

Engage an academic mentor in your school

Academic mentors are salaried members of staff who work with individual pupils and small groups to support students to achieve their academic goals.

Why choose an academic mentor?

Having a dedicated tutoring resource can make a real difference to your pupils.

Providing intensive classroom support to pupils who need it the most can help to boost pupils' attainment and build their confidence.

Academic mentors have achieved a high level of academic success and are further supported by comprehensive pedagogy and subject-specific training from our delivery partner, Education Development Trust. This ongoing training and professional development is certified by the Chartered College of Teaching and can help to act as a springboard for a future teaching career.

When is the right time to engage an academic mentor?

Academic mentors work with small groups and can support pupils throughout the school year. This could include targeted academic support to build pupils' confidence and preparing pupils for upcoming exams or assessments.

An academic mentor that is embedded in your school can build strong relationships with pupils over time and maximise the impact they can have on your pupil outcomes.

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We have utilised the academic mentor route of the NTP and have mentors working across Years 7 to 10 to deliver tuition in maths, English and science. The tutors have been very independent, enthusiastic, and have built strong relationships with the students. They have revisited topics requested by us and delivered tuition to meet the students' specific needs. We would definitely recommend the NTP to other schools because we feel that tuition has had a positive impact on students and their outlook on learning. ”

Assistant headteacher
– secondary school,
Gateshead



How to request an academic mentor

All schools can apply for an academic mentor. You can request specific skills or qualifications in a particular subject area.

Our delivery partner, Cognition Education, will take care of recruiting a highly-qualified tutor for your school. They manage the full recruitment process, from reference checks, to candidate matching for schools.

Request an academic mentor by contacting [Cognition Education](#).

Review your funding

Your school receives a tutoring grant at the start of each term. This can be used to subsidise 50% of the hourly per-pupil cost of tuition delivered by your academic mentor.

[Find out how much funding your school will receive.](#)

Help and support

For more detailed information, view the [2023 to 2024 guidance for schools on GOV.UK](#) and our [guide to tutoring](#).

Contact our dedicated support team if you have any queries about tutoring:

- Email tutoring.support@service.education.gov.uk
- Phone **0300 373 0891**
(Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm)

