

Meden School

Catch-up premium: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Meden School has been allocated £66,000 of catch-up premium funding to support the response to the impact of the national lockdown.

This funding is being used to support students on the basis of current need and taking account of their experiences of learning during lockdown. Support is being targeted where the need is greatest – primarily with the current Year 11 cohort. However there is also an aspiration that we can support as broad a group of students as possible without diminishing the depth of impact.

We have used the EEF toolkit, guidance on supporting Disadvantaged and SEND students and tiered model of implementation to inform the strategy. Below is a summary of the strategies currently being implemented along with *an associated cost*. Taken together the catch-up funding will cover the majority but not all of the associated costs.

Teaching

Provision of Period 7 for Year 11 students Monday to Thursday – already in place. One additional period (50 minutes) of contact each week for English and Maths, one additional period of contact each fortnight for EBacc and Open basket subjects. This is intended to give more curriculum time to subjects to close learning gaps from the lockdown, to ensure adequate time for exam preparation and to ensure the curriculum being delivered is no less ambitious than that which was planned. *(Additional cost to create staffing flexibility to accommodate period 7 provision around £40, 000)*

Maths and English Catch up provision – From Jan 2021 Y11 key pupil premium students will have 4 extra maths and English intervention sessions a week that will focus on gaps in learning to support pupil's achievement. *(Additional cost created £3000)*

Remote Learning Infrastructure

Extra Laptops – To supplement the chrome books we have obtained through the government laptop scheme we have bought 5 laptops specifically for disadvantaged Y11 students to access key remote learning that is part of our core offer to all students so that they can revise and fill learning gaps at home. *(Additional cost created £2500)*

Wifi Dongles – So all students can access our key remote learning core offer so that they revise and fill learning gaps at home we have bought some Wi-Fi internet dongles. *(Additional cost created £500)*

Targeted Academic Support

MyTutor online one to one tuition in English, Maths and Science – already under way. The school has committed to three tranches of 60 students accessing 10 hours each of one to one tuition from MyTutor, the one to one tuition is led by trained university graduates. This is flexible provision which can be accessed at home and in school. Tutors provide reports from each session which can be viewed by subject staff for follow up in lessons. *(Approximately £34,000 with the potential to add additional requests for individuals throughout the year).*

Pearsons – National Tutoring programme provision from January 2021. This will be one to one tuition from trained teacher exam moderators in English, Maths and the Sciences. Provision is in place for 12 students for English, 12 for Maths and 12 for Biology Chemistry and Physics. Students selected have been chosen on the basis of current progress taking special account of the needs of Disadvantaged students (*£2700 with the intention of applying for provision in April to July for a mix of Year 11 and 10 students approximate cost £8100*).

GCSEPod online revision and assessment platform – already in place and accessible. GCSEPod provides an online revision and assessment platform that is integrated with department approaches to homework and exam preparation – with a particular focus with Year 11. All year groups however have access and work is being undertaken with the aim of fully integrating GCSEPod with homework provision. GCSEPod is accessible on any internet enabled device allowing students access in school and at home. (*£4000 for subscription costs in this academic year plus £1000 for training resourcing and publicity/rewards*)

Yipiyap Tutoring – A mix of face to face and virtual one to one and small group tuition for English, – already in place. Provision comes from high achieving gap year students with direction from subject teachers. Tutoring is targeted at bespoke areas of development over the course of a half term. Students accessing small group sessions and students receiving one to one provision have provision of one-half lesson each week. (*£6,000 for two days of provision*)

Wider support

Counselling provision – A counselling service – already in place. We have committed to extending the provision and availability of independent and trained counselling services for students to support issues that stemmed from or were exacerbated by the lockdown period. (*Counselling sessions are £25 per hour, approximately £4000 set aside to supplement the current provision this represents a 33% increase in current provision*)

Total spending on above strategies:	£99, 700
• Teaching	£43,000
• Remote Learning Infrastructure	£3000
• Targeted Academic Support	£49,700
• Wider Support	£4,000
