

As required by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), we are publishing this statement explaining how we will use the 16-19 tuition fund allocated to the College.

What is the 16-19 Tuition Fund?

The [16 to 19 tuition fund](#) is being provided by the government to support small group tuition for students in GCSE English, maths, and A level/vocational courses where learning has been disrupted due to Covid. We are only permitted to use this money to support students who

- have not achieved a grade 4 or 5 in English and/or maths.
- have a grade 4 or above in English and/or maths, are from an economically disadvantaged background and need catch-up support. These are defined as students from the 27% most economically deprived areas of the country based on the index of multiple deprivation.

How is the College using this Fund?

- Students who are **resitting GCSE English and/or maths** will be offered additional tuition in groups of three or less on a weekly basis from January. They are already taught in small groups, and have an additional period per week with their teacher on top of the normal timetable hours.
- Eligible students who are **struggling with A level or vocational subjects** will be identified and offered additional support from subject teachers at the College. This year the fund allows for additional support to be provided to **high achieving disadvantaged students** (i.e. those who achieved more than a 5 in GCSE English and/or maths).
- Eligible students who are **struggling with their study skills** will be identified and offered additional support from our Study Support team.
- The Study Support team will review the support provided to eligible students with **special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)**. Where it is deemed helpful, additional sessions will be provided to support them. This may also include support to catch up on skills and learning that are important for their preparation for adulthood.
- Students from a **disadvantaged background who are struggling to keep up with the Prospects Diploma** (our in-house employability program) will be provided additional support by a member of staff.

The additional support sessions will be delivered face to face or online using Google Meet, in groups of five or less. In exceptional circumstances this may be extended to up to 7 students.

Wherever possible we will be paying for more hours from existing staff, but may approach teachers who have worked for us in the past. Only as a last resort will we buy in a service from a third-party provider.

Our plan is to get additional tuition up and running as soon as we have been able to identify students who need it. In some cases this might be as early as the second half of term 1. If this is not possible, we plan to have as much running as possible from January 2022.