

16 to 19 Tuition Fund

The purpose of this statement is to set out how University College Birmingham (UCB) will use its 16 to 19 tuition fund allocation to support students who have been academically disadvantaged due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

How the College will use the 16 to 19 tuition fund

The 16 to 19 tuition fund will be used to employ intervention tutors specialising in English and Maths. Intervention tutors will be used to provide additional face to face small group tuition for students aged 16 to 19 who have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above in English and/or maths. Intervention tutors will cover both GCSE and Functional Skills qualifications in order to ensure that all students who have not yet achieved a grade 4 are supported in developing these essential skills.

Due to Covid-19, national provision for Maths and English has been significantly impacted leaving large gaps in student knowledge and attainment. Our opportunities for face to face delivery have reduced, resulting in a blended learning model. We recognise that this method of learning may not be readily accessible to all students and understand that for those who experience barriers to achieving GCSE Maths and/or English, face-to-face and focused delivery methods may be the most beneficial. We believe that this support will enhance our provision for students who have been disadvantaged by Covid-19 and as a result have not achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths/English.

Tuition groups will comprise of no more than five students and the tuition sessions will be scheduled in addition to the planned programme of study hours already timetabled for the academic year 2020/21. This additional support will be mandatory for all students undertaking GCSE/Functional skills during 2020/21 and will be scheduled as registered sessions, counting towards overall attendance rates. This additional tuition will comprise of 1 additional hour (per subject) of face-to-face delivery for all students undertaking GCSE and/or Functional skills.

Examples of some of the Tuition Support on offer will include:

- 1 hours of additional face to face support per subject being studied (English; Maths)
- GCSE exam re-sit preparation
- Functional skills assessment preparation
- Bespoke sessions to support skill and knowledge development
- Focussed sessions tailored to individual students on areas for development within Maths and or English.

Our commitment

The College is committed to ensuring the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 tuition fund by:

- producing this statement setting out how the fund will be used to support the most disadvantaged students
- publishing this guidance on the College 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 retain the evidence of the tuition provided
- deliver the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2020/21
- notify the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed