

## **Covid Catch Up Funding**

For the academic year 2020-21, Darwen Vale High School has received £74,800.

Covid catch Up Funding has been spent on the recruitment and deployment of 3 academic mentors in English, maths and science. Their work has primarily focused on students in Y11 who are just falling short of the grade 4 and 5 boundaries across English, maths and science but they are also working with students in lower year groups in an attempt to close some of the gaps that were caused by the school closure in 2020. As of January 2021 over 200 of our students have received some level of support from our academic mentors and this number will increase as the year progresses. The input from our academic mentors has taken place during the school day, but it also takes place after the school day has finished and on Saturdays too.

In addition to this, a number of our Y11 students are signed up to the Virtual Aldridge package of support across English and maths with sessions taking place every evening of the week and during the day on Saturdays. All of the students at DVHS attend an extra academic lesson in each day and so their hunger to take on Virtual Aldridge in addition to this is superb to say the least.