## **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
School name	Hele's School
Number of pupils in school	1159 Y7-11
	(1342 incl. Post-16)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	15.6% <i>(12% FSM)</i>
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021-2024
Date this statement was published	December 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2023
Statement authorised by	Justine Mason
Pupil premium lead	Emma Clapham
Governor / Trustee lead	Carl Atkinson

## **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£248,840
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£49,680
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£70,257
Total budget for this academic year	£419,931
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

## 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
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	<b>Behaviour:</b> 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	<b>Attendance:</b> 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
No gap between the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils and others at KS4.	2021-22: Current gap in both Basics and P8 outcomes reduces.
	2022-23: Gap in both Basics and P8 outcomes continues to close
	2023-24: Gap in both Basics and P8 outcomes is closed
	N.B based on 2021 outcomes, current gap is 14% Basics 4+, 26% Basics 5+. P8 gap approx0.5
Gaps in literacy and numeracy between	2021-22: Current gap reduces
the disadvantaged pupils and others closed during KS3	2022-23: Gap continues to close 2023-24: Gap is closed
Disadvantaged pupils aware of the options available to them and engaged in activities which develop cultural capital and aspiration.	2021-22:DS students strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities and participation tracked & monitored. Engagement in CIAG programme at each transition point.
	2022-23: All DS students engaged in at least one extra-curricular activity per week. No DS NEETs.
	2023-24: All DS students engaged in at least one extra-curricular activity per week and actively involved in student leadership opportunities and CIAG.
No gap in the behaviour KPIs between disadvantaged pupils and others	2021-22: Current gap in internal and external isolations and fixed term exclusions reduces
	2022-23: Gap in internal and external isolations and fixed term exclusions continues to close
	2023-24: Gap in internal and external isolations and fixed term exclusions is closed
Multiple vulnerabilities not stunting academic and social progress of disadvantaged pupils.	2021-22: Pastoral and SEN teams aware of students impacted by multiple vulnerabilities and systems refined to optimise outcomes for these students
	2022-23: Wider staff aware of students impacted by multiple vulnerabilities and systems embedded to optimise outcomes.
	2023-24: All stakeholders aware of students impacted by multiple vulnerabilities and the support in place to address challenges faced.

No gap in attendance rates between disadvantaged pupils and others	2021-22: Current gap in persistent absence reduces 2022-23: Gap in persistent absence continues to close 2023-24: Gap in persistent absence is closed
Disadvantaged pupils have access to resources required to be academically successful.	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.  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.  2023-24: All DS students spending full personal allowance on resources or experiences which will enhance their academic and social progression.
Disadvantaged pupils have access to resources to support their emotional wellbeing.	2021-22: PASS surveys completed by all students to ascertain current wellbeing level and initial interventions in place. 2022-23: Monitoring and evaluation of interventions for all DS students and repeat of PASS surveys to note improvements/ lack of progress. 2023-24: Interventions embedded with full access for all DS students.

## 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: £193,193.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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.	Homework (EEF +5 months)	1, 2, 4, 7
Provision Map to hold all key strategies for invidiuals, linked to ClassCharts to provide a one-stop platfom for staff to enable them to know every child in each class and plan for their needs.	Digital Technology (EEF +4 months)	
Increasing use of Microsoft Teams for Assignment setting and feedback.		
Staff to set frequent and meaningful homework that builds on prior learning, incorporates retrieval practice and is interleaved to support memory retention.		
Teachers are provided with high quality internal CPD programme to further develop	Feedback (EEF + 8 months)	1, 3

pedagogy, allowing all students, especially disadvantaged students, to meet or exceed expected levels of progress.		
Teachers can access external subject-specific or domain-specific CPD which will advance progress for students	N/A	1, 3
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 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: £ 85,425.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
NGRT testing for all students in Y7-11, with repeat testing for Y7-10. Lexia Power Up Intervention put in place	Small group tuition (+4 months)  Digital Technology (EEF +4 months)  Phonics (+5 months)	

