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Dear Dr Payne and Dr Gregory,

Thank you for your further letter of 23 April, regarding initial teacher training bursaries.

The Department's teacher supply model (TSM) estimates the number of postgraduate initial teacher trainees needed each year. These estimates attempt to match the future supply of qualified teachers to projected demand in the state-funded sector in England. The recruitment targets produced by the TSM are, therefore, determined by a range of data, rather than being set by the Department. We have published the TSM for each of the last five years, and the 2019-20 version is available at: [tinyurl.com/YYkPt33x](http://tinyurl.com/YYkPt33x).

As you observe, we have increased bursaries for history for 2019-20. This is in response to an increase in the TSM target for history, which, as an English Baccalaureate subject, is prioritised for funding.

We review the initial teacher training bursaries we offer annually and will confirm the bursaries for academic year 2020-21 in the autumn.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,