

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of Pupil Premium (and Recovery Premium for the 2021 to 2022 academic year) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged students.

It outlines our Pupil Premium Strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and over the course of the next 3 years, subject to annual review. The Strategy also details the effect that last year's spending of Pupil Premium had within our school.

School overview

| Detail | Data |
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| School name | Hele's School |
| Number of pupils in school | 1127 Y7-11 (1333 incl. Post-16) |
| Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils | 19% (12% FSM) |
| Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended) | 2021-2024 |
| Date this statement was published | November 2021 |
| Date on which it will be reviewed | September 2022 |
| Statement authorised by | Justine Mason |
| Pupil premium lead | Emma Clapham |
| Governor / Trustee lead | Carl Atkinson |

Funding overview

| Detail | Amount |
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| Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year | £222,079 |
| Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year | £25, 810 |
| Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable) | £22,101 |
| Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year | £269,990 (plus £25,009.18 carried forward) |

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Hele's School, our purpose is to warm hearts and to light fires in the minds of all our students. Our ambition is to inspire confident learners who will thrive in a changing world, never fearful of taking risks and learning from mistakes made as part of their growth. We hold dear to the belief that 'people matter', and the quality of personal relationships at all levels is central to ensuring a safe, happy, caring and inclusive environment. We recognise within this that not all students have had the same experiences and we are committed to ensuring that no child is left behind socially or academically. We strive to remove any notion of low expectations for individuals or groups of students, raise lifelong aspirations for all and focus on removing barriers to learning in order to achieve excellence. Our Pupil Premium Strategy Plan aims to address the main barriers our students face and through careful planning, rigorous tracking and targeted support and intervention. In addition, we aim to provide all students with the opportunities to enjoy academic success and to fulfil their potential as socially capable adults.

Principles

- At Hele's, we are an inclusive community where we ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all our students.
- We ensure that provision is made for students who have additional needs or face additional barriers, e.g. students with special educational needs, students who receive or have received free school meals etc.
- In making such provision, we recognise that not all students who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.
- We also recognise that not all students who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals.
- We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any student or groups of students that we identify as being in need of additional support.
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals.

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

| Challenge number | Detail of challenge |
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| 1 | Historical poor progress from KS2-4: Students eligible for Pupil Premium funding, especially Higher Prior Attainers, identified from Key Stage 2 data results, have historically made less progress nationally, regionally and at Hele's School over Key Stage 3 and 4 than other students. |
| 2 | Literacy and numeracy skills: In general, PP students enter Year 7 at Hele's with lower Key Stage 2 SATs data / teacher assessments reflecting the need to develop literacy and numeracy skills further for these students early in KS3. This has been exacerbated by the disproportionately high impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on disadvantaged youngsters. |
| 3 | Aspiration and educational ambition: Students who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding may arrive at the Hele's lacking aspiration and educational ambition when compared to other students. |
| 4 | Behaviour: Where standards of behaviour do not meet expectations, this can have a detrimental impact on a student's academic progress. We know through student voice and behaviour data that self-esteem and self-regulation have been and continue to be issues affecting PP students at Hele's. |
| 5 | SEND needs: A high number of students who are eligible for Pupil Premium, also have a range of SEND needs which can impact disproportionately on their academic (and social) progress. |
| 6 | Attendance: Nationally, attendance rates for PP students are generally lower than the attendance rates for others. This is reflected at Hele's. |
| 7 | Access to resources: Access to resources such as computers, revision material and other learning resources, as well as engagement in extra-curricular activities can be more challenging for PP students. |
| 8 | Emotional wellbeing & safeguarding: There is a significantly higher proportion of disadvantaged pupils than non-disadvantaged open to Social Care at any given time and general emotional wellbeing tends to be lower for this cohort of students than their non-disadvantaged counterparts. |

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

| Intended outcome | Success criteria |
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| No gap between the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils and others at KS4. | <p>2021-22: Current gap in both Basics and P8 outcomes reduces.</p> <p>2022-23: Gap in both Basics and P8 outcomes continues to close</p> <p>2023-24: Gap in both Basics and P8 outcomes is closed</p> <p><i>N.B based on 2021 outcomes, current gap is 14% Basics 4+, 26% Basics 5+. P8 gap approx. -0.5</i></p> |
| Gaps in literacy and numeracy between the disadvantaged pupils and others closed during KS3 | <p>2021-22: Current gap reduces</p> <p>2022-23: Gap continues to close</p> <p>2023-24: Gap is closed</p> |
| Disadvantaged pupils aware of the options available to them and engaged in activities which develop cultural capital and aspiration. | <p>2021-22: DS students strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities and participation tracked & monitored. Engagement in CIAG programme at each transition point.</p> <p>2022-23: All DS students engaged in at least one extra-curricular activity per week. No DS NEETs.</p> <p>2023-24: All DS students engaged in at least one extra-curricular activity per week and actively involved in student leadership opportunities and CIAG.</p> |
| No gap in the behaviour KPIs between disadvantaged pupils and others | <p>2021-22: Current gap in internal and external isolations and fixed term exclusions reduces</p> <p>2022-23: Gap in internal and external isolations and fixed term exclusions continues to close</p> <p>2023-24: Gap in internal and external isolations and fixed term exclusions is closed</p> |
| Multiple vulnerabilities not stunting academic and social progress of disadvantaged pupils. | <p>2021-22: Pastoral and SEN teams aware of students impacted by multiple vulnerabilities and systems refined to optimise outcomes for these students</p> <p>2022-23: Wider staff aware of students impacted by multiple vulnerabilities and systems embedded to optimise outcomes.</p> |