for all students scoring below 89 SAS.		
Y11 maths 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
Y 9 & 10 maths in-class tuition to support a 'keep up' rather than 'catch up' model	One to one tuition (EEF + 5 months)  Small group tuition (+4 months)	1, 2, 3, 6
Support students previously eligible for Pupil Premium now in Post-16 to access additional learning beyond the classroom in key subjects through UpLearn programme to ensure a 'keep up' rather than 'catch up' model	Digital Technology (EEF +4 months)	1, 3, 7
Y7 nurture groups for English	Reducing class sizes (+2 months) Reading comprehension strategies (+6 months)  Phonics (+5 months)	1, 2, 4, 5, 8
Learn & Grow group tuition (all years)	Peer tutoring (+5 months) Extending school time (+3 months)	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
Y11 P6 Daily Prep to focus on high-leverage revision strategies, alongside targeted intervention sessions	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,	n/a	7

along with guidance on how to effectively use them		
Purchase of subscriptions to educational and emotional wellbeing resources eg. Kooth, Twinkl, BossMaths, Times Tables Rockstars	Social & emotional learning (+4 months)	3, 7, 8

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

Budgeted cost: £ 54,971.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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. Who Am I Now day for Y10 to revisit work done in Y9	Social & emotional learning (+4 months)	3, 4, 6, 8
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 creation of Attendance Pastoral Support Manager to focus on disadvantaged students	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.	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.  Tracking through Absolute Education to analyse participation of disadvantaged students	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
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
Youth Workers from Plymouth City Council on-site ½ day per week to work with students 2 x break times and complete series of workshops on issues affecting specific groups of students	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
Alternative Provision packages for students where support from external agencies in order to maintain or reengage in education is required.	Social & emotional learning (+4 months) Mentoring (+2 months) Individualised instruction (+4 months)	1,2,3,4,5,6,8

Total budgeted cost: £ 333,589.00

## 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.

No gap between the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils and others at KS4.

2021-22: Current gap in both Basics and P8 outcomes reduces.

	4+ Ba- sics (all)	4+ Ba- sics (DS)	5+ Ba- sics (all)	5+ Basics (DS)	P8 (all)	P8 (DS)
2022	73.1%	54.4%	49.5%	21.7%	-0.28	-0.67
2021 TAGs	76.9%	63.0%	56.3%	29.6%	+0.15	-0.33
2020 CAGs	78.2%	52.5%	55.3%	27.5%	+0.29	-0.23
2019	72.8%	52.9%	50.0%	35.3%	+0.06	-0.38

Although the gap in all outcomes has remained consistent and persistent over the past few years, there was a notable drop this year for both disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students in terms of the Progress 8 figure in 2022. This was compounded by the fact here that 25% of the disadvantaged cohort did not have a full curriculum entry, with 10% not sitting any GCSEs, due to health or other reasons. As such, the focus on reducing the gap in outcomes remains a key driver in the next academic year.

Gaps in literacy (and numeracy) between the disadvantaged pupils and others closed during KS3

2021-22: Current gap reduces

	% <89 SAS
Year 7	14%
	DS Gap
	-1.9

	% <89 SAS
Year 8	6% (was 7%)
May 22 to Dec	DS
22	107.9
	110.5

Year 9	% <89 SAS
rear 9	6% (was 10%)

June 22 to Dec	DS	
22	109.5	
	113.0	
	% <89 SAS	
Year 10	10%	
rear 10	DS Gap	
	-1	
	% <89 <b>SAS</b>	
Year 11	12%	
	DS Gap	
	-7.6	

The % of DS students with an SAS score below 89 is below the proportionate representations in each year group, with gaps minimal and closing in all years, bar Y11. Work continues to support students below 89 with Literacy intervention programme, Lexia Power Up, as well as staff being acutely aware of reading scores and planning deliberate reading practice to foster further improvement. NGRT tests are conducted twice annually for each year group to gauge improvement and track and monitor the progress of individuals. This information is shared with all staff and reported to parents.

## Disadvantaged pupils aware of the options available to them and engaged in activities which develop cultural capital and aspiration.

2021-22:DS students strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities and participation tracked & monitored.

All students, including disadvantaged students, are encouraged to engage in extra-curricular activities. Parents are informed through a range of media of the opportunities available to students and advance briefings are given to disadvantaged students prior to the release of new opportunities, such as CCF applications, DofE and Enrichment Week. We are currently researching various platforms to track and monitor extra-curricular attendance and plan to run a trial early next year before confirming the final software.

