

16-19 Tuition Funding

South Essex College will utilise its 16-19 tuition fund allocation to support students whose studies have been adversely affected by disruption to their learning arising from coronavirus (COVID 19) during the 2019-20 academic year due. It will be used to support the tuition activity above and beyond the programmes of education already planned for 2020 to 2021.

The funding will be used flexibly to provide 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 or where students have been unable to develop the required practical skills to support learning at the next level. Students supported will include those on study programmes who have not achieved grade 5 or above in at least one of either GCSE English or maths by age 16.

The College will prioritise support for students who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or maths. However, will consider any young people with a grade 4 also need catch up support within the funding allocation received. The College will also review the needs of students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), who have experienced additional disruption to learning as a result of their specific needs and disabilities and will include these students in the catch up sessions where appropriate.

Students will be identified for suitability for catch up funding by reviewing their outcomes on entry, current programme RAG ratings and SEND records. The rationale will be to prioritise these students for the catch up funding in line with the 16 – 19 Tuition Fund Guidance.

Consideration will be given to approaches that will be most effective for students in different areas across the College and taking into account students' needs and local circumstances.

Examples of support on offer will include:

- GCSE exam re-sit preparation
- Functional skills assessment preparation
- Exam and controlled assessment preparation
- Vocational skills and knowledge catch-up sessions

The College will timetable sessions in addition to the planned programme of study hours already timetabled for the academic year 2020/21. Sessions will comprise of no more than five students. The sessions will be delivered by teachers and support staff with the relevant skills and experience. Sessions may be delivered using a blend of online and in-college delivery and will all be subject to the College's quality assurance processes.