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| | <p>2023-24: All stakeholders aware of students impacted by multiple vulnerabilities and the support in place to address challenges faced.</p> |
| <p>No gap in attendance rates between disadvantaged pupils and others</p> | <p>2021-22: Current gap in persistent absence reduces</p> <p>2022-23: Gap in persistent absence continues to close</p> <p>2023-24: Gap in persistent absence is closed</p> |
| <p>Disadvantaged pupils have access to resources required to be academically successful.</p> | <p>2021-22: Audit completed for access to technology in the home and technology distributed accordingly. Personal allowance spend articulated to parents/carers and reminders sent.</p> <p>2022-23: Audit completed of all new students (Y7 plus in-year admissions) to ascertain access barriers and solutions sought. Increase in uptake of personal allowance spend.</p> <p>2023-24: All DS students spending full personal allowance on resources or experiences which will enhance their academic and social progression.</p> |
| <p>Disadvantaged pupils have access to resources to support their emotional wellbeing.</p> | <p>2021-22: PASS surveys completed by all students to ascertain current wellbeing level and initial interventions in place.</p> <p>2022-23: Monitoring and evaluation of interventions for all DS students and repeat of PASS surveys to note improvements/ lack of progress.</p> <p>2023-24: Interventions embedded with full access for all DS students.</p> |

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £ 152,927.17

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| <p>Homework package (ClassCharts) & associated seating plan/behaviour package to ensure that staff at all levels are aware of all sub-groups, including disadvantaged students, in their classes and that up to date performance data is always available.</p> <p>Increasing use of Microsoft Teams for Assignment setting and feedback.</p> <p>Embedding use of GCSEPod for KS4 and 5 students.</p> <p>Staff to set frequent and meaningful homework that builds on prior learning, incorporates retrieval practice and is interleaved to support memory retention.</p> | <p>Homework (EEF +5 months)</p> <p>Digital Technology (EEF +4 months)</p> | <p>1, 2, 4, 7</p> |
| <p>Teachers are provided with high quality internal CPD programme to further develop pedagogy, allowing all students, especially disadvantaged students, to meet or exceed expected levels of progress.</p> | <p>Feedback (EEF + 8 months)</p> | <p>1, 3</p> |
| <p>Teachers can access external subject-specific or domain-specific CPD which will advance progress for students</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>1, 3</p> |

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| Develop positive behaviour management techniques which focus on building relationships with students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds to maximise learning time for all students | Behaviour Interventions (EEF +3 months) | Behaviour Interventions (EEF +3 months) |
| Trauma-Informed Schools training for whole-staff to build on positive behaviour management system. | Behaviour Interventions (EEF +3 months) | Behaviour Interventions (EEF +3 months) |
| Increase staff understanding of multiple vulnerabilities and using Achievement for All coaching programme, increase communication between pastoral teams, SEN department and PP leads. | Feedback (EEF +8 months) | 1, 2, 5 |

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 66,533.83

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| Y11 maths/English 1:1 / small group tutoring | One to one tuition (EEF + 5 months) Small group tuition (+4 months) | 1, 3 |
| Y11 maths/English tutor time intervention sessions include a significant proportion of disadvantaged students | One to one tuition (EEF + 5 months) Small group tuition (+4 months) | 1, 3, 6 |
| Y11 Easter School | Small group tuition (+4 months) Outdoor adventure learning (unclear) Social & emotional learning (+4 months) Summer schools)+3 months) | 1,3,6,7,8 |
| Y 9 & 10 maths/English small group tutoring through NTP | Small group tuition (+4 months) | 1, 2, 3, 6 |

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| Y7 & 8 maths/English 1:1 / small group tutoring | One to one tuition (EEF + 5 months) Small group tuition (+4 months) Reading comprehension strategies (+6 months) Phonics (+5 months) | 1, 2, 3, 6 |
| Y7 & 8 nurture groups for English | Reducing class sizes (+2 months) Reading comprehension strategies (+6 months) Phonics (+5 months) | 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 |
| Learn & Grow / Study Café group tuition (all years) | Peer tutoring (+5 months) Extending school time (+3 months) | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 |
| LSA in class and intervention support | Teaching Assistant Interventions (+4 months) | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| Provision of GCSE Revision Guides to Y9/10/11 students, along with guidance on how to effectively use them | n/a | 7 |
| Purchase of subscriptions to educational and emotional wellbeing resources eg. Kooth, Twinkl, BossMaths | Social & emotional learning (+4 months) | 3, 7, 8 |

