

16-19 Tuition Fund

This statement sets out how Rivers Academy will use its 16 to 19 tuition fund allocation to support students who have been academically disadvantaged due to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

What is the 16-19 Tuition Fund?

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is an additional, one off allocation of funding for the 2021/22 academic year that is ring fenced for the sixth form to mitigate disruption to learning arising from the Covid-19 pandemic

Who can be supported by this fund?

The funding is being provided to support small group tuition for students who are aged 16-19 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 have 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 the age of 16. All supported students need to be on a 16 to 19 study programme. We will prioritise support for students who have not achieved a grade 4+ in English and/or Maths. Students will benefit from small group tuition and we will also have regard to the needs of the students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning as a result of their specific needs and disabilities. The funding will be used to support the tuition activity above and beyond the programmes of education already planned for 2021 to 2022.

How will Rivers Academy be using the fund?

In accordance with the conditions laid out by the fund the Academy will:

- Offer additional support sessions for small groups of students.
- Use the sessions for small group and 1:1 tuition in English, Maths and vocational learning for 16-19 year olds learners.
- Provide this tuition in addition to the planned study programme hours.
- Employ additional staff to deliver these sessions

Our commitment

The Academy 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
- Publishing this guidance 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 retain the evidence of the tuition provided.
- Deliver the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2021/22
- Notify the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the fund for it to be reclaimed.