

The 16-19 Tuition Fund

Ark St Alban's Academy

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is a Department for Education fund which is intended to support small group tuition for students aged 16 to 19 in English, maths and other subjects that have been disrupted by the pandemic.

It prioritises the following groups of pupils who have not achieved a grade 4 or 5 in GCSE English and/or maths. It also provides funding to support pupils who are from an economically disadvantaged background and would need catch-up support.

These are defined as students from the 27% most economically deprived areas of the country based on the index of multiple deprivation.

It is ring fenced funding for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students.

All supported students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme and have had their learning disrupted in 2019 to 2020 academic year from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

In the academic year 2020-21, Ark St Alban's Academy received £1,497 from this fund for small group tuition.

In September 2020, fourteen students at Ark St Alban's studying in sixth form had not yet been able to achieved at pass at grade 4 or higher in English or maths GCSE and all had their learning disrupted in the previous academic year due to Covid-related school closures.

The 16-19 Tuition Fund at Ark St Alban's Academy was invested in additional tutoring through an organisation called [Get Further](#). This tutoring supplemented the GCSE resit curriculum offered by the school to these students by providing weekly small-group tuition.

The provision for these pupils was continuous throughout instances of full or partial school closure, with sessions able to take place virtually.

The successful impact of this provision was evident in thirteen out of the fourteen pupils successfully achieving a grade 4 or above in GCSE English and/or maths, with only one pupil not able gain that passing grade due to the fact they were unable to attend school during the assessment window.

In the academic year 2021-22, Ark St Alban's Academy has opted-in to receive the 16-19 Tuition Fund.

In 2020-21, the academy is eligible to receive £19,517. This funding will be prioritised towards securing excellent outcomes in GCSE maths (for the six children in the sixth form who have not yet achieved a grade four or above) and in A-Level maths (where the entire cohort needs significant catch-up support).

The academy intends to invest in both of these groups of maths students an amount which goes beyond the £19,517 which has been made available and there are three strands to this investment:

- The academy is again partnering with [Get Further](#) to provide additional tutoring to the six children who have not yet achieved a grade 4 or higher in GCSE maths
- The GCSE resit cohort and some of the A-Level cohort are also receiving three hours per week of small group intervention led by an experienced teacher and tutor for whom this is their sole responsibility in this academic year.
- To support and guide the tutoring of the GCSE resit cohort, the academy has invested in the curriculum resources provided by the Connecting Maths Concepts programme

The impact of tuition fund will be measured in the outcomes achieved by pupils in their GCSE and A-Level qualifications next summer. However, leaders will monitor and evaluate the provision throughout the year, using interim assessments and mock exams as a reference point.

For further information about The 16-19 Tuition Fund or our GCSE resit provision at Ark St Alban's Academy, please email info@arkstalbans.org.

