Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School's statement on the planned use of the 16-19 Tuition Fund from September 2021

The ESFA has made funding available to colleges to support students who have had their learning affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. The Tuition Fund is ring-fenced for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus.

The funding can be used to provide small group tuition for 16-19 year olds on a study programme where their learning has been disrupted and they have a GCSE Maths and / or English grade of 4 or below at age 16. Although the support is targeted based on prior attainment in maths/English, the funding is not limited to support in these subjects and will be provided according to need.

Support is being prioritised where students will benefit most from small group tuition, and particular regard is being given to the requirements of disadvantaged students and students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

We have committed to using the Tuition Fund that the ESFA has made available. Sessions will be limited to no more than 5 students and will take place in addition to the normal planned timetabled hours.

ESFA guidance related to the Tuition Fund is available here

Examples of some of the support that the school will be offering are:

- GCSE resit preparation
- Support for SEND and High Needs Students
- Vocational support where assessments were deferred
- Vocational catch-up sessions for knowledge and practical skills development

Implementation

The school will use the funding as follows:

- Securing tutoring for students yet to secure a grade 4 in English and/or Maths
- Running small group sessions in addition to the existing timetabled hours.
- Support will be offered and provided based on the individual needs of each student.

We are 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 school 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 2021/22



