

Pupil premium strategy statement – Beaumont School

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Beaumont School
Number of pupils in school	1617 (1117 in Yrs 7-11)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	8.0%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2021/22 – 2024/25
Date this statement was published	6 th September 2021 and updated 20 th November 2022 updated 6 th November 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	1 st September 2024
Statement authorised by	Martin Atkinson and the CTL committee
Pupil premium lead	Danielle Irving
Governor / Trustee lead	Michelle Lloyd

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£93,495
CLA funding which is used directly for each CLA student	£16,058
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£23,805
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£133,358

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The aim of Pupil Premium funding is to reduce the gap between students eligible for Pupil Premium and those that are not. The Pupil Premium strategy aims to put the pupil at the centre of what we all do. Teachers are empowered with knowledge about the pupil to meet their needs through quality-first teaching and trauma-informed practice.

Our aim is to educate young people to become active, caring, and confident citizens, who contribute positively to society and lead rewarding lives. We do this by helping each young person to flourish within a school community which is committed to:

- Providing outstanding learning opportunities within a broad and balanced curriculum;
- Creating a safe and caring environment in which every young person enjoys learning; and
- Developing an awareness of our world, celebrating cultural diversity and promoting a concern for the environment. (PSI, Beaumont School, 2021-22)

The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to champion disadvantaged students. We work to improve the progress, experience and achievement of all disadvantaged students (including pupil premium).

We work hard to understand the barriers that our disadvantaged students may face including those that they experience in and outside of school. The activities that we describe in this strategy statement encompass many elements of a whole school approach.

We recognise that high quality teaching is the most effective strategy to support our disadvantaged students and this is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap. We also recognise that all students benefit from this approach. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged students' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for disadvantaged students.

Our approach shows a commitment to common challenges and individual needs. These are identified through conducting our own primary research and combining this with the most up to date secondary research, including consulting the Education Endowment Foundation and education recovery research.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p><i>Difficulty learning independently during two Covid 19 lockdowns.</i></p> <p>Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and families suggest that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are backed up by several national studies.</p> <p>This has resulted in knowledge gaps resulting in pupils falling further behind age-related expectations.</p>

2	Our observations suggest many lower attaining disadvantaged pupils lack metacognitive / self-regulation strategies when faced with challenging tasks, notably in their monitoring and evaluation of their answers. This is indicated across the curriculum, particularly in maths and science.
3	Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils, such as anxiety, depression (diagnosed by medical professionals) and low self-esteem. This is partly driven by concern about catching up lost learning and exams/future prospects, and the lack of enrichment opportunities during the years of the pandemic. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.
4	Our observations and discussions with students and families have shown that there is a direct correlation between students that experience social and emotional issues and a lack of involvement in extra-curricular activities.
5	Through the pandemic, as a result of regular contact, we have learnt more about students' backgrounds and the level of support that is in place at home. Parental disengagement for some families has increased the impact of school closures i.e. completion of work and the successful transition back into full time school hours.

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan (July 2025)**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Progress 8	Our students will achieve in line with non-disadvantaged students nationally.
Attainment 8	Achieve national average for attainment for all pupils.
Percentage of Grade 5+ in English and Maths	65%
Ebacc APS	4.5
Attendance	Improve attendance to 95% or above.
High levels of progress in literacy for Key Stage 3 disadvantaged students.	Reading comprehension tests demonstrate improved comprehension skills among disadvantaged pupils and a smaller disparity between the scores of disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. Teachers should also have recognised this improvement through engagement in lessons and book scrutiny.
Improved metacognitive and self-regulatory skills among disadvantaged pupils across all subjects.	Teacher reports and class observations suggest disadvantaged pupils are more able to monitor and regulate their own learning. This finding is supported by homework completion rates across all classes and subjects. A reduction in the number of lesson 'negatives' received for no home learning in the next 3 years.

To improve attendance of parents/carers at key school events.	96+% attendance at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consultation evenings ● Year 9 Options Evening ● Post 16 Information Evening
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys (including PASS survey) and teacher observations. ● A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.

