

16-19 Tuition Fund

The Government has introduced the 16 to 19 tuition fund which is a £96 million of one-off funding for the 2020 to 2021 academic year only. It is ring fenced funding for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus (COVID-19).

Our share of this funding is £6486.

The guidance related to the fund means that;

- Only learners who do not have 5-9 passes in either or both English and Maths GCSE at the end of KS4 can be supported by this fund.
- The school should prioritise support for students who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or maths.
- The Fund is not limited to supporting GCSE Maths and English but can be for any aim in the learner's programme of study.
- The need for support will be determined and agreed between the eligible learners and staff.
- Typically support will be in the form of small group tuition with a planned ratio of 1:3 (we will limit the ratio at 1:5) over and above the teaching timetabled for that subject.
- This small group support may take place in the school or may be held remotely.
- The support will either be provided from staff members working extra hours (for example school holidays) or be provided by external providers either during the school day or outside of regular school hours.

Small group rationale;

According to the EEF, small group tuition is defined as one teacher or professional educator working with two to five pupils together in a group. This will enable the teacher to focus exclusively on a small number of learners to ensure effective progress, or to teach challenging topics or skills that have not been mastered as a result of departmental catch up plans. Overall, evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, the smaller the group the better.