

Wolf Report

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<http://edyourself.org/articles/14-16collegeFAQ.php>

From September 2013 home educated young people aged 14-16 in England are able to attend college part-time or full-time and the Government will pay for the course. There are 4 funding bands. It is up to the colleges whether or not to admit under-16s. These students can do any course agreed by the college, not just a designated 14-16 course, although many colleges still don't offer GCSE courses. The rules are different for home educated young people because the parent retains responsibility and so the college does not have to make special arrangements for pastoral care or offer a full curriculum. DfE says *arrangements are between the parents and the college and do not need to involve the local authority at all.*"

[GOV.UK information about funding](#) The deadline for submitting the ILR RO6 funding claim for home educated 14-16s academic year 2014-15 is February 2015. Click [here](#) for more information.

DfE says *"students can only be enrolled at one institution (the "home" institution), and that one institution takes on the responsibility for claiming all the relevant funding for the student. So, if a home-educated student wants to take courses at more than one college, then the college where the majority of learning is taking place has to take the responsibility to be the "home" institution and claim all the funding for the student, then pass across the relevant part to the other college(s) involved. There would have to be some agreement between the colleges ahead of the funding claim, for this to be able to happen."*

In addition DfE says *"for home-educated students, there are no age restrictions for funding purposes, it is for the college to decide whether they wished to take younger students onto their courses. If they agree to take a younger home-educated student onto their courses, then we will fund in the usual way."*

Where a home educated 14/15 year old needs additional support, the college enters this information on the ILR in November and it will count towards the amount which the college receives in lagged funding next year. Where the student has [low to moderate additional support needs](#) the unique determining factor for funding eligibility will be the individual student's postcode ([disadvantaged uplift postcode dataset](#)). Where a home educated 14/15 year old has [high additional support needs](#), the college will ask the LA for a top for the current academic year, record this on the ILR, and receive an additional £6K the following year.

[EFA Bulletin May 2014](#) including 16 to 19 Bursary Fund + colleges directly enrolling 14- to 16-year-olds for the first time.

[16-25 High Needs Funding](#) published by the EFA, May 2014: "The majority of young people with high needs attending a school, college or specialist post-16 institution will subject to either a statement of SEN, an LDA or, from September 2014, an EHC plan. Local authorities must use the evidence from the statement, LDA or EHC plan to make consistent, effective and robust assessments of the support the young person will need to move towards a positive outcome."

DfE Published Guidance Funding Home Educated College 14-16s

Annex C: Electively home educated 14 to 15 year-olds

1.

Colleges sometimes admit children aged 14 or 15 who are being electively home educated, to take courses on an infill basis by arrangement with the local authority or with the parents. Where these courses are at level 3, they are funded by entering the student on the ILR and the student then counts for lagged funding in just the same way as if they were aged 16- to 18-years-old.

2.

Prior to September 2013, students on courses below level 3 were funded either directly by the local authority, or sometimes by the parents, paying a fee to the college. These arrangements changed with effect from September 2013. Colleges now enter these students on the ILR and they count towards the college's student numbers for lagged funding in the following year. **Local authorities and parents should no longer be expected to pay fees for this provision.**

3.

Colleges make such local arrangements as they deem appropriate. There is no national prescribed model for provision to these students and they do not form a part of the arrangements for the full time enrolment of 14 -16 year-olds in Further Education and Sixth Form. Further information is provided on the elective home education section on GOV.UK.

[Funding Guidance 14-16, July 2014](#) Annex C page 24 via [this page](#)

Successful result from [the first Home Education APPG 2013](#)

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/youngpeople/qandlearning/a00218341/wolf-review-recommendation-19>

[Funding Guidance 14-16, July 2014](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/enrolment-of-14-to-16-year-olds-in-full-time-further-education>

My email to FE colleges September 2013 <http://edyourself.org/collegeemailsep2013.pdf>
My email to FE College June 27th 2013 <http://edyourself.org/emailtocollegejune2013.pdf>
[EFA e-bulletin issue 39 November 2013](#) (issues with ILR)
Email from DfE to LA May 2013 <http://edyourself.org/collegefundingemailsMay2013.pdf>
Email to home educating parent April 2013 <http://edyourself.org/parentcollegeemail.pdf>
Letter to local authorities April 2013 <http://edyourself.org/14-16collegeletter1.pdf>
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Positive Developments 14-16s College

Exceptionally some colleges are offering GCSE courses but this is by no means standard. Colleges may require students starting A Level courses to have a minimum number of GCSEs (or IGCSEs as equivalent) before they are accepted onto the course.

