

16-19 Tuition Fund

Statement of Intent 2021-2022



Fortis Academy is a larger than average secondary school serving the North Birmingham area. We welcome the 16-19 Tuition Fund allocated to us by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and will endeavour to use it to support our students who have had their learning disrupted and are continuing in Post-16 education with us. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our students have been disadvantaged for a wealth of socio-economic, mental health and academic reasons, all of which having had a detrimental impact upon progress made in their post-16 learning, especially relating to literacy and numeracy skills.

We aim to provide the following:

- Small, bespoke group tuition in academic writing
- Small, bespoke subject- specific group tuition for students identified as living in a disadvantaged postcode

This will help to bridge any gaps in literacy and numeracy, as well as in the subject knowledge which has been caused as a direct or indirect impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that our students are well supported in their studies as well as assisting us in our fulfilling our vision:

“At Fortis Academy Sixth Form, we believe that every student deserves access to high quality teaching and learning regardless of any barriers that they may face, where every student deserves to be given the tools to promote a love of learning and thirst for knowledge, and ultimately where every student exceeds.

Our dedicated Sixth Form Team endeavours to support each and every student by offering a tailored Sixth Form experience that is much more than just working towards, and gaining, qualifications to enable a route into higher education and employment. Post-16 education should venture beyond curricula outlined by exam boards and seek to incorporate life skills and methods to promote good mental health, including the ability to form positive relationships with others and to cope with and manage change and uncertainty. It should also provide the means to see, hear and interact with professional individuals with opportunities to form networks with employers and universities. We are proud to provide an enriching experience here at Fortis Academy Sixth Form, where each student can flourish, thus becoming well-rounded individuals equipped and ready for the next stage of their lives”.

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**MISS R WINWOOD
DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM**