

16-19 Tuition Funding 2021/22 Academic Year

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 2020/21 academic year. It will be used to support the tuition activity above and beyond the programmes of education already planned for 2021/22.

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 students have been unable to develop the required practical skills to support learning at the next level and/or where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown or inability to gain the required level of practical skills.

Students supported will include 16-19 year olds and students aged 19-24 who have an education, health and care plan (EHCP) and who are on a 16-19 study programme. Eligible learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly those who have experienced additional disruption to learning because of their specific needs, will also be supported to catch up on vocational skills and learning that are important for their preparation for adulthood.

The College will prioritise support for students who have not achieved a grade 4 or 5 in English and/or maths, have a grade 4 or above in English and/or maths, and/or are from an economically disadvantaged background and require catch up support. 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, the index of multiple deprivation, 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 and technical skills and knowledge catch-up sessions.
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The College will timetable sessions in addition to the planned programme of study hours already timetabled for the academic year 2021/22. Sessions will comprise of no more than seven 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.