

# KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

## Report on the use & impact of Pupil Premium funding for the 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 academic year Pupil Premium funding was £935 per student.
- iv. During the 2017-2018 academic year the school received £137,930 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2017-2018 academic year the following number of pupils were eligible to receive pupil premium funding
  - a. For 1 looked after pupil
  - b. For 79 pupils currently eligible to receive free school meals
  - c. For 104 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 2017-2018 academic year

Travel passes	£74,789
Uniform grants	£13,474
Music tuition	£5,880
Extra-curricular support	£9,801
Year 8 residential	£3,805
Duke of Edinburgh	£2,403
Miscellaneous support	£332
Individual student support*	£18,972
Total	£129,456
Provision of free school meals	£46,644
Total expenditure	£176,100

\*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 2018 GCSE examinations by those students for whom the school received Pupil Premium funding

- i. The school received Pupil Premium funding for 26 pupils.
- ii. All of the pupils achieved a strong pass (Grade 5 or higher) in English Language & Mathematics.
- iii. The Progress 8 score for the 26 pupils was 0.10 compared with that of the school of 0.03
- iv. The Attainment 8 score for the 26 pupils was 69.09 compared to 69.48 for non-disadvantaged pupils.
- v. In English Language the Progress 8 score for disadvantaged pupils was -0.19 and for non-disadvantaged pupils -0.05 while the Attainment 8 score for disadvantaged pupils was 13.33 compared to 13.92 for non-disadvantaged pupils.
- vi. In Mathematics the Progress 8 score for disadvantaged pupils was -0.12 and for non-disadvantaged pupils -0.14 while the Attainment 8 score for disadvantaged pupils was 13.70 compared to 13.89 for non-disadvantaged pupils.
- vii. 18 pupils achieved the English Baccalaureate with a strong pass (Grade 5 or higher) in all of the elements.

#### **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 (43 students received support)
- ii. Year 9/10 German department visit to Munich (10 students received support)
- iii. Year 10 Geography fieldwork at Nettlecombe Court, Somerset (5 students received support)
- iv. 2020 Rugby tour to Canada (4 students received support)
- v. Football tour to Madrid (1 student received support)
- vi. Oxford University residential (1 student received support)
- vii. Year 10 French department visit to Paris (1 student received support)
- viii. Physics department visit to CERN (2 students received support)

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

#### **5. Conclusion**

- i. During 2017-2018 pupils for whom the school received pupil premium funding achieved academic standards at least equal to those of the other 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 2017-2018 academic year.

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