

North Leamington School Pupil Premium Report 2011/12

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is funding allocated by central government to all schools in England. The amount of funding available for each school is calculated according to the number of 'Looked After' and Free School Meal eligible students. The grant was introduced in April 2011 and for the Academic year 2011/12 North Leamington School received £76,238.

What is the purpose of Pupil Premium?

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their wealthier peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families. New measures will be included in the performance tables that will capture the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.

Details of how this allocation was spent

Pupil Premium has been used by North Leamington School to assist and enhance a variety of initiatives. These are:

- Targetted English and Maths intervention for Year 11 borderline C/D students, or those at risk of not achieving their target grade, including the use of specialist Maths and English Higher Level Teaching Assistants and additional specialist intervention during VT time
- Literacy Intervention for students below target in English by increased use of the Learning Resource Centre and Librarian time
- Use of the Refocus Room and Pastoral team to re-engage disaffected students, including the provision of a full time Police Community Support Officer
- Foundation Learning Programme
- Purchase of the Highest level of Local Authority ESW support to raise attendance and assist in the addressing of long term and persistent absentees
- Alternative Provision and associated travel costs to provide flexible vocational pathways where appropriate – including Star 14, Arthur Rank, Hybrid Arts and The Royal Shakespeare Company
- Provision of additional support for pupils who have English as an Additional Language.
- Counselling service to provide invaluable social and emotional support
- Financial assistance for Educational Visits and Instrumental Lessons to ensure all students have equal opportunities
- Financial assistance towards exam resit fees where improvement is anticipated
- A proportion was spent on CPD for wave 1 teaching across the school

Improved outcomes as a result of Pupil Premium spend

- 71% of Pupil Premium students achieved 3 levels of progress in English against the national average of 54%. 36% of Pupil Premium students achieved 3 levels of progress in Maths against the national average of 44%.
- 11 students received intervention in literacy, who all made progress against their targets
- 46 Pupil Premium students received support from the Refocus Room, helping improve engagement and ensuring course are completed successfully
- 6 Pupil Premium students took part in the Foundation Learning Programme.

- FSM students attendance 91.23% and LAC students attendance 96.4%, against a National Average of 89.92%
- 10 Pupil Premium students accessed alternative provision in areas including Animal Care, Early Years Studies and Vehicle Maintenance
- 11 Pupil Premium students were supported by the EAL team during the year.
- 8 Pupil Premium students accessed counselling services during the year.
- Grade improvements for 45% of students whose entries were funded