

## THE 16-19 TUITION FUNDING 2023/2024

The Department of Education continues to offer funding to support students whose learning was disrupted as a result of the COVID pandemic. This 16-19 Tuition Fund is available to all 16 to 19 providers. This fund is targeted at students in most need, offering small group tuition to recover lost learning. All students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme or T Level. The funding should be used to support tuition above and beyond what is already set out in the planned educational activity of the programme. The following students are eligible for tuition via the 16 to 19 tuition fund:

- students who have not achieved a grade 6 in GCSE English and/or GCSE maths at age 16 and would need catch-up support
- students from the 27% most economically deprived areas of the country (based on the index of multiple deprivation) and would need catch-up support
- students who are economically disadvantaged who meet the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund eligibility criteria and would need catch-up support to reach their full potential will be eligible, even where their prior attainment is high
- students aged 19 to 24 who have an education, health, and care (EHC) plan are also eligible for support, subject to meeting the eligibility for the fund

When identifying who needs support through the tuition fund, we as an academy will prioritise students who have not achieved a grade 4 in GCSE maths and/or English in the first instance via:

- small groups and one to one tuition
- tuition in English, maths/other academic subjects
- tuition in non-academic subjects, such as exam preparation
- tuition in vocational courses

Small groups are defined as:

- up to 5 students
- in exceptional circumstances, you may extend this to up to 7 students

Examples of exceptional circumstances include:

- 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
- where a specialist staff member has limited availability

In addition to general activities supported by the fund, for eligible SEND students and those with EHC plans aged 19 to 24, we as an academy can also use the fund to provide pastoral support including mental health and wellbeing.

You should have regard to the needs of SEND students, particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning because of their specific needs and disabilities.

You may choose to use this funding to support eligible learners with SEND to catch up on vocational and academic skills, and skills and learning that are important for their preparation for adulthood.

Expenditure for additional activities for SEND students and those with EHC plans must have a well-defined rationale with clear evidence of need that is justifiable and relevant to the additional disruption experienced by the student.

### **New eligible spend for 2023 to 2024**

As an academy we may use up to a maximum of 10% of your tuition fund spend for direct costs to deliver tuition fund in addition to actual staff costs. We must only spend this on items listed below:

- room hire where there is a need to hire rooms from a third party
- attendance management
- materials necessary for delivering tuition support, for example wood for joinery tuition
- costs incurred due to short notice cancellation of a tutoring session due to circumstances outside the institution's control. We expect that this will only apply to sessions that are cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice
- preparation time for delivering tuition

**Examples of some of the support WMG Academy for Young Engineering will be offering are:**

- GCSE resit preparation
- Maths and English topic support through designated on a 1:5 basis
- GCSE revision workshops & assessment preparation support
- Academic skills support and development

**The funding will be used as follows:**

- Run 1 to 1 or small group sessions in addition to the existing timetabled hours.
- Procurement of equipment and resources to support learners at home. e.g. revision books and or online subscriptions.
- Support will be offered and provided based on the individual needs of each student.

WMG Academy for Young Engineers 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 Academy 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 2023/24
- Notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.

Full guidance on the 16-19 tuition fund can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-tuition-fund-for-academic-year-2023-to-2024/16-to-19-tuition-fund-2023-to-2024>