

## **Pupil Premium Spending 2017-18**

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### **What is Pupil Premium?**

Pupil Premium is funding given to schools to help to support disadvantaged students from Year 7 to Year 11, and to help to close the gap in attainment between these students and their peers. It is allocated to schools for every student who has been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years, and for Children Looked After and children of Service Personnel.

Last year, Y11 Pupil Premium students at King Ecgbert School made better progress than the average of all students nationally.

### **How is the money spent?**

We receive £935 per student. 18% of our students are Pupil Premium. This year our Pupil Premium Budget is £182,325.

We invest the money to help students make the same progress as other children in their year group and nationally.

#### **Attendance.** £26,000

We spend part of the money on an attendance officer who helps us to monitor the attendance of students. The Attendance officer and year managers encourage students to be on time and to attend every day as this is essential for success. Year managers support children overcome problems which stop them from coming to school. We also provide free breakfasts for students entitled to a free school meal.

#### **Literacy.** £40,000

Students need strong literacy skills to make progress in school. Therefore we support our Pupil Progress students by providing an 'Accelerated Reader' programme in Y7 and Y8. We also employ a librarian who is skilled at helping students choose books which will enable them to read for pleasure. We have invested in extra books for the library to appeal to all our students. We also provide regular training for teachers and support staff in methods they can use to improve students' vocabulary and use of English. Some students have extra literacy classes to catch up with their peers.

#### **Pastoral support.** £18,000

We have an inclusion manager who works alongside the year managers to support students when they are experiencing significant problems either at home or at school.

#### **Engagement** £21,000

We have strategies to ensure that our Pupil Premium students are engaged with school, meaning they show good behaviour and take part in extra-curricular activities. For this to happen, we need to involve parents and carers so school and home can work together to support that engagement and participation. We use our Pupil Premium fund to support this, employing year managers who work with students, a senior team member to oversee the behaviour policy and a careers manager who helps students to prepare for an aspirational future. We also use the fund to contribute to the costs of extra-curricular activities for students, including curriculum trips, music lessons and residential.

**Attainment** £74,000

Attainment is about the progress students make with their learning. Pupil premium students across the country make less progress than their peers. We are determined to close that gap in our school. To do so, we appoint senior leaders to ensure that each department pays careful attention to the pupil premium students they teach, and put in place extra interventions to help students catch up. We have appointed extra leaders in English and Maths to ensure that PP students reach a high level in these crucial subjects. We also support Higher Level Teaching Assistants as part of those interventions in core subjects (English, Maths and Science.) We also buy GCSE Revision Guides for Pupil Premium students.

**Homework** £4000

Students who do homework make more rapid progress at school and achieve higher GCSE grades than students who do not. Therefore, we put resources into running homework support at lunch and after school.

For a more detailed evaluation, please see the Pupil Premium Strategy document on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's year manager.