



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

The government announced a further contribution to schools with sixth form provision to the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund for the academic year 2021/22. The fund is 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 DfE has broadened the eligibility of the fund to include economic disadvantage in addition to low prior attainment in academic year 2021 to 2022. Including these students allows St Mary's to offer tuition to all disadvantaged students who have been impacted by the pandemic, while still maintaining focus on low prior attainment. 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. 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.

*Total allocation to St Mary's £14,136*

The tuition fund will be used to secure additional hours of tuition for eligible students using existing school staff and external providers. Tuition will focus firstly on Maths and English for those students who are yet to achieve a grade 4 in these subjects. Remaining funds will then be used to offer tuition to eligible students in their chosen subjects at A Level.

Students accessing funding will be recorded on the relevant census information so that funding can be tracked by the DfE. The Academy recognises that any unspent funding will be reclaimed by the Department for Education.