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16-19 Tuition Fund 2021/22

What is the 16-19 Tuition Fund?

The Department of Education has allocated BGN the sum of £4942, plus £1964 carry forward to be spent on supporting students in this age group. The aim of this fund is to provide tuition to enable students to close gaps in learning, which arose from disruption caused to schooling when they were in Year 12. The criteria set by the DfE is that the money can be spent on providing tuition for students who have not achieved a grade 5 in GCSE English and/or Maths. It can also be used to support a student with serious health issues which impact on their ability to reach their full potential. We will also have regard to the needs of any students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning because of their specific needs and disabilities. Where relevant, we will also consider the economic background of students in determining their need.

How will the funding be spent?

BGN will prioritise students who, using the above criteria, and current progress data, will benefit from additional one to one tuition in one or more of their subjects (not including EPQ). We will be using several providers chosen according to the subject. For A Levels we will use https://www.mytutor.co.uk/ who offer one to one sessions of 55 minutes in length delivered by a current university student in that subject. Mytutor has an excellent record of delivering individualized support and claims that that on average, students improve their outcome by at least one A Level grade. Heads of Department will liaise with the tutor to direct them on the work they need to cover with the individual student. Sessions will then take place weekly in the LRC at a time convenient for the student and tutor but most likely immediately after school. Sessions are online and full safeguarding procedures are in place to protect both the student and the tutor. After each session, the tutor will upload a report of the session for Heads of Department to be able to see. Sessions will last for 10 weeks and it is expected that students attend every session and notify tutors in advance if they will not be able to attend so that the time can be rearranged.

We are currently looking for a similar tuition scheme for BTEC students.

How will the funding be accounted for?

A record of all students offered this support will be maintained by Key Stage 5 leaders and will evidence the criteria students meet, their tuition needs, the outcomes of each session and their attendance. If appropriate, BGN reserves the right to remove a student from the program if they do not attend a session without a valid reason.

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