

### **Statement on the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund Background**

In the summer of 2020 the government announced a 16 to 19 Tuition Fund for the academic year 2020/21. This one-off £96 million fund was aimed at mitigating the disruption to learning arising from the COVID-19 coronavirus. The funding is intended to support small group tuition for 16 to 19 students in English, Maths and other courses where learning has been disrupted. The Tuition Fund is targeted at supporting those who had not achieved grade 5 or above in GCSE English and/or Maths by age 16 with priority given to those students who have not yet achieved a grade 4 in English and/or Maths. The government requires that the Tuition Fund is used to support tuition activity above and beyond the programmes of education already planned for 2020/21. Research evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation suggests that one to one, or very small group additional tuition has a positive impact on students' progress. St Mary's is focusing its use of the fund on this area in addition to supporting students with a future frontiers coaching programme. .

*Total allocation to St Mary's £453*

#### *Proposed spending:*

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| 1. My Tutor online Maths sessions (additional to weekly 2:1 lessons). 10 sessions at £11.25 per session.   | Total cost          |
|  | £224.               |
| 2. Future frontiers DA coaching programme for all Y12 and 13 students who have not achieved a grade 5 in Maths and/ or English GCSE (total 17, 7 not got 5 in maths, 6 in english and 4 in both). Cost is £25 per student. | Total cost    £425. |
| 3. Virtual work experience programme for students who have not achieved a grade 5 in maths and/ or english GCSE (1 English 1 Maths). Cost is £50 per student.  | Total cost    £100. |
|  | Overall spend: £749 |

The tuition fund has been used to contribute to the costs of these activities which are additional to the usual programmes of support for these students. Any shortfall has been match funded by the Academy.