



Plume Academy 16 to 19 Tuition Fund Statement

September 2023

Small Group Tuition Funding

The Department of Education announced funding to support students whose learning was disrupted as a result of the COVID pandemic. This 16-19 Tuition Fund is available to all 16 to 19 providers such as Plume College and is ring-fenced for 16 to 19 small group tuition only.

The funding can be used to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted. The guidance indicates that the supported students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme and who have not achieved grade 6 or above in GCSE maths and/or English by age 16. All will be on a 16 to 19 study programme.

The subjects covered in the tuition will not be limited to English and maths but will be identified according to need and existing programmes.

Plume Academy commits to using the small group tuition funding that it has been given to mitigate against the impact of the pandemic on our study programme students. Sessions will be limited to three to five students per group and will be above and beyond normal timetabled hours. Students will be prioritised for small group tuition based on the guidance released by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

The full guidance can be accessed [here](#).

The following students are eligible for tuition via the 16 to 19 tuition fund:

- students that have not achieved a grade 6 in GCSE English and/or GCSE maths at age 16 and would need catch-up support
- students from the 27% most economically deprived areas of the country (based on the index of multiple deprivation) and would need catch-up support
- students that are economically disadvantaged who meet the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund eligibility criteria and would need catch-up support to reach their full potential will be eligible, even where their prior attainment is high
- Plume Academy prioritise tuition for those students who have not achieved a grade 4 in GCSE maths and/or English in the first instance.

Examples of some of the Tuition Support on offer will include:

- Small groups and one to one tuition
- Tuition in English, maths/other academic subjects
- Tuition in non-academic subjects, such as exam preparation
- Tuition in vocational courses

Tuition Support offered will be based on individual needs, the identification of an individual starting point, clear learning goals, expectations, and outcomes. This may include a mix of both teaching and learning support staff as appropriate.

Our commitment

Plume Academy is committed to ensuring the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 tuition funds by:

- producing this statement setting out how the fund will be used to support the most disadvantaged students.
- publishing this guidance on the Plume 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 2023/2024.
- notify the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.

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