

## The 16 to 19 Tuition Fund Academic Year 2023-24

The overall College policy is not to create one generic solution for every eligible student but instead to look at bespoke solutions for academic and vocational areas that had particular problems with incoming literacy or numeracy gaps. We feel that this targeted approach will bring the best value to our students.

DfE guidance sets out that funding provided to Hereford Sixth Form College via the Education and Skills Funding Agency 16-19 Tuition Fund to support catch-up resulting from lockdown, should be used to support students who:

- have not achieved a grade 5 or above in either GCSE English or Maths. The funding is to provide assistance for targeted students to complete their overall programmes successfully.
- have a grade 5 or above in English and/or maths, are from an economically disadvantaged background and would need catch-up support.

*Students economically disadvantaged are defined as students from the 27% most economically deprived areas of the country based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.*

All supported students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme and have had their learning disrupted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Approximately 20% of our students come from Welsh feeder schools, to ensure a fair distribution of the funding we will apply equivalent criteria to students with qualifications obtained in Wales.

Hereford Sixth Form College is using the funding to provide additional staffing to work specifically with identified groups of students. The targeted students include those eligible needing to catch up in English, Maths, GCSE and vocational Level 2 courses, in a range of A Level and other Level 3 courses. This tuition will be carried out by teaching staff.

In line with the DfE guidance, the programme of support might include help for eligible SEND students with study skills, additional subject-specific support, extra careers guidance e.g. preparation for higher education, apprenticeships or employment. This will be carried out by support staff.

There will be a mixture of one-to-one and small group support according to need. Although the majority of the support will commence in the Autumn term some of the support will commence in the Spring term.