

THE 16-19 TUITION FUND

The Government has made available, to post 16 providers, a total of £96 million. It is a one-off fund for 2020/21 to support students whose learning has been adversely disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The McAuley Sixth Form has access to approximately £4000.

WHAT IS THE 16-19 TUITION FUND FOR?

The funding is to support students aged 16 to 19 and will be used **mainly for small group tuition**. It can be used for other types of support depending on the needs of the students involved.

The funding is to provide support beyond the normal timetabled provision. Funding will therefore be directed to support offered in 'STUDY' periods or 'twilight' sessions. Support maybe delivered remotely or in school as appropriate and in accordance with government restrictions.

HOW ARE STUDENTS IDENTIFIED?

- Students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme and have not achieved grade 5 or above in GCSE maths and/or English,
- students identified, by the sixth form team, as those who have been adversely affected by the pandemic and would benefit most from small group support.
- Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) where they have experienced additional disruption to learning as a result of their specific needs and disabilities to help them catch up with their studies.

HOW WILL THE FUNDING BE USED?

Support can be delivered in a variety of ways as students involved have a say on the nature of support that they feel will benefit them most. It may be directed to students with Level 4 or below in English and/or maths but is not limited to these students or subjects. For example:

- 1:1 or small group sessions group sizes will be as small as possible; rarely exceeding 5 students and never exceeding 10
- physical resources, including ICT, to be used in conjunction with small group tuition
- pro-rata funding towards the recruitment of a Sixth Form Graduate Intern

MONITORING

Progress of the Tuition Fund cohort will be tracked using existing processes to help determine the effectiveness of the support; which will be modified as required. Usage of the funding allocation itself will be monitored and the ESFA will be notified of any underspend for it to be reclaimed as per the guidance referred to below.

MORE INFORMATION

More information about the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund can be found via guidance released by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The full guidance can be accessed here.