

Statement relating to allocation and expenditure of the 16-19 Tuition Fund from September 2020

Background and Rationale

The ESFA has made funding available to colleges to support students who have had their learning adversely affected by the Coronavirus outbreak during the current academic year 2020-21. The “16-19 Tuition Fund” is ring-fenced for schools, colleges and all other 16-19 providers.

The funding has been allocated to provide targeted support for those students aged 16-19 on a study programme who have a GCSE Maths and/or English grade of 4 or below at age 16 and where gaps in their learning may have been exacerbated during the course of the pandemic.

Although based on prior attainment in maths and English, the funding is not limited to support in these subjects and will be provided according to need across a variety of curriculum areas.

The Vale Academy Commitment

The Vale is committed to using the ESFA Tuition Fund to provide additional support to students who meet the required criteria, with priority being given to those students who will benefit most from the planned intervention. Support will be offered and provided based on the individual needs of each student, with particular regard being given to the requirements of disadvantaged students and students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The focus will be on delivering one-to-one teaching or small-group support sessions, which will be limited to no more than five students. These sessions will take place in addition to the normal planned timetabled hours.

The funding will be used primarily to provide additional staff hours to enable intervention with students in small groups or on an individual basis to support teaching and learning.

The additional support sessions will focus on the following areas:

- GCSE resit preparation for Maths and English, delivered through a personalised support programme for each identified student;
- Examination revision workshops and assessment preparation support;
- General catch-up support involving academic skills development;
- Technical knowledge and skills support to aid mastery and make up for any shortfall from previous learning.
- Specialist Support to improve engagement for learners with SEND.

Accountability

The Vale Academy will ensure that the tuition fund is used in accordance with the ESFA guidance on use of the 16-19 Tuition Fund by:

- producing this statement setting out how the fund will be used to support the most disadvantaged students;
- publishing this statement on the 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 retaining the evidence of the tuition provided;

- delivering the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2020/21;
- notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.