

Pupil Premium 2013-2014

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, 'looked after' and children of service personnel.

The pupil premium grant for 2013-2014 into the Academy is £389, 397.

The current pupil premium cohort at The Blyth Academy is:

Year group	PPG
7	68
8	79
9	85
10	84
11	86
Total	402

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

- Raise levels of literacy and numeracy
- Support all pupil premium students in maximising attainment but with a focus on the current year 11

At The Blyth Academy we have a Pupil Premium Monitoring Group (PPMG) who meet regularly to review spending and impact of interventions

Planned expenditure for 2013-2014

LITERACY £20,000

- Morning Reading sessions: The sixth form students are working closely with tutors to support KS3 and KS4 students to read in morning tutor time. 'First News' is used for the reading sessions
- Accelerated Reader Programme: This will be implemented through the Open Learning Centre to maximising opportunities to read for year 7, 8 and some year 9 students
- Literacy activities: The Literacy Coordinator has a range of planned literacy activities which are delivered 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 Lexia ICT software and Toe by Toe
- Reading assessments for all students

NUMERACY £20,000

- 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 have attended Maths workshop sessions at Newcastle University
- Numeracy assessment for a specific cohort of students

PASTORAL CARE £110,000

- A team of pastoral managers and heads of years work in collaboration to support the monitoring of behaviour, attendance and academic progress/attainment of students

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION £120,000

- The 'Port' and 'Harbour' facilities which operate within the Academy provide 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
- 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

ADDITIONAL MULTI-AGENCY SUPPORT £90,000

- Place2Be provide therapeutic and emotional support and counselling for students
- Parent support partner provide workshops for students and their parents
- A Learning & Teaching Assistant will work with an identified cohort of year 11 students to maximise their progress and attainment

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES £20,000

- The funds will support a range of activities which are offered at the Academy e.g. Battlefields' Trip in October 2013, Geography field trips, Year 11 revision events, theatre visits, university links etc

PARENTS VOUCHERS £4,200

- We intend, in the Spring term, to consult with parents to enable to select from arrange of activities which their child will be able to participate in using pupil premium funding

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE £5,000

- The funds will be used to promote excellence across the school. Events, held termly, will celebrate a range of achievements for students