

Tuition Fund to prioritise support for disadvantaged students.

Three projects will be taking place over the next few months, to support students in college with their communication and cognition targets, in particular those who missed weeks of education due to Covid 19. A grant of £8700 was received.

Because of the holistic and sensory curriculum, we found distance learning limited and we are now, due to the generous funding, able to offer additional music therapy and short term projects combining art and music. All students will take part in at least one project, focusing on their communication and cognition and as well as hopefully having a positive impact on their well-being.

The first project will be delivered by Big Top: “with a passion for creative music making and enthusiasm for music, Big Top delivers workshops which are inclusive, educational and fun for everyone. Working in multisensory environments and making use of all of our senses Big Top sessions maximise opportunities for engagement, communication and self-expression.” This project will reach all students across the college over a six week period starting on November 3rd 2020 at a cost of £3200

Music therapy: “The person’s use of the instruments will naturally reflect their emotional state at that moment. The therapist acknowledges and supports what the person is expressing and supports this with her own music. By playing music freely together the therapist and individual form a therapeutic relationship in which communication and trust are established?” Music therapy is already delivered to some students and it will be expanded with an additional session per week to engage a further number of students over the year. At an approximate cost of £3500.

A third project combining art and communication is being developed, to work with the students who missed out further by being required to shield due to their health needs. Approximate cost of £2000