

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is extra funding that is provided to schools to help to reduce inequalities resulting from social circumstances.

The funding is used to raise levels of educational achievement and to close the gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

Pupil premium enables pupils to:

- Close attainment gaps relative to their peers
- Have full access to the curriculum
- Improve levels of attainment
- Access extra curriculum provision

The Gillford Centre is a Pupil Referral Unit and our overarching aim is to reintegrate our pupils into a mainstream school. Consequently the school roll changes frequently with pupils moving in and out of the centre. We consider that the majority of our pupils are disadvantaged so the allocation of the pupil premium funding is targeted to improve language and communication skills, confidence and self-esteem as well as attendance, punctuality and behaviour.

The Pupil Premium funding is used annually to provide laptops, Teaching Assistant time and access to specific Literacy, (Lexia), and Numeracy, (Maths Whizz and MyMaths), programmes. Lexia is used by all students in KS1 -2 and 3 and selected students in KS4.

100% of students in KS1 & 2 have made progress with their literacy in the Autumn Term 2015 with 63% of students increasing their reading age by a year.

In KS3 29% of students have progressed by 1 level, 14% have progressed by 2 levels and 21% by 3 levels.

The improvement all students have made in their confidence, self-esteem and engagement crosses over into other subject areas.

Maths Whizz is used in KS1 and KS2 and improvement in attainment has been seen very quickly. In the Spring Term 2016 100% of students in KS1 & 2 have made progress and improved their Maths age by at least 1 month. 43% of KS1 & 2 pupils have made up to 4 months progress.

Pupil Premium Funding is also used to pay for half termly attendance reward trips for KS3 and KS4. These trips are chosen by the pupils and often involve trips to a go-karting centre or to a local virtual reality activity centre known as Laser Quest.

One of the most beneficial aspects of Pupil Premium spending is ensuring that all students, even if they are not entitled, receive a free school meal. The school has Healthy School status so the two course meals are prepared and cooked on the premises. Pupils and staff, enjoy a very successful social experience every day as we all come together for the meal. Some KS4 pupils gain a vocational qualification in catering as they work in the kitchen to help prepare, cook and serve the meal.

The Funding is also used by the Centre to provide uniform, including footwear, for students both in the Centre and at their mainstream schools. This removes barriers to learning and in some cases we use the fund to pay for transport costs to facilitate managed moves.

The Centre provides KS4 students with access to our own offsite vocational courses, Engineering Land Based Op's, and this is supported by Pupil Premium funding to buy the necessary resources including materials, tools, personal protective equipment and transport costs.