THE 16-19 SMALL GROUP TUITION FUNDING

The Department of Education has recently announced the availability of funding to support students whose learning was disrupted as a result of the COVID pandemic.

This 16-19 Tuition Fund is available to all 16 to 19 providers and is ring-fenced for 16 to 19 small group tuition only. The funding can be used to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted. The guidance indicates that the supported students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme and have not achieved grade 5 or above in GCSE maths and/or English by age 16. Students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 19 to 24 who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan will also be eligible for support via the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund.

WMG Academy for Young Engineers commits to using the small group tuition funding to provide maths and English and vocational support to mitigate against the impact of the pandemic on study programme students. Sessions will be limited to three to five students per group and will be above and beyond normal timetabled hours. Students will be prioritised for small group tuition based on the guidance released by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The full guidance can be accessed here.

Maths and English catch-up support sessions will be prioritised for those students:

- who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or maths
- with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan
- with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning as a result of their specific needs and disabilities
- who will benefit most from small group tuition

Vocational support sessions including study skills support will be prioritised for those students:

- where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown
- with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan
- on Entry, Level 1 and Level 2 study programmes
- who have not achieved a grade 4 in English and/or maths

Examples of some of the support WMG Academy for Young Engineering will be offering are:-

- GCSE resit preparation
- Functional skills assessment preparation
- Maths and English topic support through designated coaching hubs
- GCSE revision workshops and functional skills assessment preparation support
- Academic skills support and development

The funding will be used as follows:

- Recruiting a number of tutors to work with students in small groups to support teaching and learning.
- Increasing the hours of some existing staff.
- Run 1 to 1 or small group sessions in addition to the existing timetabled hours.
- Support will be offered and provided based on the individual needs of each student.

WMG Academy for Young Engineers is committed to ensuring that 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 statement on the Academy 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 retaining the evidence of the tuition provided.
- delivering the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2020/21
- notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.