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: £40,000 approximately

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>High quality teaching for all students.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure consistent implementation of an ambitious curriculum and assessment which is aligned with it. - Introduce and support individualised CPD for staff through the process of deliberate practice. - Teaching and Learning Team appointed in order to support deliberate practice CPD. 	1, 2
<i>Pupil premium coordinator</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly mentoring with Post CLA students improves their mental wellbeing as they feel listened to and can get academic support, as required. EEF research shows that mentoring can add around 2 months of progress - The appointment frees up the time of the Pupil Premium lead to focus on strategy and also to focus on students in crisis. 	3, 4, 5
<i>Pastoral mentors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EEF research shows that mentoring can add around 2 months of progress and interventions which improve metacognition and 	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

	<p>self-regulation can add 7 months of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disadvantaged students will be prioritised for mentoring with staff and also with Sixth Form peer mentors. 	
<i>Disadvantaged students tracking system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged students: success and good practice (DFE: 2015) - Staff have a deeper understanding of each disadvantaged student and their specific barriers to learning. - Weekly meetings of the Pastoral team to discuss and analyse the attendance, behaviour, progress and well-being of Disadvantaged students and implement support where needed. <i>(These students are highlighted in Staff briefing weekly, and feedback from teachers informs these meetings.)</i> 	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £65,000 approximately

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>1:1 6th form tutors for specific subjects</i>	EEF research shows that peer tutoring can add 5 months progress	1, 2, 3
<i>Counselling</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to significant mental health difficulties for some of our students, which for some were exacerbated by the Covid lockdowns, providing support services is an essential part of our toolkit. - Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged students: success and good practice (2015) shows that social and emotional support is a commonly used successful strategy. 	4
<i>The Mentoring Lab – mentoring for students of different ethnic minorities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling and mentoring can help to improve engagement with school and improve attendance. - Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged students: success 	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

	<p>and good practice (2015) shows that social and emotional support is a commonly used successful strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Racial Equality Foundation (2021) found that Black students are at greater risk of being excluded from school. Students who have been excluded are rendered vulnerable to poor mental and physical health. 	
<i>Mentoring, including new learning mentor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EEF research shows +7 months progress for metacognition and self-regulation development. - EEF is still researching the impact of aspiration interventions 	1, 2, 3, 4
<i>Learning support lessons</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EEF research shows that small group tuition can add 4 months of progress 	1, 2, 3
<i>Extra Maths lessons</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EEF research shows that small group tuition can add 4 months of progress 	1, 2, 3
<i>Extra English lessons</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EEF research shows that small group tuition can add 4 months of progress 	1, 2, 3
<i>Your Favourite Teacher subscription</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational Endowment Foundation Teaching Toolkit (2017) - Home learning completion highlights itself as a problem in previous reporting cycles - 'Narrowing the Gap' by Daniel Sobel recommends pre-learning and over-learning as a key strategy to close the gap. 	1, 2, 5
<i>Equipment/Resources/Trips</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The student premium: how schools are spending the funding successfully (Ofsted, 2013) 	3, 4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £8,000 approximately

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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<p><i>Steps – Hertfordshire Therapeutic Response to Behaviour</i></p> <p><i>Whole school training</i></p> <p><i>5 Steps trained tutors</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County-wide data on reduced exclusions - Internal data on reduced numbers of negatives, detentions, on-calls - EEF research shows that behaviour interventions can add 4 months of progress 	<p>3, 4</p>
<p><i>Pupil Premium coordinator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Contact with home regarding attendance and any other issues that may arise</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents and carers have access to a non-teaching member of staff who has greater availability. - Pupil Premium administrator is in post actively supporting families and students. - Educational Endowment Foundation Teaching Toolkit shows that parental engagement can improve progress by 2-3 months (short term) 	<p>4, 5</p>
<p><i>Pass Survey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Survey conducted twice in the academic year</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PASS is a tool that helps take the guesswork out of understanding why some students are reluctant learners, why they are underachieving or why they are misbehaving. - Self regard as a learner is a frequently mentioned barrier for our disadvantaged students. 	<p>2, 3, 4</p>
<p><i>Outreach Support</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling and mentoring can help to improve engagement with school and improve attendance. - Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged students: success and good practice (2015) shows that social and emotional support is a commonly used successful strategy. 	<p>3, 4</p>
<p><i>Access to extra-curricular opportunities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CLA students receive 100% funding of school trips and resources - Post LAC and other disadvantaged students offered 50% discount on school trips and resources 	<p>3, 4, 5</p>

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

Our disadvantaged students performed exceptionally well at GCSE this summer. They surpassed the target data for all data measures. When compared with non disadvantaged students nationally, the data is equally as impressive.

