

## **16-19 Tuition Fund statement for 2020-2021**

### **1. Introduction and summary**

- 1.1 The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has made a grant available to BSix Sixth Form College from its 16-19 Tuition Fund. This is a one-off grant for the 2020-2021 academic year intended to help mitigate the disruption to learning that has arisen from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1.2 The College is using the grant funding to provide small group tuition for groups where COVID-19 has particularly disrupted their learning. The support on offer relates in the main to English and maths, but is not restricted to those subjects.
- 1.3 Whilst BSix support has been especially devised and targeted to meet the needs of disadvantaged students and to those students who have not yet attained a maths and English GCSE grade of 5 or higher, this support is also available to all students of BSix. The one-off funding is being used to pay for increased hours delivered by existing teachers and learning support staff. It is also being used to partially fund new teachers where they are providing support intended to counter the effects of COVID-19.

### **2. Support on offer**

- 2.1 Additional English and maths workshops are being run in the Hub by staff from the English and maths departments. Students may book workshop sessions or drop-in for more ad hoc support.
- 2.2 Learning Mentors are available in the Learning Resource Centre to provide one-to-one or small group support in English, maths or for study skills. This support is available throughout the College day, but is also available in the evenings until 7pm on Mondays to Thursdays.
- 2.3 Each student has been assigned a personal tutor. The personal tutor is a student's prime contact for supporting them in their studies for the year at BSix. The tutor will discuss any additional catch-up or support needs with their tutees and will help to plan and arrange for suitable support to be provided and accessed.
- 2.4 BSix will continue to provide students with the means for self-study, particularly where this is necessary to counter the effects of COVID-19 disruption. This includes:
  - Continuing to make equipment such as laptops and wireless routers available on loan;
  - Providing access to a College virtual desktop that includes access to specialist software as well as Microsoft Office 365;
  - Providing online access to texts, journals and other materials;
  - Continuing to provide class resources on Microsoft Teams to compliment and supplement face-to-face teaching.