

Support for learners who have missed learning

Over the period of emergency national lockdown, many young people had their learning disrupted. The following strategies will be put in place in order to support our learners at Stanmore to catch up.

Enhanced academic skills offer

The college will receive additional funding to support learners to catch up missed learning.

The funding is available for 16-18 year olds on study programmes, who have not yet achieved either GCSE English or maths at grade 4. The support does not have to be in English or maths, but can be for the main programme they are studying too.

This funding broadly equates to 10 hours of teacher support in small groups of 3- 5 learners.

The implementation of this support will be for subject specific teacher support for all Entry, Level 1, Level 2 learners on study programme and for those Level 3 learners without English and maths.

Each cohort will have an additional one hour a week, delivered by a subject teacher, added to the timetable for 30 weeks of the year. Individual learners will be invited to attend for 10 of the 30 weeks.

Maths and English GCSE Exam preparation

We are offering GCSE maths and English resits for all learners who wish to take them in the Autumn 2020 series. A large number of learners have indicated that they wish to do this. In addition to the classes already built into the study programme the maths and English teams will provide additional revision/ exam preparation sessions.

English- Revision blocks of 1.5 hours a week for 8 weeks. These will offered on 4 different timeslots each week. Total of 48 hours of additional classes. Topics to cover will be:

1. Revising fiction- Paper 1
2. The importance of structure and its effect on the reader in fiction
3. How to write effective creative writing
4. Comparative reading techniques for Paper 2
5. Language analysis for non-fiction texts.
6. How to do transactional writing
7. Common technical errors at GCSE

Maths- Revision blocks of 1 hour a week for 9 weeks. These will be offered on 5 different timeslots each week. Total of 45 hours of additional classes. Topics to cover will be:

Support for basic skills

During enrolment, learners who have BKS initial and diagnostic assessment results that fall two or more levels below that of their main programme on are identified. These learners are offered a block of 6 small group support sessions focussed on either numeracy/ maths or literacy/ English skills. Learners may be grouped with others in their class or with other learners from other classes.

Support for study skills

At any point in the year learners may be referred by their teacher, or may self-refer, for support with study skills. This could include organisation of work, setting a study timetable, help with referencing, help with planning written work, help with proof reading skills, and the establishment of good study habits, etc. These will be delivered by the Study Coaches.

Learning Support

The Inclusion Team will assess any learner who declares that they have an EHCP or who have had support for learning at their previous school or college. Where the assessment indicates that learning support is appropriate then an LSA will be allocated to work with the learner either in or out of class. Learning support may be 1:1 or in small groups.

Digital learning skills support

All study programme learners will have either 4 or 9 hours of support with digital learning skills. These Directed Independent Learning sessions will ensure that learners are familiar and confident with the digital tools that the College uses to deliver learning remotely. These include: learner app, Study Space, Microsoft Teams, student email, etc. These will be delivered by the Study Coaches.