

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 to break down barriers to achievement and enhance the education of vulnerable students. The school has the responsibility of deciding how this funding is allocated.

At Saint Aidan's, we are committed to using our Pupil Premium funding so that it directly impacts upon the educational experience and academic progress of vulnerable students.

For the Financial Year 2012-13 we will receive £61,431 of pupil premium funding.

The Pupil Premium has been spent in an integrated way to ensure that entitled students receive the opportunity for additional support, use of facilities and extracurricular opportunities. The funding has been used to support a number of strategies and interventions to improve outcomes for students, examples of which are:

- Providing an after school homework club, Learning Plus, in an ICT room with a designated member of staff to offer support and guidance
- Setting up specific smaller teaching groups in Maths, English and Science at Key Stage 4
- Dedicated Teaching Assistants for small group literacy work
- Additional Teaching Assistant to work with students both in class and in lunchtime groups
- Employment of a specialist Careers Advisor by the school to provide advice and support for students
- Support to enable students to participate in school trips
- Support to enable students to participate in a number of extra-curricular activities e.g. Personal Music Tuition, Astronomy
- Provision of Individual Mentoring at KS4 by external providers
- Targeted literacy intervention so that students who come into the school with literacy skills which below the expected level for their age are enabled to catch up quickly

Impact

We are proud of our record of improving the achievement and life chances of vulnerable students. In 2012 our results rose for all of our students:

- 8% increase in the number of students achieving 5 or more A*-C grades
- 6% increase in the number of students achieving 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE including English and Maths
- 12% increase in the number of students making 3 levels progress in English
- 12% increase in the number of students making 3 levels progress in Maths
- 5% increase in the number of students achieving the English Baccalaureate

The proportion of students receiving free school meals who achieved 5 or more A* to C grades in 2012 was 50%. This compares to a Lancashire average of 30% for students receiving free school

meals. In 2012-13 we are working hard to raise further the achievement of all of our students, including those receiving free school meals.

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