

Pupil Premium 2014-2015

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. The Pupil Premium funding is currently claimed for children who are eligible for free school meals (£935 per student) and children of service personnel (£300 per student). A Pupil Premium Plus grant is allocated to the academy for students in care or adopted from care (£1900 per student). The pupil premium grant for 2014-2015 at the Academy is £413,270 and the percentage of students eligible for the grant is 54% of the academy cohort.

The main priorities for the use of pupil premium funding are:

- Raising levels of literacy and numeracy across the Academy
- Supporting all pupil premium students in maximising attainment to close the gap with non-premium premium students and against national averages

A new priority has been introduced for 2014 -2015:

- Supporting students who transfer from primary school working below Level 4 through provision of specific, focused curriculum to promote rapid progress

At The Blyth Academy the Pupil Premium Monitoring Group (PPMG) meet regularly to review funding bids current spending profiles and the impact of interventions. The group comprises Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal, Academy Business Manager and a Governor (portfolio holder for PP)

Previous performance of disadvantaged cohort:

	2013	2014
% of students making expected progress in English	32%	38%
% of students making more than expected progress in English	6%	9%
% of students making expected progress in Maths	38%	36%
% of students making more than expected progress in Maths	8%	9%
5+ A*-C including English and Maths	12%	15%

Number of students and pupil premium grant 2014-2015:

	No of students	Amount of grant	Total
Total number eligible for pupil premium grant (PPG)	437		
PPG received per student (free school meals)	426	£935	£398,310
PPG received per student (service)	4	£300	£1200
PPG+ received for student (Looked after)	7	£1900	£13,300
Total	437	£413,270	
Year 7 Catch up Grant received	16	£500	£8000

Planned expenditure for 2014-2015:

PASTORAL CARE £150,000

- A team of pastoral staff to work in collaboration to support the monitoring of behaviour, attendance and academic progress/attainment of students
- Family support manager and Parent support partner provide workshops for students and their parents

- The 'Port' facility which operates within the Academy provides professional support for some of our most vulnerable students who are at risk of exclusion or who find it difficult to work in the mainstream environment

REWARDING EXCELLENCE £20,000

- The funds will be used to promote excellence across the school. Events, held termly, will celebrate a range of achievements for students. Rewards events and the implementation of the VOVO miles reward system

WELL-BEING CENTRE £60,000

- Development of a new curriculum and base for students who arrive at the academy with KS2 levels below L3 and/or who are not secondary ready
- This group form the target cohort for our Achievement for All cohort

LITERACY £45,000

- Accelerated Reader Programme: Programme implemented through the Open Learning Centre to maximising opportunities to read for year 7, 8, 9 and some year 10 students
- Literacy activities: Literacy Lead staff has a range of planned literacy activities which are delivered through the PSHE programme in morning registration sessions by the tutor
- Learning & Teaching Assistants provide one to one and small group support for students who have a lower than average reading age. The strategies used include Sound Training, Lexia ICT software and Toe by Toe
- Reading assessments for all students including diagnostic software e.g. Lucid Exact
- Purchase of range of reading materials

NUMERACY £30,000

- Numeracy activities: The Numeracy Coordinator has a range of planned numeracy activities which are delivered in morning registration sessions by the tutor
- G&T students to attend Maths workshop sessions at Newcastle University
- Numeracy assessments for specific students including purchase of diagnostic software
- Purchase of range of numeracy materials

DEPARTMENT PROJECTS £20,000

- Subject leaders will have access to increased funding to increase the range of opportunities for students to achieve success based on department action plans

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION £45,000

- Personalised provision for a small cohort of students who attend placements off-site with a range of providers such as Northumberland College, Choysez and Get U Started

STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE PARENTS £25,000

No. of students	2	1	4	2	2	4	1
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Maths:

Average improvement = 2.44 sub levels

Progress	No progress	=	+1 sub level	+2 sub level	+3 sub level	+4 sub level	+5 sub level
No. of students	0	0	1	6	3	0	0