

Qualification time:

All courses where there are more than 10 students in the group have increased to 5 hours teaching a week in the second year of study. This will result in an increase in both contact time and mentoring for students.

All students also undertake an additional 3 hours of guided work contact time each week.

Prioritise maths:

We continue to prioritise maths and will have extra contact time where students have not achieved a grade 4 at GCSE.

We will also use the additional funding to further support those who are taking functional maths.

Mental health and wellbeing:

Students will spend an extra 30 minutes a week in mentor sessions. This time will be fixed, but the content varied depending on the student need. It will be utilised to build study skills, exam technique and academic resilience through small group guided activities and reflection opportunities.

It will also be utilised to increase enrichment through a guest speaker programme and opportunities outside of college including work experience.

Students will be able to develop their knowledge of post-18 options in more depth through bespoke and regular workshops.

Additional time will also be used for students to access crucial one to one educational support through the mentoring system. The time will enable the – already regular – one to one meetings to cover more topics and be more in depth in their approach.

The additional time will also be used for students to gain support from a trained mental health specialist where appropriate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-funding-additional-hours-in-study-programmes/16-to-19-funding-additional-hours-in-study-programmes>