

Aldercar high Post-16: 16-19 Tuition Fund Statement (October 2021)

What is the 16-19 fund?

The 16-19 tuition fund is funding for the 2021/22 academic year that is ring fenced for Sixth Forms to support students and mitigate disruption to learning arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding is being used to provide small group tuition for those students who have not achieved a grade 4 in maths and/or English in the first instance. We may also subsequently provide tuition on the basis of a student not having received a grade 5 in maths and/or English. When identifying who needs support from the tuition fund on the basis of economic disadvantage, we have taken into account individual needs of students, for example, providing tuition to assist high achieving disadvantaged students to reach their full potential, in addition to supporting other students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

We have considered what support will be most suitable for our students and have considered students:-

- who have had disrupted learning, for example on vocational courses where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown
- who may benefit from small group tuition to reach their full potential

Examples of disruption that our students have faced/may face include assessments being deferred due to lockdown or self-isolation, falling behind in their learning due to long/multiple periods of self-isolation and not being able to complete external examinations due to positive COVID-19 cases.

How Aldercar High Post-16 will use the 16-19 tuition fund

Tuition groups will comprise up to five students, on rare occasions this will be up to 7 and the tuition sessions will be scheduled in addition to the planned programme of study hours already timetabled for the academic year 2020/22.

Tuition and additional support may be delivered using a blend of online and on-campus delivery.

Examples of the Tuition Support on offer to include:

- GCSE exam re-sit preparation
- Functional skills assessment preparation
- Small group tuition in biology to account for low progress
- Small group tuition in engineering to develop practical skills missed in lockdown.

Additional sessions will be delivered by teaching staff currently employed at Aldercar High School. The support offered will be based on an individual needs assessment, the identification of an individual starting point, clear learning goals, expectations and outcomes.

In addition Post-16 will continue to be supplied with laptops where needed to ensure that they can access any future remote learning sessions and help to remove barriers to learning.

Our commitment

The College is committed to ensuring 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
- 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 retain evidence of the tuition provided
- deliver the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2021/22
- publishing this guidance on the schools website
- notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed
- Rolling forward the ringfenced amount of £3277 carried forward from 2020/21 to be included in spending this year.