

16 to 19 Tuition Fund 2021-22

The purpose of this statement is to set out how St. Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College will use its 16 to 19 tuition fund allocation to support students who have been academically disadvantaged due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is ring-fenced for schools, colleges and other 16-19 providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). Specifically, it will be used to support small group tuition for students in English, mathematics and other courses where learning has been disrupted.

How will St. Francis Xavier use the 16 to 19 tuition fund?

The College is committed to ensuring that the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance by providing small group tuition for students aged 16 to 19 on a study programme who have not yet achieved a grade 5 or above in GCSE English and/or maths. Additionally, any student who has achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE English and maths and is from an economically disadvantaged background as defined by the Index of Multiple Deprivation will also be eligible to receive small group tuition. The provision will not be limited to tuition for English and maths, but will also be used to help students progress in other courses such as in vocational or A level courses. Those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) will also be supported by this provision.

Tuition support offered will be based on an individual needs assessment as identified through an appropriate diagnostic assessment, in the first instance. The funds will primarily be used to appoint appropriately qualified staff to run the groups alongside existing staff who will be remunerated for providing "catch up" sessions beyond the hours of the existing timetable.

Tuition groups will comprise of no more than seven students and the tuition sessions will be scheduled in addition to the planned programme of study hours already timetabled for the academic year 2020/21. Tuition and additional support may be delivered using a blend of online and in-person delivery and aims to improve levels of progress and achievement.

Examples of some of the small group tuition support on offer will include:

- GCSE English and mathematics high impact exam re-sit preparation
- BTEC/CTEC assessment preparation
- Vocational coursework "catch-up" sessions
- Subject-specific A level exam preparation
- General exam skills