

## **Statement on the use of the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund 2021 to 2022 academic year (September 2021)**

NLTG has received 16-19 Tuition Fund support for the 2021 to 2022 academic year, to help mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus (COVID-19).

### **What is the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund?**

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is funding provided by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to enable small group tuition for 16-19-year-old students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted. Funding is specifically targeted to address the potential attainment gap caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in maths, English or other courses where learning has been disrupted due to COVID-19.

### **Who can be supported by this Fund?**

Eligible students must be aged 16-19 and

- have not achieved a grade 4 or 5 in English and/or maths
- have a grade 4 or above in English and/or maths, 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
- have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or those aged 19-24 who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.

### **How we will use the 16 to 19 Tuition funds**

This funding will be used to provide personalised support to students on our Study Programmes through small group tuition for specific cohorts of 16 to 19 students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted by the lockdown. In some cases, it will provide additional Progress tutorial sessions to further enhance personal development and progression opportunities for identified students. Additional pastoral support will be delivered to ensure the wellbeing of learners and allowing them to fully engage with the available academic support.

Support will be provided to these students in the form of additional one to ones and small group sessions of no more than 5 students delivered by maths and English specialists and study programme tutors.

In exceptional circumstances we may extend the number of students to 7 for example where:

- classroom space is at a premium
- if the absence of a member of staff requires the merger of 2 existing groups on a temporary basis or
- where a specialist staff member has limited availability.

The students requiring support will be identified through our initial assessment processes and progress monitoring throughout their duration on programme. The subjects covered in the tuition will not be limited to English and maths but will be identified according to need and existing programme.

Where subsequent ESFA guidance changes, this document may be updated to reflect any such changes.