

## 16 to 19 Tuition Fund

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 coronavirus (COVID-19).

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is a £96 million fund, ringed fenced for schools, colleges and other 16-19 providers to providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus (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 the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 tuition fund by providing small group tuition for students aged 16 to 19 who have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above in English and/or maths. The provision will not be limited to tuition for English and maths, but will also be used to help progressing students on vocational courses where assessment may have been deferred because of lockdown. Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) will also be supported by this provision.

Tuition groups will comprise of no more than five 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 exam re-sit preparation
- BTEC/CTEC assessment preparation
- Vocational coursework "catch-up" sessions
- Subject-specific exam preparation
- General exam skills

Tuition support offered will be based on an individual needs assessment as identified through an appropriate diagnostic assessment. 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.