to Australia I was playing for Peterborough Lions. We had a successful season winning promotion, a great curtain call for the club and myself. Lewis Capes as a mentor is definitely something that put me on the right path! He gave me every bit of advice I could wish for.

I flew out to Australia in the May and began my professional career. The club I play for is called Guyra and is located in the New South Wales area, between Brisbane and Sydney. I would definitely recommend the College and the rugby academy to anyone, not just for helping to develop me as a player but as a student.



Vernon Horne

### Mohammed Mahmood - Access to Higher Education Student

I completed high school in my home country of Iraq but unfortunately had to leave due to the troubles. I had always hoped to finish my studies and came to England to start a new life and seek new opportunities.

As soon as my residency status permitted, I sought employment on a part time basis and commenced my studies at Peterborough College on a functional skills course. I am now on my way to completing the Access to Computing with Business course and have been offered a place at each of the five universities I applied to study Business Economics.

Without the support of Peterborough College and the IEG Educational Trust, I would not have been able to obtain the qualifications and experience I need to fulfil my dream of running my own export business.



Mohammed Mahmood



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