

## 16 to 19 tuition fund Academic Year 20/21



# Education & Skills Funding Agency

## “COVID Catch Ups”

### Support for Students

The college is pleased to announce the tuition fund that was used to support small groups of 16-19 year old students in English, maths and other subject areas is continuing into academic year 21/22. The fund continues to be targeted at those who have not achieved a grade of a 4 or above in English or Maths GCSE or those learners with specific needs or disabilities who had had their studies interrupted. The fund has now broadened the eligibility to include economic disadvantage in addition to low prior attainment in academic year 2021 to 2022. Allowing us to support students from economically deprived areas, who would need catch-up support even if they have attained the grade 4 or above in maths and English. These will be defined as students from the 27% most economically deprived areas of the country based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation

The college has decided the most effective way to support its learners is through a variety of measures linked to a mix of programmes and levels. All students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme and the funding will be used to support the tuition activity above and beyond the programmes of education already planned. Some areas will focus on additional workshop time that could not be replicated during lockdown, others will revisit theory and vocational specific knowledge that learners demonstrate gaps in. Maths and English will also be widely used for a number of learners requiring further support. SEND and Widening Participation learners will be prioritised and supported as a result of the programme. Students aged 19 to 24 who have an education, health and care (EHC) plan are also eligible for support.

Taking into account students' needs and local circumstances including students we will prioritise:

- who have had disrupted learning, for example on vocational courses where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown
- who may benefit from small group tuition to reach their full potential

### Group sizes for Academic year 21/22

- small groups of up to 5 students, in exceptional circumstances this may be extended to up to 7 students.

We will monitor all provision being mindful of the quality of provision when extending group up to 7. This will only be done where workshop space is at a premium, if the absence of a member of staff requires the merger of 2 existing groups on a temporary basis or where a specialist staff member has limited availability.

### **Quality of provision**

Tutorial Catch Ups will continue to be monitored through SMT and checked for quality. Lessons will continue to be taught by teaching or support staff with the required specialist knowledge to target the skills and knowledge support our students require.

Training and tutor support are in place to increase the effectiveness of small group tutoring, to ensure the best possible outcomes for students.

The college will record all students in receipt of activity funded by the tuition fund in the individualised learner record (ILR). In addition to this the college will record how the funding has been utilised, including reference to the individual students that receive the support, the needs of those students, the number of hours of tuition delivered, and retain the necessary evidence of the tuition provided and additional cost.