

We are delighted to announce a new bursary scheme has been founded for Year 13 students from Monmouth Comprehensive. This bursary is to support students interested in studying business related courses as a post- 18 pathway, either at a Further or Higher Education institution.

This bursary is established in memory of Roddy Thomson, offered by The Talent Foundry in partnership with M&G plc.

The bursary will support students studying in Monmouthshire, where Roddy grew up and was Head Boy at Monmouth Comprehensive School and left a lasting impression.

### **What is the Roddy Thomson Memorial Bursary?**

This is a three-year financial bursary which will be awarded to Monmouth Comprehensive students on an annual basis.

The bursary is not restricted to a specific course or degree, but the subject you study is restricted to business studies, which could include subjects like economics, business management, accounting, entrepreneurship.

A bursary could provide a contribution towards tuition fees/course fees, IT equipment to help you study, academic textbooks, travel to place of study. For example, a bursary could provide up to £2,000 contribution, per year, for up to three years of study.

The Memorial Bursary Fund is managed by M&G's charity partner, The Talent Foundry, an education charity which works in schools to improve social mobility across the UK.

### **Am I eligible to apply?**

To make an application for the Roddy Thomson Memorial Bursary, you must be in Year 13 at Monmouth Comprehensive and have been recommended by your teacher to apply. The following eligibility criteria must also apply:

- Aged 17-25 years old (From Year 13 onwards)
- Committed to pursuing a career in business, either by gaining a business qualification or a degree at university
- Require financial support to take up a further or higher education opportunity.

### **How do I apply?**

To make an application you must submit a 500 word essay, via this application form, with an accompanying teacher recommendation.

Essay topic:

Why are you interested in studying business and what would a bursary help you to achieve?

Essays will be judged on:

- relevance to the subject matter
- creativity and ideas

- insights about business

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to take part in a virtual 30-minute interview with The Talent Foundry.

Applicants will need the agreement of a teacher from your school to act as a sponsor for you and to be a point of contact for The Talent Foundry throughout the application process. Before completing this form, please check you have the consent of your teacher to share their contact details with us

**Please submit your application to us by noon on Monday 30 January 2023 to be considered for the bursary.**

**General information:**

<https://www.talentfoundry.org.uk/educators/programmes/programme.php?id=rodny-thomson-memorial-bursary-23>

**Click here to access and complete the Application form:** [Roddy Thomson Memorial Bursary Application Form \(zohopublic.com\)](#)

If you have any questions as you are completing this form, please get in touch with Jasmine Phull (Programme Co-ordinator) or Cate Smith (Head of Programmes).

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