Shooters Hill Sixth Form College 16 – 19 Tuition Fund Statement

This statement outlines the support Shooters Hill Sixth Form College will provide to students using the 16 to 19 tuition funds to help them recover lost learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns.

What is the 16-19 Tuition Fund?

The 16-19 tuition fund is an additional amount of funding provided by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to support students with additional catch-up tuition sessions who may have had their educational progress disrupted by the pandemic. The fund is being provided to support learners to catch up and close any gaps in their learning that may have been worsened by the COVID-19 lockdown. The fund will be used for small groups (maximum of 5) and /or 1:1 tuition in English, Maths, vocational and academic learning for 16 to 19-year-old learners (or up to 24 if they have an Education, Health and Care Plan). These tuition sessions will be in addition to the planned study programme hours.

Who will be eligible for support in 2022/23?

All students must be on a 16 to 19 study program and will be eligible for support if they are 16 -19 (or up to 24 if they have an Education Health and Care Plan), and:

* have not yet achieved a Grade 6 in GCSE English and/or Maths. This also includes students who have not achieved a Functional Skills Level 2 or equivalent in Maths and/or English.
* have a grade 6 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.
* Students that are economically disadvantaged who meet the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund eligibility criteria and would need catch up-support to reach their full potential, even when their prior attainment is high.

Particular consideration will also be given to students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and students with and Education, Health, Care Plan (EHCP) particularly where disruption to their education has been worsened by their individual needs.

**When there is a need to prioritise, who will access the Tuition Fund support priority will be given to students who do not yet have a Grade 4 in English and/or Maths in the first instance**.

What support will be offered?

Small group support sessions will be provided to no more than five students per group, focusing on areas where the students, identified as needing the support, have been disadvantaged due to the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting lockdowns. These sessions will be scheduled in addition to the planned hours of their programme that have already been timetabled for the 2022/23 academic year. The type of support offered will be based on an individual needs assessment of the student.

Examples of support provided include:

* Maths and English skills sessions
* GCSE revision workshops and Functional Skills assessment preparation support
* Sessions focussed on gaining technical knowledge (vocational study programs) which may have been missed during lockdown
* Academic skills support and development such as exam preparation and study skills sessions.
* Additional workshop sessions where workshop access was missed during lockdown

Shooters Hill Sixth Form College Commitment

Shooters Hill Sixth Form College is committed to providing support for students using the 16-19 tuition fund to remove potential attainment gaps created due to the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. This will be done in accordance with 16-19 education funding guidance alongside the 16-19 tuition fund guidance. To demonstrate its commitment and intent, Shooters Hill Sixth Form College will:

* make this statement to indicate how it plans to use the tuition fund
* publish this statement on the College website
* record the use of the funding, including reference to the individual students that receive the support, the needs of those students, the number of hours of tuition delivered, and retain the necessary evidence of the tuition provided
* deliver the extra tuition and spend the associated funding by the end of the 2022/23 academic year
* notify ESFA of any unspent funding from this fund for it to be reclaimed