

KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

Report on the use & impact of Pupil Premium funding for the 2018-2019 academic year

1. Context

- i. Pupil Premium funding is the main vehicle used by the government to address the national academic underperformance of students up to the age of sixteen who are entitled to receive free school meals or have been at any time in the past six years.
- ii. The Pupil Premium takes the form of additional funding for each student currently entitled to receive free school meals or who have been entitled to receive free school meals at any time during the past six years.
- iii. For the 2018-2019 academic year Pupil Premium funding was £935 per student.
- iv. During the 2018-2019 academic year the school received £153,074 Pupil Premium funding.
- v. The cost of providing a free school meal (£2.30 per day) is included within main school funding however it is not clearly identified as such. The school is unable to say with any degree of certainty how much funding it received during 2018-2019 to meet the cost of free school meals.
- vi. The Pupil Premium funding received by the school is effectively ring fenced in that it must be spent directly on those students currently in receipt of free school meals or who have been at any time during the past six years.
- vii. In previous years the academic performance of students in receipt of the Pupil Premium showed no significant variation from those who were not. Given this, the school's Governors decided that the aims for the expenditure of the school's Pupil Premium funding for the 2018-2019 academic year would be as follows.
 - a. To ensure that all students have access as far as possible to the opportunities offered by the school in relation to extra-curricular activities.
 - b. Mitigate as far as possible the social & material disadvantages experienced by students coming from less wealthy backgrounds.
- viii. From 1st January 2014 the decision was taken to provide specific support to those students not currently entitled to receive free school meals but who had been in the past six years. This support included the provision of an allowance to spend on extra-curricular activities and support for music tuition & participation on the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.
- ix. During the 2018-2019 academic year the following number of pupils were eligible to receive pupil premium funding
 - a. For 1 looked after pupil
 - b. For 92 pupils currently eligible to receive free school meals
 - c. For 94 pupils who have been eligible to receive free school meals at some time during the past six years.

2. Expenditure of Pupil Premium funding during the 2018-2019 academic year

Travel passes	£64,241 (£59,570 Green Bus)
Uniform grants	£16,815
Music tuition	£8,267
Extra-curricular support	£7,560
Year 8 residential	£4,450
Duke of Edinburgh	£3,066
Miscellaneous support	£2,914
Individual student support*	£15,745
Total	£123,058
Provision of free school meals	£41,711
Total expenditure	£164,769

*Includes the cost of providing dedicated Teaching Assistant support for one pupil from for whom the school receives Pupil Premium funding and who has significant special educational needs.

3. Standards achieved in the 2019 GCSE examinations by those students for whom the school received Pupil Premium funding

	Pupil Premium Students (9)	Non-Pupil Premium Students (111)
Progress 8 score	0.47	0.28
Attainment 8 score	72.94	70.9
Average Maths grade	7.22	7.28
Average best English grade from Language & Literature	7.33	6.85
% entered for the EBacc	78	96
EBacc strong pass (% who achieved grades 9-5 in the six slots of the EBacc)	56	65
% students who achieved grades 9-7 in English Language or Literature and Maths	56	52
% students who achieved grades 9-5 in English Language or Literature and Maths	100	96
% students achieving 5 grades 9-5 including English Language or Literature and Maths	100	96

4. Extra-curricular support

Support was given to enable students to attend local off-site visits as well as the following residential activities taking place both inside and beyond the UK

- i. Year 8 residential (23 students received support)
- ii. Year 9/10 Geography department visit to Italy (6 students received support)
- iii. 2020 Rugby tour to Canada (4 students received support)
- iv. Physics department visit to CERN (2 students received support)

In addition, 31 students received assistance in meeting the cost of music tuition & 11 towards the cost of participating on the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

5. Conclusion

- i. During 2018-2019 pupils for whom the school received pupil premium funding achieved academic standards broadly in line with and exceeding on some criteria to those of non-pupil premium students in the school.
- ii. The school used the majority of its pupil premium funding to support the pupils' participation in at least one extra-curricular activity during the year; the participation on the Year 8 residential by disadvantaged pupils was particularly encouraging.
- iii. The school's aims with regards its use of pupil premium funding were met during the 2018-2019 academic year.

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