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 66,562.55

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| Implementation of the Achievement for All Schools Programme – leadership development and coaching and staff training around SEN/PP crossover | n/a | 3, 5, 6 |
| Humanutopia – Who Am I? social impact day (full Y9 cohort), followed by Heroes training and 5Live day for all PP students plus others, working with Y5 students across WeST. | Social & emotional learning (+4 months) | 3, 4, 6, 8 |

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| Breakfast Club - food and equipment provision, with focus on healthy eating and family dining to provide a nurturing start to the day and opportunity to discuss emerging barriers. | Social & emotional learning (+4 months) Mentoring (+2 months) | 7, 8 |
| Personal allowance per pupil x £150 | Aspiration interventions (unclear) | 3, 6, 7, 8 |
| Intense focus on attendance for disadvantaged cohort in all years through increased EWO time and greater parental engagement | Parental engagement (+4 months) | 3, 6, 8 |
| Pre-release of all Parents Evening and Tutor Evening appointments, as well as Aspirations Week bookings to disadvantaged students | Parental engagement (+4 months) Arts participation (+3 months) Physical activity (+1 month) | 6, 7, 8 |
| Provision of Super 6 equipment for disadvantaged students | n/a | 7 |
| Purchase of food ingredients/tech equipment (Y7&8 plus Hospitality/D&T GCSE students) | n/a | 7 |
| Maximise learning time for all students, particularly disadvantaged students, through improved behaviour systems and a focus on restorative practice: Pivotal Behaviour Curriculum | Behaviour Interventions (+4 months) | 3, 4 |
| Audit participation of PP students in organised extra-curricular activities and look to increase participation rates to a minimum of one organised activity per child per week | Extending school time (+3 months) Physical activity (+1 month) | 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 |
| Bespoke timetabling to respond to individual needs, featuring, where appropriate, access to alternative provision or therapeutic support, particularly for those where school-based interventions have been unsuccessful. | Individualised instruction (+4 months) | 3, 6, 7, 8 |

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| CPA practitioner to provide individual and small-group interventions around social and emotional wellbeing. | Arts participation (+3 months) | 3, 4, 7, 8 |
| Pastoral Support Managers providing bespoke workshops around aspects of social and emotional wellbeing | Social & emotional learning (+4 months) Mentoring (+2 months) | 3, 4, 7, 8 |
| Enhanced CIAG - All Y11 PP students receive additional careers guidance through CTSW and are supported 1:1 by VY where appropriate. Y10 and 9 PP students are seen earlier than the rest of the cohort to increase lead in time. All PP students are supported to acquire a Work Experience placement to increase aspiration and ensure engagement. | Aspiration interventions (unclear) Feedback (+6 months) | 3, 7, 8 |

Total budgeted cost: £ 28,602.55

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Due to COVID-19, performance measures have not been published for 2020 to 2021, and 2020 to 2021 results will not be used to hold schools to account. Given this, please point to any other pupil evaluations undertaken during the 2020 to 2021 academic year, for example, standardised teacher administered tests or diagnostic assessments such as rubrics or scales.

If last year marked the end of a previous pupil premium strategy plan, what is your assessment of how successfully the intended outcomes of that plan were met?

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

| Programme | Provider |
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| Who Am I?; Heroes Training; 5Live | Humanutopia |
| Achievement for All Coaching Programme | Achievement for All |
| Pivotal Education | Crisis Prevention Institute |

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

| Measure | Details |
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| How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year? | According to the Armed Forces Covenant, the Services Pupil Premium is there for schools to provide mainly pastoral support for service children. This is exactly how we deploy our Services Pupil Premium – training and support for our Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Managers, as well as additional training for our tutors, helping them to know every child within their tutor group and support their individual needs. All |

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| | <p>Services students have access to enhanced pastoral support through our Student Services, with aspects such as priority waiting lists for school counselling, increased opportunities to work with the Head of Year and greater frequency of Careers Interviews to aid transition between phases. Many Services students and their families make use of these additional opportunities.</p> |
| <p>What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?</p> | <p>In terms of outcomes, the results for Services students were broadly in line with the rest of the cohort. In the Basics measure of English and maths, 70% of Services students achieved a grade 4, in contrast to 78% of non-Services students. At grade 5, there was only a 1% difference, with Services and non-Services achieving 55% and 56% respectively. 100% of last year's Service students went on to Education, Employment or Training. Whilst no quantitative data can confirm whether this was as a result of enhanced pastoral support, Student Voice from the end of Y11 would suggest the enhanced support received was a key factor in reducing anxiety and in turn, increasing outcomes, both academically in terms of GCSE outcomes and pastorally in terms of attendance and behaviour.</p> |

Further information (optional)

For Pupil Premium spending, we also allocate a small amount throughout the year on subject-specific interventions. Departments are able to request funding but must provide a clear rationale and evidence base for the funding request, along with intended outcomes and monitoring proposals. Previous applications have included new software, access to online learning like EduCake and Doodle. PP funding can also be requested to support with resources that will impact teaching and learning for all including classroom resources and additional rewards.