

## **16-19 Tuition Fund**

### *Statement of Intent*

Fortis Academy is a larger than average 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, especially in core subjects such as English and Maths.

### **We aim to provide the following:**

- Revision guides to help support student's numeracy and literacy within their chosen level 3 subject areas (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology)
- Rewards for literacy competitions such as Build a Bookshelf (Waterstones vouchers)
- A range of technological enhancements to enable all students to meet the demands of their level 3 courses

This will help to bridge any gaps in literacy and numeracy which have been caused as a direct/indirect impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that our students are well supported in their studies and assists in 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 curriculums outlined by exam boards and seek to incorporate life skills, 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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