



St Mary's CE High School: Pupil Premium

Context:

Schools receive a payment known as 'Pupil Premium', for each child who has received Free School Meals in one or more of the previous six years. Pupil Premium is also received for students who have been in continuous care for six months or more and for children whose parents/carers are in the armed services.

From September 2014, 30% of students at St Mary's High School are eligible for the Pupil Premium and of these 13% are currently receiving FSMs. The amount payable to schools was £900 per student for the academic year 2013/14 and in 2014/15 this figure has risen to £935 per student. The headline allocation of funding that St Mary's receives as Pupil Premium during the academic year 2014/15 is £198,000. This provision from the government is given to schools to close the gap in attainment between students who have received Free School Meals and those who do not.

It is the role of schools to decide how to use the Pupil Premium allocation, as the Government has stated that schools are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for individual students. As a school we regularly monitor and track the progress of students, as well as actively seek views from our Student Voice (the student council) which influences the decisions that the school makes for funding.

The range of activities and interventions that the Pupil Premium has funded, or contributed towards at St Mary's during the past two years includes:

- Staff training and CPD to support improvement in student literacy and numeracy
- Interventions that run before school, after school, during the school holidays and at weekends
- Achievement for All (AfA) Project to raise the attainment of students
- Breakfast and study clubs
- Rewards, motivation and celebration events
- Extended hours of opening for the Learning Resource Centre and management of additional study support
- Student Managers and KS5 Academic Mentor
- Employment of additional core subject teaching
- Youth Connexions Advice, Support and Guidance
- Student Support Days
- Special Projects and External Provider Interventions
- Enrichment activities
- Targeted support /Student Centre Interventions
- Alternative Curriculum provision
- Smaller class size for targeted groups
- Work with primary schools to support primary to secondary transition
- Family Support Worker time
- Extended Work Experience Placements
- Provision of resources to support independent learning and extended learning
- Attendance Improvement Officer raise the attendance of PPG students and FSM students in particular

Impact:

The overall impact of Pupil Premium Funding is evidenced in:

- Outcomes for students who have been eligible for Free School Meals which have a trend of improvement

- A percentage increase in the number of PPG students achieving and exceeding expectations in terms of their attainment and progress targets
- An increase in the number of students receiving achievement rewards
- An improvement in overall attendance of students eligible for Free School Meals between Autumn 2013 and Autumn 2014
- A reduction in the number of days of fixed term exclusions and permanent exclusions
- An improvement in parental/carer engagement to support student learning
- An increase in applications to university of students eligible for Free School Meals
- An increase in applications of students eligible for Free School Means into post 16 at SMHS
- A reduction in the number of students who are leaving school without a place in education, training or work

The aspects of the Strategic School Improvement Plan that have been supported by Pupil Premium funding are:

- To raise standards of student achievement and close further any remaining attainment gaps
- To raise standards rapidly in Science to bring them into line with other core subjects
- To improve retention further of students into post 16 learning at SMHS