

16 – 19 Tuition Fund statement

'Catch Up To Education – CUTE'

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is £96 million of one-off funding for the 2020 to 2021 academic year only. It is ring fenced funding for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers 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 students in English, maths, and other courses where learning has been disrupted. For example, vocational courses where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown. At SGS College, we will be utilising the tuition fund provided to us by the Government to give learners tailored support in groups that are no larger than five. The programme used to deliver the tuition fund at SGS is the "GET CUTE" programme. In line with our values, "GET CUTE" will be a visionary and innovative programme providing tailored support in small groups to learners on full time 16-19 study programmes. Learners will be assessed on entry to the programme to ensure that support sessions are bespoke to discrete cohorts and staff at the end will celebrate progression and achievement.

It has been deemed that as a college, we are able to determine how best to use the Tuition Fund to support learners and raise educational attainment; therefore, we have created "GET CUTE" (an overall package of support aimed to help learners make progress in English and Maths) and this is outlined below.

Eligible learners* will receive five hours of small group tuition over the course of the academic year with an English or maths specialist support tutor. These tutors will be from our current staff body and from additional external recruitment.

The 5 hours of support, will be given in 5 x 1-hour blocks. Learners will be grouped into groups that are no larger than 5 to receive this bespoke support. A diagnostic assessment will be undertaken prior to support starting.

For maths, learners will follow the 5R's mechanism (AQA Study) in the GET CUTE programme support sessions. This will consist of a **recall** starter, some **routine** questions with support the tutor, a **revision** element to infill any knowledge and skills gaps, a **repeat** of any content to address any misconceptions before finally learners are then **ready** to progress.

For English, the SGS English team have adapted the maths model. A **recall** starter will be utilised, this will be used to identify, review and discuss language techniques and grammar with learners. The **routine** element will then focus on reciprocal reading and developing reading across all levels. **Revision** will then take place and learners will be guided through texts and will undertake comprehension-based activities as well as developing note taking strategies. Finally, learners will repeat any content where misconceptions have been identified before being **ready** to undertake their own independent learning.

The GET CUTE programme will run in two cycles, one starting post October half-term and the second post-Christmas.

*For a learner to be eligible for GET CUTE, they must have achieved a grade 4 or less in GCSE maths and English.