[Nottinghamshire College Open Evenings for Home Ed](#) New College Nottingham (NCN) June 12th; Central College Nottingham, May 13th; North Nottinghamshire College, Worksop May 8th. NCC has confirmed (see download) that parents DON'T have to give names or addresses, but best contact college day before event just to confirm no change to arrangements. Additionally, Central College Nottingham is offering free GCSEs in Maths, English, History and Sociology to home educators: **Both** the [Options Sheet](#) and the [Application Form](#) need to be returned to Central College ASAP.

[Home Ed GCSEs places](#) Filton and Wise Campus, South Gloucestershire College (Bristol area) Infill, check entry requirements, deadline May 23rd
[Peterborough Regional College 14-16 Open Evening May 20th 2014](#) Free GCSE courses English, Maths and Sciences.
[City College Oxford Home Ed Open Day](#)
[Peterborough Regional College 14-16 Open Evening](#)
[Drop-In Session College Options Lancashire](#)
[Foundation Learning Event Worcester](#)
[Banbury and Bicester College Home Ed Event](#)
[Halesowen College FREE GCSE courses Home Educated 14-16s](#)
[Telford College Arts and Technology](#)

<http://edyourself.org/newcastle14-16.pdf> Newcastle College is one of only 7 colleges nationally to start offering specific courses for 14-16s from September 2013. Students can choose from a full-time, fully-funded programme for 14-16 year old students on either 2-year or 1-year intensive programmes. There is a compulsory core of GCSEs with further electives chosen from GCSEs and/or vocational courses. Home educated students can also join the full-time programme's courses on a part-time, fully-funded basis, selecting courses/qualifications that suit their needs.
[Newcastle College Parents Brochure 14-16 says take home educated young people](#)

All FE Colleges in Devon will take home educated 14-16s from September 2013. <http://www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/v.asp?level2id=24363&level3=125924&rootid=2344&level2=24363&depth=3&folderid=125924>
<http://tinyurl.com/devon14-16s>

Positive reports about [West Suffolk College](#) for vocational courses 14-16 + free GCSEs in English, Maths and Biology. Ask for Schools Link Manager Carol King. [CSV Redditch](#), [CSV Worcester](#), [Worcester 6th Form](#), Moulton College, Newbury College, West Berkshire, Doncaster College, Milton Keynes College, West Lancashire College, [Wirral Metropolitan College](#), East Thanet College, [South Staffordshire College](#), [Strode College](#), Lewisham College [New College Nottingham](#) and Carshalton College taking home educated 14-16s.

Summary Funding

[Overview of 16+ funding](#) All full time students will be funded at the same basic funding rate per student, per academic year regardless of which type of institution and what they study. This will fund a full study programme for all students. Initially part time students will be funded based on four bands depending on the number of teaching hours for which they enrol. In 2013/14, as a transitional measure, the Government will fund individual students who re-take qualifications. Subsequently re-takes will not generally be eligible for funding. See also "block two – support needs for progression" (page 24-5) additional funding to support all students without maths and English at grade C.

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Colleges Supporting Transition Students with Autism

[Autism: 4 colleges supporting transition](#) 2013-15

Ambitious about Autism programme with nasen and the Association of Colleges running up to March 2015: Askham Bryan College, Bromley College, Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College and Gloucestershire College.

Supported Internships in FE Colleges for Young People with SEN

Click here to read about <http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/send/changingsen/b00211325/sen-supported-internships> Supported internships in FE colleges for young people with SEN.

Compulsory English and Maths

"In August 2014, the 16-19 study programme requirement that students should continue to study mathematics and English if they did not achieve a GCSE grade C in these subjects by the age of 16 will become a condition of funding"
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-funding-formula-overview>

[EFA letter March 2014](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-students-drop-english-and-maths-after-gcse> statistics published October 2013. See also [guidelines for new 16+ Maths qualifications](#) published by the Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education, October 2013, cited in [this speech](#) on the new maths qualifications, October 2013 by Minister Liz Truss.

