

PUPIL PREMIUM REPORT 2013-14

As part of the Government's Pupil Premium Funding initiative, each school receives funding to support students that have been entitled to Free School Meals anytime in the previous six academic years (FSM6), students who have been looked after continuously for more than six months(LAC) or a student whose parents have been service personnel anytime in the previous three academic years (Service Child). In 2013/14 the following students were entitled to access Pupil Premium funding (this includes one service child and 9 Looked After Children):

Year Group	Access to Pupil Premium
7	52 students (39% of cohort)
8	61 students (39% of cohort)
9	64 students (38% of cohort)
10	79 students (46% of cohort)
11	70 students (42% of cohort)
Total	326 students (41% of cohort)

The funding received within the 2013-14 financial year totalled £ 294,300. This has been used to enable the college to continue with proven interventions that had been at risk due to reduced funding streams and to create further strategies to enhance the personalised learning approach to learning. It has also enabled the target groups (in particular FSM6 Children) to participate in events/activities that may have been beyond their financial reach by offering financial subsidies. Some of examples of the way the funding has been utilised include:

- Providing HLTA intervention support for GCSE students studying English and maths.
- Employing qualified/experienced teachers in maths and science to provide intervention support in these subjects
- Providing 1:1 HLTA support for all LAC students
- Funding for additional college courses, including the Foundation Learning Landbased Studies, Outdoor Education
- Funding for four PP students to attend courses with external providers (Chesterfield College/JIGSAW)
- Funding for a member of college staff to accompany students on the Groundwork Cresswell and Forest Schools programmes.
- Continuation of the Learning Support Unit to integrate students into mainstream schooling
- Subsidising school trips for FSM students ? Subsidising school trips for G&T PP students
- Funding for two Learning Mentors to support our FSM students in their studies
- Funding for two HLTAs to operate the Behaviour Improvement Centre, providing an alternative to fixed term exclusions
- The purchase and deployment of an Accelerated Reading program to improve literacy levels at KS3.
- The provision of music tuition for Pupil Premium students undertaking a KS4 Music course

- A supply of school uniform to be provided on loan when appropriate school uniform is not worn

The college continually evaluates the effectiveness of intervention strategies. We are pleased with the outcomes which demonstrate the progress of our Pupil Premium students as follows:

In terms of attainment, the percentage of FSM students reaching the 5 A*-C inc English and Maths threshold rose between 2011 and 2013. Although this percentage decreased in 2014, we closed the in school gap between Pupil Premium students and Non-Pupil Premium students by 2%.

Significantly the in school gap for PP/Non PP students attaining a C or above in English closed from 21% in 2013 to 14% in 2014, and the in school gap for PP/Non PP students attaining a C or above in Maths closed from 19% in 2013 to 10% in 2014 – emphasizing the positive effect of the HLTA/experienced teacher intervention in these subjects.

Unfortunately, the Average Points score for FSM students has decreased this year. However this is in line with national trends following the Wolf Report/changes to the way vocational subjects are included in the Performance Tables.