

16-19 Tuition Fund | Walsall Studio School

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is a £96 million one-off fund for the 2020 to 2021 academic year only. It is ring fenced funding for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted. For example, vocational courses where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown.

Walsall Studio School is receiving approximately £20,000 additional to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted. For example, vocational courses where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown.

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.

Eligibility for support and target groups

Students attending Walsall Studio School, who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or maths will be prioritised with this funding. However, we will also consider whether any of our students taking specialist vocational programmes with a grade 4 could be allocated catch up support.

We will use funding to support small group tuition to maximise progress. Sixth form students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), will also be a major target of the funding, particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning because of their specific needs and disabilities. Sessions will be limited to tailored groups of three to five students and will be above and beyond normal timetabled hours. Students will be prioritised for small group tuition based on the guidance released by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The full guidance can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-funding-16-to-19-tuition-fund>

Mathematics and English catch-up support sessions will be prioritised for those students:

- who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or mathematics
- with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan
- with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning as a result of their specific needs and disabilities
- who will benefit most from small group tuition

Vocational support sessions including study skills support will be prioritised for those students:

- where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown
- with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan
- who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or mathematics

If our funding allocation allows, support may also be provided for those students who have achieved a grade 4 in GCSE maths and/or English by age 16.

Eligible learners will receive approximately fifteen hours of small group tuition over the course of the academic year supported by our newly appointed 16-19 Academic Mentor.

The 15 hours of support will be given in 15 x 1-hour blocks. Learners will be grouped into groups that are no larger than 5 to receive this bespoke support. A diagnostic assessment will be undertaken prior to support starting. The support will run in two blocks post October half-term (2020) and the second post-Christmas (Spring 2021).