

Supporting our students through the Covid-19 pandemic

16 to 19 Tuition Fund

We're here to give every student the support they need to successfully achieve their qualifications and progress to further training or employment.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on everyone and we need to ensure that young people receive all of the additional help they need to keep their education on track.

We know that some students will need a little extra help during the current academic year (2020/21) and that's where the 16-19 Tuition Fund comes in.

With this one-off funding, we'll **provide small group tuition for students aged 16 to 19 who have not yet achieved a grade 5 or above in English and/or maths.**

As well as English and maths, tuition will also help learners on vocational courses where catch-up is necessary, for example where assessment had to be deferred because of lockdown. Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - including those aged 19 to 24 who require additional tuition to help them catch up with their studies - will also be supported.

Gateshead College is committed to ensuring that support is planned and delivered in accordance with the Government's guidance on the [16 to 19 Tuition Fund](#).

Tuition will be one-to-one or in groups of usually no more than five students. Sessions will be scheduled in addition to the planned programme of study hours timetabled for the academic year 2020/21. Tuition and support will be delivered online, face-to-face or a combination of the two.

The support offered will be based on an assessment of learners' individual needs and we'll prioritise students who will benefit the most.

The type of support provided includes:

- Catch-up support for maths and English
- Supporting preparation for GCSE and Functional Skills exams and tests in maths and English

- Knowledge and/or practical skills catch-up for learners on vocational courses
- Preparation for a deferred assessment for learners on vocational courses
- Supporting the development of any other essential skills and knowledge where learning has been disrupted.