

THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST

PUPIL PREMIUM 2015-16 – STATUTORY INFORMATION

The aim of the Pupil Premium is to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap with their peers. It provides funding to ensure eligible students benefit from the same educational opportunities as pupils from wealthier families. It is also provided to support children and young people who have parents in the regular armed forces.

The amount of Pupil Premium allocated to The Cotswold School during the 2015-16 financial year was £143,857. This is derived from funding of £120,849 for FSM Ever 6 students, £5,725 funding for Ever 5 Service children, £7,283 for Looked After Children, £7,224 for Children in Care and £10,000 for the Y6/7 catch-up grant.

The Pupil Premium has been used in both an integrated and targeted way, to ensure that eligible students receive increased opportunity and additional support.

Additional staffing, allocated to ensure class sizes remain low in groups where the prior attainment of the students is low or average (the majority of students who are eligible for Pupil Premium, are in these groups), has allowed teachers to focus on Pupil Premium performance. We have prioritised eligible pupils for intervention and one-to-one tuition. We have invested in a Data Manager to develop systems and closely track the progress of the Pupil Premium group and other key groups. We have subsidised a Breakfast Club, Late Bus, cultural and enrichment activities and trips, given travel assistance and uniform assistance. We have also provided 1 to 1 mentoring through external counsellors.

At Key Stage 4 we prioritised those with the greatest need, defined by progress against FFT top 10% target, reading age and attendance. Funding was used to provide home visits; additional tuition; additional materials, resources and staff to support academic enhancement activities.

In addition, the Pupil Premium allocation was used to provide targeted intervention for students with low reading ages. It was also used to provide additional staffing for programmes related to behaviour, attendance and pastoral support.

The amount estimated to be received during the Academic Year 2016-17 is £148,585.

The School will use this money to support and enhance the systems and processes which have secured progress and academic achievement for those in the Pupil Premium group. The School will also continue with programmes, projects and initiatives which support the engagement and involvement of disadvantaged students. These activities and resources will continue to be funded year on year.

Impact of the Pupil Premium

The impact in educational achievement arising from expenditure of previous financial years' Pupil Premium has been demonstrable with improvements in attendance, behaviour, reading, writing and GCSE performance. When compared to the National picture, students eligible for Pupil Premium do significantly better at The Cotswold School. However, there is still much to do; persistent absence within the Pupil Premium group (measured as a percentage of the cohort) is higher, when compared to the rest of the cohort and this has led to weaker GCSE achievement and attainment for those students.