	P8	4+ Basics	A8
Beaumont disadvantaged students	0.3	82%	45.8
Non-disadvantaged students nationally	0.17	73%	50.2

All disadvantaged students secured places for post 16 study. 10 of the 26 students from last year's Year 11 have a place in our 6th form.

Our assessments have taught us that wellbeing and mental health were significantly impacted over the past two years. Once again, we used this information to extend our provision for this academic year and have continued to provide the level of support that we offered post COVID without recovery funding. We have also employed the services of bespoke counselling where school refusal is a potential risk.

Aim	Outcome	
Intended outcome	Success criteria	Outcomes achieved in July 2023
Progress 8	Our students will achieve in line with non-disadvantaged students nationally.	Our Progress 8 score for disadvantaged students was 0.33, above the national score for non-disadvantaged (0.17).
Attainment 8	Achieve national average for attainment for all pupils.	Our Attainment 8 score was 45.8. This did not reach our target of 55 and will be an area of focus for 2023-34.
Percentage of Grade 5+ in English and Maths	65%.	27% of our disadvantaged students achieved Grade 5+ in English and Maths this year. 79% of disadvantaged students achieved Grade 4+ in English and Maths. The Grade 4 to 5

		boost is a focus for this academic year.
Ebacc APS	4.5.	Our Ebacc APS was 4.2.
Attendance	Improve attendance to 95% or above.	Last year, attendance for Pupil Premium students was 88% (whole school 94%).
High levels of progress in literacy for Key Stage 3 disadvantaged students.	Reading comprehension tests demonstrate improved comprehension skills among disadvantaged pupils and a smaller disparity between the scores of disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. Teachers should also have recognised this improvement through engagement in lessons and book scrutiny.	<p>By July 2023, there was only 1 remaining disadvantaged student in Yr 7 that requires urgent intervention as a result of the Accelerated Reading Screening reports. This student had been absent from school since the Easter holidays. The remaining students have an average reading age of 13.2 (ranging from 16.6yrs to 10.08yrs)</p> <p>This academic year so far, an enhanced reading programme has been put in place to further support those students whose reading age is below their chronological age..</p> <p>Disciplinary Literacy co-ordinator appointed for 2022/23. Review of the reading programme in place and implementation of That Reading Thing for 2023/24</p>
Improved metacognitive and self-regulatory skills among disadvantaged pupils across all subjects.	Teacher reports and class observations suggest disadvantaged pupils are more able to monitor and regulate their own learning. This finding is supported by homework completion rates across all classes and subjects.	2023/24: Negatives received for no home learning for disadvantaged students (551, 5.3 per student) vs non disadvantaged students (1313, 2.3 per student). A home learning detention has been introduced to support students to organise and complete home learning in a more structured

	A reduction in the number of lesson 'negatives' received for no home learning in the next 3 years	way. This has led to a decrease in the number of repeat non-completions.
To improve attendance of parents/carers at key school events.	<p>96+% attendance at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consultation evenings ● Year 9 Options Evening ● Post 16 Information Evening 	The Pupil Premium Administrator took an active role in phoning home for our disadvantaged students to ensure families had access to IT at home to join on-line consultation evenings in addition to Year 9 Options Evening and Post 16 Information Evening.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged.	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys (including PASS survey) and teacher observations. ● A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils. 	Pupil Premium makes up 7.7% of the school community in Years 7-11. In our Wider Participation' student survey, 5% of those stating that they had taken part in an extra-curricular club are Pupil Premium. This level of representation is evident across extra-curricular activities in general, sport, Drama, Dance, Music clubs, study visits, residential activities, sustainability activities and student panels. Pupil Premium students are under-represented in school productions, concerts, STEM clubs, the DofE Award scheme and Library groups. The Music department took steps to address this last year by offering the 'Get Playing' plan from Herts Music Service to disadvantaged students as priority and this is shown in the survey where 6% of those who have been part of a Music club

		<p>were Pupil Premium (3% for Drama involvement).</p> <p>A priority on the school's plan for improvement is 'Promote the personal development and wellbeing of all students'.</p>
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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
Your Favourite Teacher	Your Favourite Teacher