



## 16-19 Catch Up Website Statement

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is a government initiative to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus (COVID-19). The funding is being provided to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 year-old study programme students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted.

Bucks UTC will be providing extra tuition sessions for eligible students from Spring 2021 until the end of the academic year.

The guidance indicates that students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or those who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will also be eligible for support via this Fund. Although the funding has been allocated to support students who have not achieved a grade 5 in English and/or maths by the age of 16, the support does not have to be used exclusively for English and maths tuition.

Bucks UTC commits to using the small group tuition funding that it has been given to mitigate against the impact of the pandemic on our 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 funds will be used as follows:

- Small group tuition and or virtual sessions, which is in addition to timetabled subject sessions. These sessions will be conducted by our current staff team. The small group tuition objective is to maximise exam achievement and ensure that students are ready to progress to exam questions.
- Bespoke support to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, this includes, but is not limited to, personal development skills, positive mental health strategies and exam preparation.
- Ensure students have access to the wealth of resources and support available online.