

Pupil Premium Report 2014 – 2015

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 2014/15 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	76 students (46% of cohort)
8	57 students (40.7% of cohort)
9	59 students (36.8% of cohort)
10	65 students (38.4% of cohort)
11	76 students (44.9% of cohort)
Total	333 students (41.4% of cohort)

The funding received within the 2014-15 financial year totalled £301,035. 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 English, maths and science to provide intervention support in these subjects
- Providing 1:1 HLTA support for all LAC students – 20 hours of English and maths throughout the year
- Funding for additional college courses, including the Foundation Learning Landbased Studies, Outdoor Education
- Funding for seven PP students to attend courses with external providers (Chesterfield College Motor Vehicles/JIGSAW)
- Funding for a member of college staff to accompany students on the Groundwork Creswell 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 Most Able PP students
- Funding for a Learning Mentor 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 and Lexia reading scheme to improve literacy levels at KS3.
- The provision of music tuition for Pupil Premium students undertaking a KS4 Music course
- Member of SLT sent on a best practice for PP students course which was then fed back to other staff
- EWO to look at the attendance of PP students and feedback to members of SLT
- A supply of school uniform to be provided on loan when appropriate school uniform is not worn

Impact of the Funding

The table below shows that, using most measures, the gap in achievement between Pupil Premium students and other students is narrower in College than nationally.

Measure (Gap between PP and others)	2015 National Gap	2015 College Gap
% 5+A*-C inc English and Maths	27	26
Best 8 points score	67	55
% English Bacculaureate	17	9
% Expected Progress in English	17	24
% Expected Progress in Maths	23	16

The table below shows that, while gaps in achievement remain below national levels, there has been a widening in some of the in-College gaps. As a consequence, the College has planned a different approach to raising the achievement of students support by the Pupil Premium in its 2015-16 College Improvement Plan.

Measure (Gap between PP and others)	2013	2014	2015
% 5+A*-C inc English and Maths	21	22	26
Best 8 points score	38	44	55
% English Bacculaureate	9	4	9
% Expected Progress in English	17	6	24
% Expected Progress in Maths	6	9	16

The table below shows that the absence and exclusions gaps are below national levels.

Measure (Gap between PP and others)	2015 National Gap	2015 College Gap
% Sessions missed due to absence	3.2	2.9
% Persistent Absentees	7.6	5.5
% Fixed Term Exclusions	12.33	2.07