

Thomas More 16 to 19 tuition fund strategy

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is a one-off payment for the 2020 to 2021 academic year only with the purpose to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus (COVID-19). We will use this funding to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students in English and Maths where learning has been disrupted.

We are prioritising support for students who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or maths. Further to those students and subject to available resources, we will identify any students with a grade 4 who may benefit from additional catch up support.

Catch up tuition will be provided in small groups, typically 2 or 3 students, with a focus on personalised learning and individualised feedback. The aim of the tuition is to close the skills and knowledge gap which widened significantly during the school closure period due to the pandemic.

In Maths the key subject content covered will include numerical methods such as fractions, reverse percentage, standard form and significant figures; algebraic methods including forming, rearranging and solving simple equations; geometric reasoning and trigonometry.

In English the key subject content will be to cover the English language skills needed for GCSE Edexcel papers 1 and 2 Fiction and Non Fiction. These include evaluative skills and comparison as well as developing students' writing skills including sentence structure, paragraphing, connectives and developing vocabulary.

We have identified a total of sixteen students who are eligible for this catch up.

Eight pupils require support in English, five pupils require support in Maths and three require support in both subjects. These pupils are studying predominately for BTEC courses with a small number also studying at least one A-level course. Four of the students are classed as English as a Second Language and consequently alongside support with GCSE English resit they are receiving specialist language support. The pupils' average GCSE prior attainment is approximately 3.4.

Further information regarding this funding is available at the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-funding-16-to-19-tuition-fund>