

Pupil Premium 2011-12

The school received a Pupil Premium grant of just less than £238,000 in the academic year 2011-2012. This money was used in a number of different ways to support the learning of the students concerned:

- £70,000 was used to pay for the staffing of our COPE programme, which is designed to offer in-school Level 1 and Level 2 Key Skills courses to KS4 students for whom GCSE courses are not suitable.
- £76,000 was used to pay for the staffing of our Diploma programme, which is designed to support vulnerable pupils who are well below expected levels in Maths and English in Y7 and Y8, and who need intensive support to help them improve their literacy and numeracy.
- £46,000 was used to cover the cost of a team of staff who manage and review the attendance and punctuality of students. The team engages with parents and students who may be struggling to access education.
- £36,000 was used to pay for an alternative curriculum offer for targeted KS4 students so that they could benefit from access to vocational courses taught by a range of external providers.
- £10,000 was used to support in-school intervention activities for targeted students and to provide appropriate training for staff.

In terms of key outcomes, the gaps in terms of student attainment (at the end of Key Stage 4) between students on free school meals and those not on free school meals was significantly less than the national average: 41% achieved 5 or more grades A*-C including English and mathematics, as against 49% for those not on free school meals; 53% achieved 5 or more grades A*-C overall, as against 65% for those not on free school meals.

The school will continue to use the resources provided through the pupil premium in order to help raise standards for those who are entitled to benefit from it through a range of intervention strategies in the current school year. To view the Pupil Premium Action Plan 2012-13, [click here](#).