## Alternative Provision Year 11 Transition Funding Announces 2021 Round

The Department for Education (DfE) is providing <u>funding to support additional</u> <u>transition support provided by Alternative Provision (AP) settings for Year 11 pupils</u> from now to the end of February 2022.

The AP cohort, a significant proportion of whom are in Year 11, are already vulnerable and at greater risk of becoming not in education, employment or training (NEET) than their peers. These risks have increased since schools closed for most pupils and without substantial transition support. Bespoke, needs-based interventions are needed to support these Year 11 pupils' transition to post-16 provision successfully.

It is up to post-16 providers how they use this funding to support disadvantaged students, and to help retain students.

The DfE will provide AP settings with up to £750 for each Year 11 pupil on their school or college roll, to support these young people to transition into sustained post-16 destinations and to avoid becoming NEET.

AP's can use this one-off funding from now until the end of February 2022 depending on individuals' needs.

See the web page above for information about:

- Purpose of the fund
- What you can spend it on
- Eligibility
- What you'll get
- Accessing the funding
- Pooling funding with other APs
- Payments
- Conditions of funding
- Enquiries

## Schools and colleges will need to submit a claim form by the end of February 2022.

FE colleges and independent schools will need to submit an expression of interest (EOI) and commissioner letter by the deadline of 25 June 2021.