

## **16-19 Tuition Fund Statement**

### **Kirklees College statement on how it is using the 16-19 Tuition Fund from September 2021**

The ESFA has made funding available to colleges to support students who have had their learning affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. The Tuition Fund is ring-fenced for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus.

The funding can be used to provide small group tuition for 16-19-year olds on a study programme where their learning has been disrupted and they have a GCSE Maths and/or English grade of 4 or below at age 16. Although the support is targeted based on prior attainment in maths/English, the funding is not limited to support in these subjects, and will be provided according to need across a variety of subjects. It is also for students who have a grade 4 or English and/or maths, are from an economically disadvantaged background and would 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.

Support is being prioritised where students will benefit most from small group tuition for learners who typically have significant gaps in their Maths and/or English knowledge and skills, as well as supporting learners in other subjects, learning and skills, where support is required to ensure they reach their full potential.

The intent is to support specific skills, knowledge and understanding with the impact being that learners make good progress in their study programme, enabling effective transition to the next stage of their learning or employment. In some instances, the fund may be used to provide additional tutorial sessions or Study Mentor support to further enhance positive behaviours for learning through the development of resilience skills as well supporting the wellbeing of the identified students with the impact being they are able to fully engage with the available academic support.

Tuition will be scheduled in addition to the planned programme of study hours already timetabled for the academic year 2021/22. Tuition and additional support may be delivered using a blend of online and on-site delivery.

### **Examples of some of the support that Kirklees College will be offering are:**

- GCSE resit preparation
- Functional skills assessment preparation
- Vocational support where assessments were deferred
- Vocational catch-up sessions for knowledge and practical skills development
- 1 to 1 study skills sessions to support academic progress.
- Support for SEND and High Needs Students
- SEND support to catch up on vocational and academic skills and skills and learning that are important for preparation for adulthood

## **Implementation**

Kirklees College will use the funding as follows:

- Recruiting a number of tutors and Study Support Mentors across the college to work with students in small groups to support teaching and learning.
- Increasing the hours of some existing tutors and learning support staff.
- Small groups will contain no more than 5 learners (or 7 learners in exceptional circumstances).
- Run 1 to 1 or small group sessions in addition to the existing timetabled hours, where appropriate and beneficial to the learner.
- Run additional skills development sessions out of term time.
- Support will be offered and provided based on the individual needs of each student.

## **Kirklees College commitment**

The College is committed to a no detriment approach to learners, to ensure no student is disadvantaged by the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The College will ensure that the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund by:

- Producing this statement setting out how the fund will be used to support the most disadvantaged students.
- Publishing this statement on the College website.
- 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 retaining the evidence of the tuition provided.
- Delivering the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2021/22
- Notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.