

South & City College Birmingham - 16-19 Tuition Fund Statement

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused wide, ranging disruption to learning in the 2019-20 academic year. In response to this the ESFA has made available an additional £96 million of one-off funding, *the 16-19 Tuition fund*, for the 2020 to 2021 academic year only. The fund 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).

The College is using its 16-19 Tuition Fund allocation to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students. Tuition groups will comprise of no more than five students and the tuition sessions will be scheduled in addition to the planned programme of study hours already timetabled for the academic year 2020/21. The College will prioritise students that will benefit most from small group tuition and have particular regard to the requirements of disadvantaged students and students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Although the actual tuition does not need to be for GCSE English or maths, the students supported all need to be those who had not achieved grade 5 or above in at least one of those subjects at this level by age 16. All supported students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme.

Examples of some of the Tuition Support on offer will include

- GCSE exam re-sit preparation
- Vocational deferred assessment preparation
- Vocational knowledge and skills catch-up sessions

Implementation

To deliver the additional tuition, South and City College Birmingham has taken the following approach:

- Recruited a number of casual tutors across our college to work with students in small groups to support teaching and learning;
- Increased the hours of some existing staff;
- Developed new learning resources to aid delivery to small groups
- Identified eligible learners and created a process to record the additional support

The College's commitment

The College is committed to ensuring the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 tuition fund by:

- recording the use of the fund, including references to individual students who receive support, the needs of those students, the number of hours of tuition delivered and retain the evidence of the tuition provided
- delivering the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2020/21
- notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed