

Southmoor Academy Sixth Form's 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 ringfenced 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.

Support is being prioritised where students will benefit most from small group tuition, and particular regard is being given to the requirements of disadvantaged students and students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The Sixth Form has committed to using the Tuition Fund that the ESFA has made available, sessions will be limited to no more than 5 students and will take place in addition to the normal planned timetabled hours.

The Sixth Form will use the funding as follows:

- Recruiting a number of tutors across our college to work with students in small groups to support teaching and learning.
- Run 1 to 1 or small group sessions in addition to the existing timetabled hours.
- Support will be offered and provided based on the individual needs of each student.

Southmoor Academy Sixth Form commitment:

- The Sixth Form is committed to ensuring 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 Sixth Form 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.