

16 to 19 funding: 16 to 19 Tuition Fund

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is £96 million of one-off funding for the 2020 to 2021 academic year only. It is ring fenced funding for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus (COVID-19). The funding is being provided to support 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. Although the actual tuition does not need to be for GCSE English or maths, the students supported all need to be those who had not achieved grade 5 or above in at least one of those subjects at this level by age 16. All supported students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme.

Activities:

Activity	Description	Number of students	Number of sessions	Costs	Evaluation
English Grade 4 booster class	Small group work for those without Grade 4 in English literature or language	4	2 hours	£2472	2/4 already gained grade 4 (Nov series)
Maths Grade 4 booster class	Small group work for those without Grade 4 in maths	10	2 hours	£2472	4/10 already gained grade 4 (Nov series)
HUB sessions	Small after school group work for those who have fallen behind	7	4 hours (CDA)	£4944	4/7 students caught up during the HUBs after the first lockdown
Admin	Organisation of groups, registering, additional timetables etc			£400 est.	
Total				£10288	

Extra teachers were hired in year to secure the programme and the proportion of their salary is the average teaching cost per lesson in the academy.

Conclusion

Open Academy have decided to use this funding to ensure that students have the additional face to face support they need with key staff. The key objective of raising students to grade 4 has been very successful initially. 50% of students gained English at grade 4 in the first term (NA 31.9%) and 40% of students gained maths at grade 4 (NA 22.3%).

NB the NA figures are from 2019 and show the percentage over the entire year rather than just the first term. Also with grade inflation from algorithm this would suggest that the national averages should fall this year.