Summary Wolf Report

[The Wolf Report on Vocational Learning](#) in **England** was published in March 2011. Alison Wolf said that the young person's programme of study should provide for labour market and educational progress and that the system needed to be simplified dramatically to encourage innovation and efficiency. With the publication of DfE's [response to the consultation on 16-19 study programmes and plans for implementation](#) on July 3rd 2012, most recommendations relating to post-16 study were incorporated into DfE's plans for 2013 onwards. The final point was direct admission to colleges for 14-16s confirmed on November 5th, with further details added by DfE on December 13th/14th 2012.

Schools Funding Reform

[Funding page updated January 2014](#)

Post-16 Reforms: Qualifications and Funding

- End perverse incentives for colleges paid-by-result to offer lower-grade qualifications.
- 16 to 18 year olds without GCSE English and maths must continue to study those subjects up to 19.
- Extend funding to enable 19-24s to take GCSE maths and English
- Aim to fund coherent programme of learning for 16-18s rather than funding individual qualifications

[Government Response to 16-19 Accountability Consultation](#) March 27th 2014

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vocational-qualifications-for-14-to-19-year-olds> updated April 1st 2014

January 2014 [Core Maths 16+](#) courses should be designed to be taken over two years and are expected that to be around half the size of an A level.

[ACME's response to the Ofqual consultation on new A level regulatory requirements Maths January-2014](#)
[Information on the advanced \(level 3\) qualifications that will count towards the TechBacc measure for teaching from September 2014](#) DfE December 16th 2013

[New technical and vocational qualifications](#) DfE/BIS announcement December 2013

[List of approved Level 3 vocational qualifications](#) (16-19 tech level + applied general) published by DfE/BIS December 2013

[Accreditation Prior Learning, ASDAN 16+](#)

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/speeches/a00222547/ioe-open-lecture-on-a-level-reforms> Institute of Education open lecture on A-Level reforms Elizabeth Truss, March 7th 2013

<http://edyourself.org/ofstedlearningskillsinspectors.pdf>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a00224304/techbacc-announced> DfE TechBacc announcement April 22nd 2013

<http://www.fenews.co.uk/fe-news/fe-sector-responds-to-techbacc-plans>

DfE Announcement July 2012 on Raising Participation Age from 2013 [Timetable for implementation Education Act 2011](#)

DfE Announcement October 2011 [New Rules for Vocational qualifications](#)

Qualification Reforms Pre-16

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-engineering-qualifications-for-14-to-16-year-olds> announced December 2013

[David Laws announcement changes to league tables for GCSEs October 14th 2013](#) [DfE response to secondary schools accountability consultation, October 2013](#) [Graham Stuart article on revised GCSE accountability measures, Guardian October 15th 2013](#)

- Ofqual to look at reforming GCSE resits ie exams to be taken only at end of course
- Greater focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar for GCSEs
- Govnt to develop new performance indicators for 16+ English and maths progression
- Apprenticeship programmes must offer GCSE maths and English to those without qualifications
- Continued promotion of [University Technical Colleges](#) + renewed emphasis on [Studio Schools](#)

<http://dmtrk.net/BTP-1OPTF-60290CWAAD/cr.aspx> Ofqual newsletter July 2013, changes to GCSEs and A Levels
[DfE December 14th 2011: End for GCSE modules and spelling, punctuation and grammar marks restored to exams](#)
[DfE Announces Approval 12 More Studio Schools for 2012](#)
[DfE Announces Approval 14 University Technical Colleges](#)

Wider 14-16 Reforms Including Funding

New funding system for college 14-16 from September 2013

- Govnt to encourage colleges to take more 14-16s
- Re-evaluate Foundation Learning to see what best helps under 16s to progress to GCSEs in maths and English
- Development of new Maths and English qualifications to enable progression to GCSEs
- Govnt wants vocational qualifications to have element of external assessment plus exam
- Govnt to identify best 14-16 vocational qualifications and recognise them in performance tables
- Changes to schools/college funding

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