**Small Group Tuition Fund Statement: September 2020**

Following the interruption to learning caused by COVID-19 the Government have provided schools and colleges with a one off, ring-fenced fund in 2020/21 to provide small group catch-up sessions for students who experienced disruption to their studies in the spring and summer terms of 2019/20.

At The Sheffield College we will provide online or face-to-face small group support for 16-19 Study Programme students with a GCSE English and/or maths grade 5 or below or who are experiencing difficulties relating to the disruption to their vocational studies.

The Sheffield College will provide support specifically related to the following three strands:

* **Digital Skills for successful study**
* **Key English and maths topics for progression**
* **GCSE English and maths autumn / summer exams revision sessions**

Each session will contain a maximum of five students to ensure that each student receives the intensive catch up support they require to make up for the disruption to their learning following lockdown.

**Digital skills for successful study:**

As part of our commitment to up-skilling our students’ digital literacy, catch-up sessions will aim to ensure that each student is confidently able to access, save and navigate their way around their digital learning environment.

**Key English and maths topics for progression:**

To ensure that students are equipped with the key skills and knowledge required, it is crucial they have a good understanding of the key concepts of both English language and mathematical principles. Therefore, sessions will focus on developing the critical analysis, reading and numeracy skills required for a successful future.

**Vocational support for progression**

Further small group support will be offered to ensure students are provided with sufficient support to progress and embed vocational learning into assignment required for vocational success.  Sessions will focus on key terminology, the structure and style of response required to maximise success and secure future progression.

**English and maths autumn / summer exams revision sessions:**

Students will be directed to a menu of bespoke sessions tailored to their needs. Each session will focus on key topics and or the exam techniques required to secure their GCSE target grade.

**Staffing the support**

In order to provide students with impactful support, the College will recruit a number of Lead Progress Tutors and Progress Tutors to provide the small group catch-up sessions. In addition, where appropriate existing College staff may also facilitate small group catch-up sessions.