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RE: 16-19 tuition fund

Students at Ormiston Bushfield Academy have lost approx. 2 months of form teaching and have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, thus affecting attendance and quality of education: vital factors in the attainment.

The proposed 16-19 tuition funding will primarily be used for the following:

- **Subject support through the use of ‘My Tutor’** – My Tutor is a UK based virtual tutoring programme that offers specification specific, tutoring to students based on content and exam skills in A level Sciences, maths and English.
- **Purchase in house revision sessions devised by exam board/affiliated organisations** - many annual exam board conferences have been cancelled again this year. Some are being hosted online and others are offering resource packs to be sent to schools to support with content consolidation and exam skill development. This would be incredibly useful in recapping content – especially that which was delivered remotely, and to supply additional revision strategies as this cohort has yet to sit their first external exams.
- **Staff deliver masterclasses/addition revision sessions outside of school time** – It is clear that subject specific staff are best placed to identify gaps in learning, consolidation and exam preparation. It is unlikely that curriculum time will allow these gaps to be filled in the core part of the school day, therefore a portion of the money may be used to incentivize staff to give up time outside of the core school day, in the holidays or on weekends to deliver revision sessions/masterclass days to bridge the gap.

Students who are in receipt of the Post 16 bursary or are identified as being flagged by IMD will be primary recipients of the additional funding where appropriate e.g. the My Tutor sessions, but some of the suggested activities will benefit entire cohorts which will undoubtedly support in bridging the gap that the pandemic has caused.