#### No gap in the behaviour KPIs between disadvantaged pupils and others

2021-22: Current gap in internal and external isolations and fixed term exclusions reduces

Internal isolation (Term 5):

Year	Total no	Disadvantaged
7	1	1
8	4	0

9	3	1
10	3	1
11	2	1
Total no	13/1129 (1.15%)	4/215=1.8% (1.8%)

#### External Isolation (Term 5):

Year	Total no.	Disadvantaged
7	0	0
8	3	1
9	4	1
10	2	1
11	1	1
Total no	10/1129 (0.88%)	4/215 (1.8%)

#### Fixed Term Exclusions

**Term 1:** 26 days – 16 incidents -13 students (7 DIS)

Term 2: 46.5 days -26 incidents – 18 students (0 DIS)

**Term 3:** 35 days – 20 incidents – 14 students (7 DIS)

**Term 4:** 23 days – 16 incidents – 12 students (3 DIS)

**Term 5:** 30 days – 18 incidents – 13 students (4 DIS)

Although the gap is reducing in some areas, disadvantaged students continue to account for a disproportionate number of behaviour sanctions and this remains an area of focus for us to work on over the coming year. We will be introducing a Behaviour Coach to work with mid-level students with a view to changing the mindset around poor behaviour. We continue to explore additional interventions in addition to this.

Multiple vulnerabilities not stunting academic and social progress of disadvantaged pupils.

2021-22: Pastoral and SEN teams aware of students impacted by multiple vulnerabilities and systems refined to optimise outcomes for these students

At each IA point, Heads of Year and tutors receive in-depth information on the performance of each cohort and individuals within, with a sharp focus on those with multiple vulnerabilities to ensure that their needs are being met. This is done through the Raising Standards process

#### No gap in attendance rates between disadvantaged pupils and others

2021-22: Current gap in persistent absence reduces

**Term 1:** 291 pupils - 97 were Disadvantaged – 194 were not

Term 2: 442 pupils - 120 were Disadvantaged – 324were not

**Term 3:** 445 pupils - 122 were Disadvantaged –323 were not

Term 4: 412 pupils - 113 were Disadvantaged – 299 were not

Term 5: 368 pupils - 111 were Disadvantaged - 257 were not

Whilst there has been some progress in this area over the course of this year, our disadvantaged group remains the most stubborn in terms of persistent absence. Despite the work of our current internal staff, along with bought in services from the Educational Welfare Service, we are not seeing the progress we would like in this area therefore we have created an additional support staff role for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years to work specifically with disadvantaged students and their families to improve attendance and reduce persistent absence by removing barriers for this group of learners.

#### Disadvantaged pupils have access to resources required to be academically successful.

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.

Audit completed and devices assigned where required. Other devices available for short-term loans as and when required by individuals or families. Letters sent 3 times annually to remind parents/carers of their personal allowance.

#### Disadvantaged pupils have access to resources to support their emotional wellbeing.

2021-22: PASS surveys completed by all students to ascertain current wellbeing level and initial interventions in place.

Surveys completed by all students and results used at macro and micro level to inform pastoral programmes, as well a providing bespoke tutor support to individuals and groups of students. Youth Work service contacted to provide additional layer of support for next academic year.

### **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
Who Am I?; Heroes Training; 5Live	Humanutopia
Power Up Literacy	Lexia Aspire Professional Learning
Up Learn	Up Learn Ltd
Youth Work Service	Plymouth City Council
Trauma Informed Schools	TISUK

### Service pupil premium funding (optional)

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

Measure	Details
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 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.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	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, 73% of Services students achieved a grade 4, exactly the same as non-Services students. At grade 5, there was only a 3% difference, with Services and non-Services achieving 47% and 50% respectively. The Progress 8 score was 0.06 higher for our Services students than their non-Service counterparts. 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.

#### **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 Doddle. PP funding can also be requested to support with resources that will impact teaching and learning for all including classroom resources and additional rewards.

For this academic year, we have been unable to secure an English in-house tutor. This is something we are keen to readvertise for the 2023-24 academic year to have an in-house Maths and English tutor working across years 7-11. Largely this will follow the 'keep up' rather than 'catch up' model but the carry forward we will have from this year will be used for this purpose.